

## Retired Post & Schell Partner Robert Britton Dies at 77

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Robert Britton, a retired partner at Post & Schell, died Aug. 11 at age 77, according to an obituary provided by Legacy.com.

Britton worked as a medical malpractice and general liability defense attorney with Post & Schell for 47 years and held numerous leadership positions in the firm throughout his career, according to a statement from James Johnston, the firm's president and CEO.

"For decades, he excelled in defending the most serious and complex medical malpractice and commercial litigation matters in the city of Philadelphia and beyond—but his contributions to the firm extended well beyond being a premier lawyer," said Johnston.

Johnston said Britton "made significant and irreplaceable contributions to the success, growth and longevity of Post & Schell" through his roles as management committee member, officer of the corporation, board of directors member, chair of the principal compensation committee, and mentor.

Donald Camhi, co-chair of Post & Schell's professional liability department, said Britton was "universally respected by plaintiffs lawyers and defense lawyer competitors." Camhi said Britton struck an admirable balance in his dedication to

both his family and his work as a lawyer and spoke frequently about his wife, children and grandchildren.

“He was just a great person to work for,” said Leah Perry, counsel at Post & Schell. “He was funny, he was smart, he was fiercely loyal to the people who worked with him,” she said.

Perry said Britton was her first boss and mentor when she began working at the firm. She said in her early days working with him on medical malpractice defense matters she found herself feeling out of depth due to her lack of medical background.

She recalled Britton’s sense of humor, saying when they worked on a long case together, Britton held up an X-ray and began describing the anatomy in detail.

“I was thinking at the time, ‘Oh my god, I’ll never be able to do that,’” Perry said.

“He just turned to me and said, ‘I’m kidding,’” said Perry.

Perry and Camhi said Britton was well-liked by clients and opposing counsel alike.

“He was well respected by both sides, and, quite frankly, that’s how I want to be remembered,” said Perry.

**Kline & Specter’s Shanin Specter said in his 30 years of working opposite Britton, he felt he was working with Britton rather than against him. “Bob was a bridge builder, not a bridge burner, and so he was easy to work with even though he was zealous in the representation of his clients,” said Specter. “To me, that’s the finest tradition of a Philadelphia lawyer.”**

Britton retired from his role as senior partner and board member at Post & Schell in 2019, according to his obituary. He joined the firm in 1972, two years after his graduation from Villanova School of Law.

According to the obituary, he is survived by his wife, three sons and six grandchildren.