

PTS REMEMBERS FORMER BOARD CHAIR BOB HARPER



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of the Board of Directors, who died Feb. 27, 2012 following his battle with cancer.

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Harper was an attorney with Klett Rooney Lieber & Schorling when it merged with Buchanan Ingersoll in 2006. At Klett Rooney, he served on the firm’s board of directors, was vice president of administration, co-chairman of the firm’s Corporate practice group, and chairman of its Health Law practice group. Upon joining Buchanan, he served as co-chair of the Health Care Section.

He was listed in The Best Lawyers in America for Corporate Law and Health Law listed for 17 consecutive years. Harper frequently spoke for the American Bar Association, the National Institute on Mergers and Acquisitions, and the Pennsylvania Bar Institute on corporate law matters, including business acquisitions and takeovers, and a variety of health care matters. Since 2006, he was consistently selected to the Pennsylvania Super Lawyers list.

In 2010, Harper was named “Pittsburgh Health Care Lawyer of the Year” by Best Lawyers, and in 2012 the publication named him “Pittsburgh Corporate Lawyer of the Year.” Robert earned his juris doctorate in 1979 from Duke University, the same school from which he graduated summa cum laude three years previous. He was a former trustee, past president of the Duke University Alumni Society and past chair of the Duke University Libraries. In 1998, Harper became an adjunct professor of law at the University of Pittsburgh, and later joined the school's the board of visitors.

An active church member, he served the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Upper St. Clair, Pa., as legal counsel and clerk of session.

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