



We mourn the May passing of our partner and dear friend R. Bruce McLean with deeply felt sadness. Bruce joined our partnership in 2014 after a distinguished forty-year career at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, where he led the firm with great distinction as chair for two decades before joining us.

Bruce was first and foremost a person of enormous accomplishment. Under his leadership, Akin grew from a prestigious Texas law firm into an international powerhouse. Along the way, Bruce established Akin's pro bono program and walked the walk every day on his commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, and access to justice, not just at Akin, but everywhere he went. He cherished and embodied the highest ideals of our profession.

At heart, Bruce was a man of service, serving on the boards of the Federal City Council and Neighborhood Legal Services Program in Washington D.C., the board of visitors of Georgetown University Law Center and Indiana University School of Law, the former of which honored him with its inaugural Dean's Award for Distinguished Service.

For his entire career, Bruce was a devoted student of the legal profession and the business of law, always learning, always sharing, for decades a sought-after speaker and attendee at industry conferences and meetings and a confidante of countless law firm leaders.

Bruce joined our first semi-annual Zeughauser Group Chair Roundtable gathering over twenty years ago and rarely missed a meeting thereafter. He was a font of knowledge and wisdom about the business of law for us, our Roundtable members, our clients, and his fellow law firm leaders across the profession.

We were lucky and honored to be on the receiving end of Bruce's friendship, deep industry knowledge and profoundly good judgment as a friend, mentor, and partner. He never stopped sharing his wisdom and knowledge of best practices when it came to leading and growing law firms, not to mention his often satirical but always good-natured sense of humor, and his

knowledge of and fondness for great wine. As a partner, we could not have asked more from Bruce. He always gave us his all, eagerly, and with a smile. We will miss him badly.

Our hearts go out to his wife Rachel, their son Max, and Bruce's entire family. Bruce's love for all of them was ever-present in the time he spent with us. We share their loss profoundly.

The family will host a celebration of his life at Congressional Country Club, 8500 River Rd. Bethesda, MD on Friday, September 13, 2024 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. They request that, in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory, the Gunnison National Forest, or the Neighborhood Legal Services Program in Washington, D.C. in his memory.