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Judge Lawrence R. LaPolla  
June 3, 1938 - December 26, 1983

On Monday, December 26, 1983, Judge Lawrence R. LaPolla died unexpectedly of heart failure in New York City.

A greatly admired and respected leader of this Association for many years, Larry characteristically refused to accept high elected office. Nevertheless, he was honored for his achievement in arranging the most successful convention in the Association's history (New York, 1980), and for numerous other contributions as well.

Since he joined as a charter member of the New York Chapter in 1976, Larry never missed a National meeting of NAALJ, usually working many hours beforehand to insure its success. As General Counsel to the New York Association, his services, legal and non-legal, were rendered unstintingly, and without thought of compensation. In Reno, 1983, his unbroken service, dedication, hard work and leadership were recognized by the membership with a special commendation.

Larry's service to NAALJ, like much of his life, was distinguished by dignity and competence, exceptional brilliance, sound judgment, and uncomplicated generosity. Soft-spoken and reserved, Larry was compassionate and friendly to all, and deeply loved by many. His tragic and untimely passing was an irreplaceable loss to the Association, to his profession, to his family, and to his many friends.