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JUPITERLAWCENTER was founded in 1988 and, over the years, has handled a wide variety of legal matters, including Family Law, Estate Planning, Real Estate, Personal Injury, Contracts, Corporations, Immigration Litigation and Criminal Law. In 2008, the firm relocated from Chasewood Plaza to Jupiter Creek Professional Center (behind Water's Edge Dermatology) and shifted its focus to handling primarily Family Law and Estate Planning matters. One focus that has not changed, however, is the firm's commitment to being accessible and giving solid, practical legal advice with a personal touch.

LAW FOR THE LAYMAN

JUPITER LAW CENTER has taught the *LAW FOR THE LAYMAN* Everyday Information You Should Know course at Jupiter Community High School's Adult Division for 20+ years. It's a FREE six (6) week series highlighting some of the practical everyday aspects of the law as well as current legal events.

The next series of classes commences on September 29, 2014. You can call Jupiter Community High School at (561) 744 – 7931 to register or to obtain more information. It's generally a fun and informative evening - hope to see you there!



RICHARD P. GUMSON

August 23, 1934 – August 28, 2014 (80 years)

"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

Emerson and I agree that my father was a huge success in all of the above respects, and it is with sadness and pride that I write these words to honor him after he recently passed away after an extraordinarily long and courageous battle with lung cancer and a myriad of other health issues. He was my mentor, my law partner, my confidante, my moral compass and my best friend. 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" and now I often quote it because it is true.



Richard and Adam Gumson

He was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY and had many happy memories of playing stickball, handball, Kick the Can, Johnny on the Pony and numerous other street games until his or someone else's mother called down to come up for dinner. He loved the Brooklyn Dodgers and Jackie Robinson was his favorite athlete, and perhaps celebrity, of all time. He attended Tilden High School, Brooklyn College (the first in his family to attend college) and Brooklyn Law School. Dad practiced law in Manhattan, NY, then in Miami, Hollywood and Jupiter, Florida. He founded JUPITER LAW CENTER in 1988 and retired in 2007 after a 50+ year law career. Dad was smart, ethical and loved the law and solving people's problems. He had an innate sense of fairness and always did what was "right". He would never accept a case if he didn't think it would be worthwhile for the client to pursue and had no qualms about telling a client what he thought (even if it wasn't what the client wanted to hear or the way the client wanted to hear it). As a young attorney, I felt pressure to know every answer, but my dad was never afraid or embarrassed to ask a question or say that he didn't understand something and so one of my biggest lessons was learning that it was ok to say "I don't know" whether it pertained to law or any other aspect of life.

Dad had a larger than life personality and was charming and irascible at the same time, wordly, optimistic, funny, with an innate sense of fairness, full of integrity, gritty and a lifelong lover of all things food (from Peter Luger's, Carnegie Deli and Nathan's Coney Island in NY to the Rascal House, garlic crabs at the Rustic Inn and Bern's steakhouse in Florida to numerous "holes in the wall" everywhere), he loved to eat food, talk about food and think about food. He was a grand storyteller who could double the length of any story with details that didn't matter but often lead to another story. An avid movie buff, he (and my mom) raised me and my two sisters to appreciate Mel Brooks' movies, Airplane and The Godfather - and quoted lines verbatim from them regularly. My childhood and our house was always filled with laughter. Although the Brooklyn Dodgers broke his heart and his love of baseball when they relocated from Brooklyn, in later life his passion was rekindled by rooting for Duke and University of Florida basketball and the Miami Heat. He loved his late wife (my mother) Sandy, and was married nearly 50 years. He loved and was loved by me and my sisters and his grandchildren. His was a life well-lived that should be praised and emulated, and I will do my best to live up to his legacy and make him proud.

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