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Public Justice Statement on the Passing of Past President Dean Robb

Washington, DC – Public Justice Executive Director Paul Bland issued the following statement regarding the passing of Dean Robb, an attorney and civil rights advocate who served as President of the Public Justice Foundation (then Trial Lawyers for Public Justice) from 1982 – 1983. Robb passed away on Sunday, December 2nd in Michigan.

“The entire Public Justice family mourns and remembers our Past President, friend and tireless advocate, Dean Robb. Dean served as the second President of what was then a fledgling organization founded on the ideals of equality, justice and opportunity that Dean held so dear. For decades, Dean was a champion not just of Public Justice’s work on these critical issues, but also for all those who were dedicated to pursuing a more just and welcoming world.

“Public Justice is proud to continue its sponsorship of the Dean Robb Lecture in Public Justice at Wayne Law School, where invited speakers share their own stories and experiences in advocating for justice. Dean was passionately committed to ensuring each new generation of lawyers understood their responsibility for protecting, expanding and preserving equality and opportunity. That passion, and Dean’s legacy, will continue to inspire our work and the work of other advocates and activists committed to liberty and justice for all.”

In a statement issued on Sunday, Dean Robb’s son, Matthew, wrote that, “What Dean wanted most was to be a good neighbor to all of his fellow human being and to see us treat each other with love, kindness and respect.”

Details on a celebration of Dean’s life will be forthcoming from his family.

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