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### **In Memory of Frederick T. Heblich Jr.**

The Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Virginia is saddened by the loss of longtime criminal defense attorney and former First Assistant Federal Public Defender, Mr. Fred Heblich, Jr.

We pause to honor and remember the 13 years of service to the Federal Public Defender Community and his continued commitment to indigent defense to the citizens of Western Virginia.

Frederick Theodore Heblich Jr. died on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. He had leukemia.

Mr. Heblich is survived by their two daughters, Elisabeth Jane Stephens Heblich, and Isabel Marie Zermani, as well as their two grandchildren, Frederick Arthur Helleberg and Olivia Pearl Zermani. Mr. Heblich was predeceased by his sister, Suzanne Rostovskis, and is survived by another sister, Janice Nadeau.

Fred was born and raised in Westville, a small town in southern New Jersey, where he attended the local public schools. He attended the University of Virginia and earned undergraduate and law degrees. He practiced law in Charlottesville for 40 years, mostly defending indigent criminal defendants, in private practice and served as the First Assistant Federal Public Defender. He also co-authored the praised book, Holsinger's Charlottesville.

Donations can be made to the Charlottesville SPCA or the National Museum of Women of the Arts in Mr. Heblich's memory.