

IN MEMORIAM – DAVID AUSTERN

We are very sad to report that David Austern, our friend and colleague who served as the Claims Administrator for this settlement from 2005 – 2011, passed away on May 16, 2013. Though David retired as the Claims Administrator in 2011, he continued to remain active with the settlement trust up until his death. His advice, patience, and wisdom helped all of us get through some difficult times when the settlement facility offices first opened, and we are forever grateful and indebted to him for that. His concern was always for the claimants and the employees of the Settlement Facility, to make sure that the Plan was administered fairly, and to make sure that every claimant was heard and listened to. He was an amazing mentor to the employees at the settlement facility, and his legacy lives on with our current Claims Administrator and staff whom he trained.

Most people didn't know that David had a long history of volunteer service to victims of crime. He was the Chair of the American Bar Association's Victim's Committee, the President of the National Center for Victims of Crime, and received a Leadership Award for extraordinary service in 2011 from the NCVC. He was also an author and leading expert in mass tort claims resolutions, a devoted and loving husband, father, and grandfather. David will be greatly missed by all of us who knew and loved him. His full life summary can be read at www.legacy.com/obituaries/washingtonpost/obituary.aspx?pid=164824708 or www.washingtonpost.com/local/obituaries.