



Bruce Drucker

1944 - 2020

It is with great sadness that the partners of Rivkin Radler share the news of Bruce Drucker's passing from COVID-19 on April 7. Bruce served as our managing partner from 1991 until his retirement in July of 2000.

Much of the Firm's current success and accomplishments can be traced to Bruce's leadership and vision. He was a business lawyer at the inception of his career, and he brought the knowledge and discipline of a business person to the practice of law. Under his stewardship, the Firm adopted many of the business practices that are still in use today. Moving from Chicago to New York and succeeding the charismatic Warren Radler as managing partner was no easy task, but Bruce earned the confidence of the partnership and the entire Firm with his practical hands-on management style. The Firm owes a huge debt of gratitude to Bruce for his many contributions to the Firm.

Evan Krinick, the Firm's current managing partner, shared these thoughts:

"On a personal note, Bruce was a huge influence on my career. At a relatively young age, he promoted me to serve on the Executive Committee where I learned about the business of a law practice, and a thing or two about managing the personalities of partners. Importantly, Bruce imbued me with confidence and strength that enabled me to build a practice. Having now sat in the managing partner chair for more than six years, I appreciate even more the lessons and wisdom that Bruce (and others) have passed on to me."

Bruce and Warren Radler were longtime law partners in Buffalo and then in Chicago. When Warren Radler and Leonard Rivkin merged their firms to form the national law firm of Rivkin, Leff, Sherman & Radler in October 1981, Bruce joined the Firm as a partner in the Chicago office. The Chicago office grew to several dozen attorneys and included among its prominent clients the Dow Chemical Company, for whom the Firm tried over 50 cases. In 1991, Bruce became our Managing Partner and moved to Uniondale. He served in that role until his retirement.

Bruce and Claudia Drucker have two daughters, Rachel and Bethany, also a lawyer, who worked at the firm from 2001 to 2003. The Druckers moved full time from Long Island to South Wellfleet on Cape Cod upon Bruce's retirement. Until recently, Bruce and Claudia were avid scuba divers who traveled the world diving and taking underwater photos. Bruce enjoyed sharing his magnificent underwater photos with many of us who got to experience the magical reefs and sea life through Bruce's lens.

He will be sorely missed.