



Construction Law: The Critical Path

Construction Law Committee Honors David Wilson II Through Action

By Chair Danielle Waltz

The DRI Construction Committee was pleased to hold its first in person meeting in two years in January in Austin, Texas. Seminar Chair Mark Shifton, and Vice Chairs Lisa Black and Melissa Lin worked tirelessly to put on a spectacular program where we welcomed almost 20 new members to our steering committee. Additionally, we were able to put on joint programming with Women in the Law and raise over \$2500 to put together care packages for Caritas of Austin.

Most importantly, our committee was able to present the David Wilson II Award to John Cahill in the presence of David's family. David was not only a prior Chair of the Committee; He was so much more than that—he was a phenomenal construction lawyer, and loyal friend and a mentor to all. He was and continues to be the heart of this committee. John and David were former law partners and dear friends, and John continues to carry on David's legacy each day. Trey Sandoval, David's mentee and friend, and David's daughter joined us and shared words about David's legacy. Watching DRI leaders, committee members and family share how much David meant to to each of them personally is a moment we will not soon forget.

We will continue to honor David moving forward not only through the yearly provision of the award, but through action. We will continue to welcome new members with open arms and provide mentorship opportunities within our committee. We will continue to serve our communities and look for opportunities to learn and grow. We will develop new and innovative programming on renewable energy and work to promote diversity and inclusion within our profession. And we will do each of these things, emulating our friend David, with an open ear and loyal smile, and an affirmed dedication to our committee, DRI and our profession.

David Wilson II, January 9, 1968-June 3, 2019



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