



Mr. Marion George Wrobel

June 16, 2015

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Tribute Wall

DM

“ On behalf of all the members of the IBFed Accounting Working Group, we would like to express our most sincere condolences on the passing of Marion Wrobel.

Marion was a pleasure to work with because of his lovely personality, great sense of humour and strong work ethics.

During these difficult moments, our thoughts and prayers are with Marion's family and friends.

*With sincere sympathy,
IBFed Accounting Working Group*

Denisa Mularova - July 01, 2015 at 06:19 AM

JH

“ I will always remember Marion as a smiling and generous gentleman who always kept the door of his office open for colleagues seeking advice.

*Jacques Hébert
Former CBA Quebec Colleague*

Jacques Hebert - June 29, 2015 at 09:13 AM

AC

“ I had first heard of Marion years before actually meeting him. I had arrived on Parliament Hill shortly after he had left the Library of Parliament to move to Toronto. His name (as well as his personality and work) would often pop up in conversations with individuals associated with the Finance Committee. I wondered "who was this guy?"

I would later find out. Our paths would cross when I applied for the CBA. In my first meeting with him during the interview process, I was met with a bright sock-wearing, suspender-fastening, bald headed man who asked all sorts of hard questions which supplemented this reputation I had built up about him. It was a little intimidating. I recall getting into a disagreement with him in the interview over banking policy. Despite all this, he saw enough in me that he hired me.

It proved to be a very rewarding working partnership. I thoroughly enjoyed my seven years working with Marion. He was continuously teaching me about public policy issues, regaling me with stories about his Parliamentary experiences, daughter, weekend and life. He gave me a wide berth to take the initiative (and the freedom to make mistakes in the process).

He later told me that that disagreement in the interview (as well as our follically challenged attributes) was the reason I was hired- which was typical Marion. He always appreciated an argument which resulted in his knowledge base being broadened. He was intellectually curious, constantly reading and learning, always with a touch of (often self-effacing) humour.

I was proud to call him not only my boss, but friend and mentor. He will be missed.

Alex Ciappara - June 28, 2015 at 10:38 PM

BC

“ Marion was an exceptional person and I am honoured to have had his friendship. Marion had the ability to reduce complicated matters into everyday language. It seemed to me he also knew everyone in the banking industry by name. Many times over the years of our association he generously used his knowledge to expand mine and introduce me to people who could solve my problems.

I will miss Marion for his tolerance of my Australian sense of humour, his reliability, his honesty and especially for his fortitude during his last months.

My thoughts are with his family.

Bruce Cran

Consumers' Association of Canada 28th June 2015

Bruce Cran - June 28, 2015 at 05:42 PM

LT

“ On behalf of all staff at the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada, please accept our sincere condolences on the passing of Marion Wrobel. His warmth, the breadth of his experience and the depth of his knowledge made him a wonderful colleague, and our sincere sympathies are with his loved ones.

Lucie M.A. Tedesco

Commissioner, Financial Consumer Agency of Canada

Lucie Tedesco - June 25, 2015 at 10:10 AM

WS

“ *Marion was one of a kind. I've never met anyone quite like him and I doubt I ever will. His perfect combination of humour, quick wit, and intellectual curiosity brought life to work. Shortly after I started at the CBA, Marion came in my office and told me he wanted me to love my job so I'd never have to work a day in my life, just like him.*

Marion - I will miss your vibrant "good morning", your distinct "good night", your regular "have a nice weekend", and all the laughs, stories, and debates we shared in between.

Walter Shea - June 25, 2015 at 07:58 AM

TC

“As part of his role at the CBA, Marion was active in international financial services policy issues through the International Banking Federation as our representative. Here is a wonderful tribute from Mr. Wim Mijs, Chair of the International Banking Federation, and CEO of the European Banking Federation.

Terry Campbell, President, Canadian Bankers Association

“Dear Terry,

We are saddened to hear about Marion Wrobel passing away last week. I would like to extend on behalf of the IBFed and EBF our heartfelt condolences to his colleagues and his family.

We will remember him well for his dedicated work and positive energy which he brought to the IBFed Prudential Supervision Working Group. Although I never worked with him personally, I remember the excellent feedback from EBF and IBFed working group members and the way you always enthusiastically referred to his expertise and vision on prudential supervision in our Board meetings.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

With best wishes

Wim”

Terry Campbell - June 24, 2015 at 04:40 PM

MB

“ I only met Marion once, but once was enough to create a lasting impression of a gentleman with a twinkle in his eyes. If I had the opportunity to get to know him better, I know we would have laughed a lot more.

Mark Brits - Banking Association South Africa

Mark Brits - June 24, 2015 at 02:57 AM

WL

“ Marion had the rare talent to bring good humour and a sunny disposition to his work. I very much appreciated this in him and it made our working together at the CBA very enjoyable. Marion was also a very able advocate and an incisive policy analyst and he served the banking industry very well in these respects. We who had the pleasure of working with Marion will surely miss him very much.

