

In Memoriam: Warren Wilentz, Chairman of the Board (1924-2010)

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It is with deep sadness that we mourn our dear colleague and friend Warren Wilentz, Chairman of the Board. Mr. Wilentz was born on March 29, 1924, in Perth Amboy, N.J., the first son of David and Lena Wilentz. After graduating from Perth Amboy High School, he attended the University of Virginia, but left after his second year to serve his country in World War II. He entered the United States Army at the age of 19 and served with the Combat Engineers of the 104th Infantry Division and fought in France and Germany. He was awarded two Purple Hearts, along with the Victory Medal and Good Conduct Medal for his distinguished military service. Upon leaving the Army, Mr. Wilentz returned to the University of Virginia and graduated in 1946. Mr. Wilentz followed in the footsteps of his famous father, former New Jersey Attorney General David T. Wilentz, and went to law school, graduating from the Rutgers Law School in 1949. He passed the Bar that same year.

In a distinguished legal career of more than five decades, Mr. Wilentz practiced law with only one law firm, the firm his father founded 90 years ago, now known as Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, which has five offices in three states. He described his law practice as representing people from all walks of life, and corporations, both large and small. Mr. Wilentz was chairman of the board of the Wilentz Law Firm and guided the firm's growth for many years. He will be deeply missed.

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