Frederic L. (Rick) Ballard, Jr.

Rick Ballard originally authored and published *ABCs of Arbitrage* in 1978 and provided updates until his death in 2014. Mr. Ballard was a master at translating extraordinarily complex information into terms everyone could understand, and *ABCs of Arbitrage* was just one of many examples of that skill. Mr. Ballard was the consummate tax professional.

Mr. Ballard was the former Vice Chair of the American Bar Association’s section on State and Governmental Law, the former Director of the American College of Bond Counsel, and the former Chair of the American College of Tax Counsel. He was a lifelong supporter of the National Association of Bond Lawyers and served as both its director and the chair of its Tax Committee. His contributions were recognized by NABL, as he was the recipient of the National Association of Bond Lawyers Bernard P. Friel Medal for Service in Public Finance (2005) and Frederick O. Kiel Distinguished Service Award (2007), making him one of the few people to ever win both.

Mr. Ballard was also known for his dedicated community service. Life-long supporters of women’s issues, he and his wife of 39 years, Marion Ballard, received the first Visionary Award from the Washington Area Women’s Foundation in 2013 for their longtime service to the organization.

Mr. Ballard graduated from Harvard College and received his LL.B. from Harvard Law School. He joined Ballard Spahr in Philadelphia as an associate in 1966 and became a partner, following his father and grandfather into the firm founded in the late 1800s by his great-grandfather Ellis Ames Ballard.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Ballard is survived by his daughter, Annie Ballard, his stepsons William and Robert Dunning, and two grandchildren. Mr. Ballard possessed a gentleness of spirit to match his towering intellect and accomplishments. We are forever grateful for having worked with him and for being able to call him our friend.

Vicky Tsilas

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Dedication