Warren Law

warren law - June 23, 2015 at 03:13 PM

AT

“ Marion's colleagues at the IIAC (past and present) will miss him greatly – especially his warmth, wisdom and sense of humour. A donation in his memory has been made by the IIAC to the Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation.

Andrea Taylor - IIAC

Andrea Taylor - June 23, 2015 at 11:06 AM

SM

“ Steve Masnyk purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Mr. Marion George Wrobel.



Steve Masnyk - June 23, 2015 at 07:50 AM

SS

“ I worked with Marion when he very kindly agreed to become chairman of the Prudential Supervision Working Group of the International Banking Federation. He led this group with enthusiasm, always exhibiting genuine consideration of those participating but at the same time drawing the best from them and their work.

I am based in London and it was a real pleasure to meet Marion. He would call in when he came to visit his daughter. He was so proud of his family and interested in all their plans. I shall miss his visits because they were always an inspiration. We shall all cherish the memory of such a lovely man ,as well as a valued colleague.

Sally Scutt

Sally Scutt - June 23, 2015 at 04:27 AM

JH

“ Marion loved to laugh. And his wit and insights made me laugh. We shared a lot of laughs over the years, in our sporadic encounters. We had worked together on parliamentary committees—first acid rain, then finance—and we kept up with each other even after we had both left parliamentary employ to pursue careers in the financial services sector. I always thought of Marion as an environmentalist in banker’s garb. His contribution, with his colleagues at the Library of Parliament, to the seminal work of the Special Committee on Acid Rain, led to huge changes in environmental policy and action in Canada and the US. He left the world a better place. I will miss him and his infectious laughter. My heart goes out to his family.

Janice Hilchie
Ottawa

Janice Hilchie - June 22, 2015 at 01:08 PM

JL

“ I shared ten years working with Marion at the Canadian Bankers Association. Marion was an inspiration to all the people that he worked with, a leader by example. He had a fine mind for public policy, honed by his years of public service in Ottawa, and a remarkable gift of persuasion. He combined talent and hard work perfectly. But most of all I will remember him for his warmth and friendship. Marion was such a positive person. I remember at a CBA get away we were to assign ourselves colours. Marion chose yellow. I asked him why and he said that he thought that he had a sunny disposition. He was always a tonic, an uplifting spirit.. We will all miss him very much.

John Lancaster - June 20, 2015 at 01:30 PM

JF

“ *What I will remember of my friend and colleague Marion is that he was a brilliant economist. Back in the '80s and the '90s we spent hours talking and arguing about the value of the newly implemented GST and free-trade. As recently as in December 2014 when he visited me in Ottawa, he debated the value of expanding the TFSA with the same passion than he always demonstrated before. It is also with passion and pride that he showed me pictures of him and Kirsten in London. I will miss our late Friday PM, him with a glass of Scotch and I with Port, when we reformed the Canadian economy according to his vision. Bon voyage Marion!*

*Jean-Denis Fréchette
Gatineau*

Jean-Denis Fréchette - June 20, 2015 at 01:29 PM

TC

“ *I worked extensively with Marion at the Research Branch, Library of Parliament - as it was called back then - in the early- and mid-1980s. We co-authored several reports for the House Subcommittee on Acid Rain, the first report appearing in 1981. Marion was easy to work with; his intelligence and analytical skills were exemplary. We also managed, from time to time, to venture out to restaurants and pubs in Ottawa to celebrate, or commiserate on, our various committee assignments. We each possessed good celebratory skills, and we both enjoyed good food and wine.*

I was so sorry to hear, some 16 months ago, that Marion was battling cancer, and I am grieved at his passing. Please accept my sincere condolences.

*Thomas Rendell Curran
Ottawa*

Thomas Rendell Curran - June 20, 2015 at 10:26 AM



“ Marion and I were colleagues for many years in Ottawa, but he was also a good friend.

He was always kind and considerate, and even took an interest in my four children, like helping with their homework when it was beyond me, Marion was very proud of his daughter, and even after he moved he still kept me up-to-date with her progress, and sent a photo every year at Christmas. My heartfelt sympathies go out to Diana and Kirsten.

*Janet Dunkley
Guelph*

Alison Dunkley - June 20, 2015 at 09:12 AM

NC

I will remember Marion as one of my dearest colleagues while I was in my role at the CBA. He was extremely smart, considerate and deeply committed. A commensurate professional with an unusual ability to get to the heart of the issues. He understood economics and applied his knowledge and smarts to all issues for the greater benefit of the Industry he represented so well. I was most impressed with Marion's courage and determination over the last few years as he was battling cancer. Goodbye dear Marion. You will be greatly missed. I will always remember you for the great man that you were.

Nathalie Clark

Nathalie Clark - July 24, 2015 at 01:19 PM