Criminal Defense Attorney Patrick Artur Dies at 67

Attorney Patrick Artur died July 8 at the age of 67 after a long illness. Artur, born and raised in Philadelphia, practiced criminal law for 40 years, according to a release from his family.

He served as assistant district attorney in Philadelphia from 1975 through 1981. Artur became a recognized figure in the criminal law defense community as a result of his representation of Philadelphia police officers during the 1985 special hearings regarding the city’s bombing of the residence of the radical group MOVE, according to the release.

Artur founded criminal law boutique Patrick Artur & Associates, handling cases for those seeking state and federal representation in Philadelphia and its suburbs. He was a member of the Philadelphia and American bar associations, as well as the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association, according to his firm biography.

He received his bachelor’s degree from La Salle University and his law degree from Temple University Law School. Artur is survived by his wife of 30 years, Simone; his children, Chantal and Anthony; his grandchildren, Vivienne and Patrick; and his sister, Carol.

Memorial services are set to be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Church of the Holy Trinity, 1930 Walnut St., Philadelphia, with a reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The American Humane Association or the American Cancer Society.

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