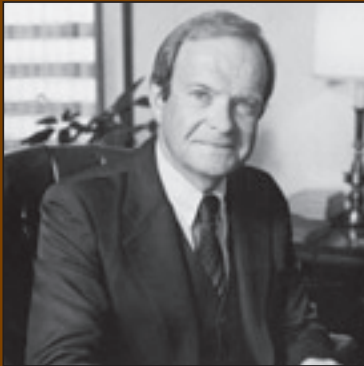




# IN MEMORIAM

*We remember our friends and leaders for their monumental contributions to our law firm, our lives, and our community.*



*Patrick F. Flaherty (1933 - 2010)*



*Michael L. Flanagan (1935 - 2010)*



*Stanley R. Stasel (1932 - 2010)*

## **Patrick F. Flaherty**

**March 2, 1933 - May 24, 2010**

Patrick F. Flaherty served in the United States Air Force as an Intelligence Officer with the 318th Fighter Interceptor Squadron. After graduating from law school, Pat practiced as a solo practitioner for a short time until joining the law firm that would one day bear his name, Van Valkenburg, Comaford, Moss, Fassett, Flaherty & Clarkson. In 1983, Pat was instrumental in merging the two law firms that exist today as Moss & Barnett. He spent the remainder of his legal career at Moss & Barnett until his retirement in 1995.

Pat was a leader in the areas of estate planning, trust administration, and litigation, serving his clients with expertise, commitment, and compassion. He was a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel; he co-authored *Estate Planning for Everyone* (Premier Publishing 1982); and he was noted in Naifeh and Smith's editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Pat is survived by his wife of 56 years, Beverly, daughters Pady and Terri, sons Dan and David, their spouses, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Although Pat retired from the practice of law nearly 15 years ago, his leadership and friendship will continue to inspire us for years to come.

## **Michael L. Flanagan**

**April 1, 1935 - January 25, 2010**

Michael L. Flanagan started his career working for the Judiciary Committee of the Minnesota House of Representatives. In 1969, he joined a law firm that, through a series of mergers, became part of Moss & Barnett in 1983. Mike spent the next 15 years, until his retirement in 1998, at Moss & Barnett.

Mike spent much of his time representing the interests of clients, such as the Minnesota State Bar Association, at the Minnesota legislature. Mike's lobbying efforts resulted in an overhaul of the Probate Code, the merger of municipal and county courts into the District Courts, the creation of the Minnesota Court of Appeals, and the passage or defeat of legislation of interest to a wide range of clients.

The entire bar benefited from Mike's intimate knowledge of the legislature's activities. He prepared an annual summary of new legislation which was published in *Finance and Commerce* following the close of each legislative session. The summary was one of the legal publisher's most read features.

Mike is survived by his wife Marguerite, sons Brian and Patrick, daughter Kathleen, and their respective families. Although he retired 12 years ago, Mike retained close ties with Moss & Barnett, and he will be greatly missed.

## **Stanley R. Stasel**

**March 4, 1932 - May 26, 2010**

Stanley R. Stasel served in the United States Navy as an officer. After graduating from law school in 1960, he joined the law firm that would one day bear his name, Barnett, Ratelle, Hennessy, Vander Vort & Stasel. This firm became a part of Moss & Barnett in 1983. Stan spent the remainder of his legal career at Moss & Barnett until his retirement in 1991.

Stan served his clients in the areas of estate planning and trust and estate administration, as well as personal and business taxation. He successfully defended clients on contested tax matters before the Internal Revenue Service and handled tax litigation in the United States District Court and the United States Tax Court.

For many years, Stan chaired the Moss & Barnett Library Committee. The library was greatly expanded and modernized under Stan's leadership.

Stan was dedicated to his family and to his clients. He is survived by his daughter Steffany, sons Scott and Lance, and their respective families. Stan's contributions to Moss & Barnett have endured, and he will be fondly remembered by his colleagues.