TRIBUTE TO MARK BANNER
BY
CHIEF JUDGE JAMES F. HOLDERMAN

Mark Banner, the person
for whom this award is named,
left this world too early,
but a better place than when he came.

He was an outstanding lawyer
by every possible measure,
and having him appear as counsel,
was truly a judicial pleasure.

He approached his clients’ cases
with enthusiastic zeal,
as well as diligence and fortitude.
He was the real deal.

Mark treated each person
that he ever met,
with courtesy and kindness,
and the utmost respect.

He was a rare individual.
His work was always well done.
He was witty and energetic.
He was wise and he was fun.

It is fitting we pay tribute
to Mark in this way.
His life was an inspiration
to his very last day.

Mark showed us a path
to follow in every manner.
A truly great person
was Mark T. Banner.