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RIFKIN WEINER LIVINGSTON AND STATE OFFICIALS HONOR RWL EARLIEST MEMBERS, JUDGE EDGAR P. SILVER AND SENATOR LAURENCE LEVITAN

RWL honored the distinguished public service careers of two of its earliest members yesterday by formally dedicating its Annapolis Office conference rooms in their honor.

Judge Edgar P. Silver (*in memoriam*) and Senator Laurence Levitan were recognized by special guests, including Maryland Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. during a lunchtime reception where ceremonial plaques and photos were unveiled in each of the conference rooms honoring our former colleagues.

“I considered Judge Silver a mentor. You could not have a better friend and confidante in times of need,” said Senate President Miller. “I appointed Larry chair of the Budget and Taxation Committee. Beyond being loyal, he served the people of Maryland with the highest integrity and competence. Maryland and the firm are better because of them.”

“It is not an understatement to say that we and the firm benefited every day from the Judge’s guidance, wisdom, kindness and consideration. He not only helped found this firm, but was its foundation,” said Alan M. Rifkin, RWL Managing Partner who co-founded the firm with Judge Silver in 1989. “I also remember all too well calling Larry after he did not get re-elected in 1994. That was one of the most productive phone calls I ever made. I have enjoyed every moment of working with him. Larry’s soft-spoken nature and keen understanding of government and politics is irreplaceable.”

Joel D. Rozner, Chair of the RWL Government Relations Practice Group added, “our approach to team advocacy was shaped by the Judge and Larry. Our hands-on approach to client service and public service is a function of their influence.”



Ann Silver, Senate President Mike Miller, Roslyn Benjamin



Senator Laurence and Barbara Levitan

Judge Silver served in the U.S. Merchant Marine from 1943 to 1945. He was a 1954 graduate of the University of Baltimore Law School and was elected as a city delegate to the General Assembly that same year – beating out his friend William Donald Schaefer. He served in the House of Delegates until 1965 when he was appointed to the old Municipal Court of Baltimore City by Gov. J. Millard Tawes, serving until 1971. He was then appointed to the District Court of Baltimore City, where he served until 1977, when he was appointed to the Circuit Court by acting Gov. Blair Lee III. He joined Alan Rifkin in founding the firm in 1989 after his retirement from the bench.

Senator Levitan served in the Maryland General Assembly with distinction from 1971-1994. From 1971-1974, Larry served in the Maryland House of Delegates. From 1975-1994, he served in the Maryland Senate. He was chairman of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee for his last 16 years in the Senate. Larry joined RWL in 1995 after leaving public service.

Alan Rifkin concluded, “I am so pleased that we are able dedicate these conference rooms in our Annapolis office to Larry and the Judge. From now and for as long as we are here, the firm, our clients and friends will understand that when meetings are held in the Silver Conference Room or the Levitan Conference Room these are special places to us.”



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