

# Remembering Our Beloved FMBK Partner Howard S. Klein



It is with great sadness that we share news of our team's bereavement. FMBK's revered partner, Howard Stephen Klein, passed peacefully on June 29, 2024 surrounded by his loving family.

Howard was one of the first ever Certified Specialists in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law in the state of California. He frequently contributed to the State Bar's Continuing Education programs, primarily on probate/family law crossover issues, on which he was an acknowledged authority. He was on the Los Angeles Superior Court Probate Mediation Panel and mediated over 100 cases in his career. Howard Klein was an incredible mentor to those on the FMBK Team and was highly regarded by all in the Los Angeles legal community for the example that he led.

After serving in the Los Angeles legal community for over 50 years, Howard retired from Feinberg Mindel Brandt & Klein on April 7th, 2014. He spent his retirement reveling in world travel and spending quality time with his beloved family. As the compassionate man he was, Howard also volunteered for The Roze Room hospice, comforting patients in their final days. The FMBK Team shares our condolences with his family and countless friends and colleagues in the legal community.

*"Howard Klein was the consummate legal counselor. He was a recognized specialist in the intersection of the practice of trust and estate law with family law. He cared deeply about his clients and they knew it, as he always took a thorough and dedicated approach. He was an integral member of the FMBK family and to our team's delight, he continued to participate in firm events even well after he retired. We will miss him greatly, and I am thankful to have called him my partner for so many years. My thoughts are with his family and all who had the pleasure of knowing Howard."*

- Irwin B. Feinberg

*"Howard Klein was a remarkable attorney and friend. As one of the last "White Glove Litigators", Howard defined honesty, integrity and compassion. When advocating for his clients, he consistently upheld a strong moral character, gaining the respect of both the judges and attorneys that he regularly battled in court. Howard took great pride in his extensive knowledge of the law and his expertise surpassed the opposing counsels' more often than not. He regularly authored articles on nuanced legal matters and was an enthusiastic mentor at FMBK, successfully guiding many young lawyers on their career journeys. Howard was one-of-a-kind and we miss him dearly."*

- Steven A. Mindel

*"Howard Klein was a gentleman and one of the most honorable, decent persons that I have ever met. He showed tremendous class both in the area of law and in everyday life. Not only was Howard incredibly well versed and always willing to help, but he also had a great sense of humor. He was as zealous as he was smart and as wise as he was witty. Howard was a loyal friend to many and it was my privilege and honor to have been Howard's partner at FMBK. He will be sincerely missed, and I can only wish the best to his incredible wife and family who he loved so very much."*

- Robert C. Brandt

*"Howard welcomed me at FMBK when I joined as a young associate nearly two decades ago. Howard was a true mentor, and his door was always open for a question or for advice. He was a gentleman, and he practiced law with civility and poise. Howard was a tenacious advocate, but he was always kind. I think of him often and fondly, and I will always miss him."*

- Alex Grager

