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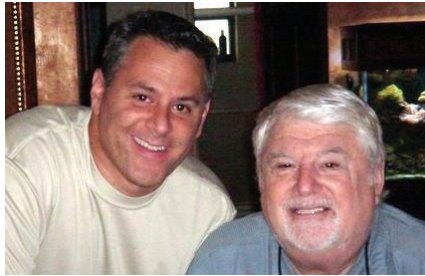
IT'S THE LAW!

30 YEARS AND COUNTING!

"To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children... to leave the world a better place...to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

These words by Emerson, coupled with JUPITER LAW CENTER's 30TH anniversary bring back memories of my father, Richard P. Gumson, who passed away 4 years ago. My father was a huge success in all of the above respects, and founded JUPITER LAW CENTER in 1988. He was my mentor, my law partner, my confidante, my moral compass and my best friend. Born and raised in Brooklyn, NY, he was the first in his family to attend college. He taught me many lessons about hard work, honesty and family. He made me the man I am today and, we often joked, "should take all the blame!" One of his favorite sayings was "The older I get, the smarter my father becomes", which I find myself repeating more often now because it is true.



When I first began my law career, I spent just enough time with a large commercial law firm to confirm that the lifestyle both in and out of the office wasn't for me. Joining my mom, Sandy and my dad at JUPITER LAW CENTER in 1992 afforded me the opportunity to work in a true General Practice, learn about many areas of law and deal with people from all walks of life: the wealthy, corporate types, sneaky corner-cutters, the "Average Joe" and everyone in between. Since that time, I've worked hard to ensure JUPITER LAW CENTER remains an accessible, comfortable place where clients feel like they can discuss heavy issues without fear of judgment, and where a compassionate and friendly team of attorneys and associates treats them like real people and not numbers. As the years have passed, the firm has added attorneys and support staff and sharpened its areas of focus to Estate and Business Planning, Family Law and Real Estate, but we are still

capable of handling some of the other areas when clients request. However, we also have longstanding relationships with some of the top local lawyers in their respective fields (as well as to other, non-legal businesses), and act as a resource for referrals to them. So, clients can feel confident in calling us for whatever need (law or not) that they have.

I try every day to mirror my father's philosophy and recently created the firm's Mission Statement which I think he would be proud of: Providing Peace of Mind by Solving Problems with Integrity & Compassion. I feel a touch of pride when I hear someone who worked with or knew my father say "You're just like your Father". The whole team at JUPITER LAW CENTER attempts to make the legal world more understandable and accessible, and I'm proud of our/their commitment to the people we represent. I am also proud of the firm's ingrained culture of service to the community, from teaching the Adult Division Class at Jupiter High School entitled "Law for the Layman – Everyday Information You Should Know" (taught by my father initially and by me over the last 20+ years) to coaching JTAA basketball for 25+ years.

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