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THE PASSING OF PROSECUTOR RICHARD “RICK” W. REED

Muncie, Indiana – Last evening, I was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Delaware County’s 59th Prosecuting Attorney – Richard “Rick” Reed. Rick served Delaware County as Chief Deputy Prosecutor for 8 years and later went on to serve 16 years as the elected Prosecuting Attorney. To date, he remains the county’s longest serving elected Prosecutor. Rick was a formidable, talented, and accomplished trial attorney who was a mentor to many deputy prosecutors, myself included. He never hesitated to walk into a courtroom, look a jury in the eyes, and ask them to hold a criminal accountable for their actions. Rick had a profound and lasting impact on our local criminal justice system. Quite a number of years ago, Rick gave me, like so many others, the opportunity of a lifetime. He hired me, first as a law clerk and later as a deputy prosecutor, which began my career in criminal prosecution. I learned a lot from Rick and I continue to use those skills every day. I will always remember



Eric Hoffman and Rick Reed
July 2023

Rick’s line “the truth comes from this side of the courtroom.” After he retired, Rick and his wife Kris moved to Florida. Over the last few years, Rick and I re-connected and became close. I have enjoyed texting with and talking to Rick on the phone. I have equally looked forward to and enjoyed having dinner with Rick, Kris, and Bobby Koons when the Reeds came back to Muncie for their annual visits. I will always remember that Rick was so kind to my children. My kids enjoyed visiting with Rick and Kris as much as I did and were always excited to see them. I will miss Rick and I will certainly miss the phone calls and voicemails from a very distinctive voice that always began with “Mr. Prosecutor, Rick Reed here...”

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