

We are saddened to share the news that our dear friend and colleague of many years, Michael F. Cole, passed away on May 17, 2014. Michael will be greatly missed by all of us at Bergeson & Campbell, P.C. (B&C®), where he worked for the past 14 years. Michael's devotion to legal scholarship, relentless good cheer, passion for his family, and encyclopedic understanding of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have made an indelible mark on all of us at B&C and he will be missed greatly.

Michael was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Vanderbilt University, and a Root-Tilden Scholar graduate of New York University Law School. Michael was drawn to an FDA practice early in his distinguished career. He served as a lawyer with Johnson & Johnson, was Vice President and General Counsel at the Health Industry Manufacturers Association, and was elevated to partner status at two law firms, Paul, Hastings, Janofski & Walker and McDermott, Will & Emery.

In all of his professional affiliations, Michael comported himself with the utmost dignity, legal excellence, and tireless devotion to clients and their needs. When he was not working, which he loved to do, Michael could be spotted reading a book over lunch or coffee (Michael was a voracious reader), sharing photos of his sons and adorable grandchildren, or regaling us with tales of his most recent golf outing, which he loved.

In the finest traditions of the legal profession, Michael was a gifted teacher and loved to share his knowledge, work ethic, and passion for the law with junior lawyers and other professionals in the firm. Michael never tired of tackling new legal issues as the food and drug law matured, and was uniquely gifted in identifying novel ways of looking at fact patterns and eliciting ingenious legal theories to resolve challenges. Michael was a lawyer's lawyer to the end.

All of us at B&C have greatly appreciated the opportunity of working with Michael, sharing in his love of the practice of law, and have been honored all these years to call him our colleague and friend. He will be missed, and never forgotten.