

## TRIBUTE TO SCOTT



We are stunned and terribly saddened by the sudden and unexpected passing of our dear friend and colleague, Scott A.W. Johnson. Our hearts are with Scott's wife Karen, his daughter Chloe, and all of his extended family. Scott's life was filled with passion and enthusiasm. He was a vital member of the Stokes Lawrence family. He will be missed profoundly by all of his colleagues at the firm, by the larger legal community and by the many organizations and groups he touched outside of the law.

Scott loved being a lawyer. He enjoyed everything about it - strategizing, crafting arguments, taking and defending depositions, arguing motions, trying cases. Scott loved fighting for the rights of his clients and helping them succeed. It was a joy to work with Scott. He was smart, creative, generous with advice and mentoring, hardworking and thoughtful. His enjoyment and passion for his clients, their cases, and the law itself were infectious. It was never dull and always so much fun to work with Scott. He regularly reported on "hilarious" and "unbelievable" happenings in his cases. Scott looked the part too: no one looked more comfortable or dapper in a coat and tie.

Scott was a connoisseur of good food and drink, but what he really loved was gathering to enjoy these things with friends and colleagues. Scott was by far our most frequent instigator of Friday afternoon wine gatherings to debate the likely outcome of cases and rulings, political races, and the quality of the wine. He was irreplaceable and will be irreplaceable.

Scott was preparing to embark on the next chapter of his legal career as a King County Superior Court judge starting in 2013. He would have been an outstanding judge and would have enjoyed the challenges, the cases, and his new colleagues immensely.

Scott has left us far too soon. Like so many in the legal community and in Scott's wide-reaching network of friends, we are grieving. It was a gift to know Scott, to work beside him, and to count him as a friend.