

PLF Mourns the Passing of Its Board Chair, Wade Hopping

SACRAMENTO, CA (August 11, 2009) -- Pacific Legal Foundation attorneys and staff were greatly saddened today to learn of the passing of Wade L. Hopping, PLF's Board Chair and a nationally renowned land use attorney. Mr. Hopping passed away this morning in Tallahassee, Florida, after complications from a stroke and esophageal cancer.

"Wade Hopping was a visionary board chair for PLF, a committed patriot, and a good friend," said PLF President Rob Rivett. "His counsel was valued by everyone at PLF, because he spoke not just with deep experience in policy and litigation, but with a strong concern for how legal and regulatory decisions impact real people where they live. We will miss his leadership and his friendship."

Wade L. Hopping was a former justice of the Florida Supreme Court, and senior member of the Tallahassee law firm of Hopping, Green & Sams. He was known nationally for work on a wide variety of property rights, environmental, manufacturing, and financial issues.

His leadership roles included the presidency of the Florida Chamber of Commerce. His notable achievements included coordinating the Florida business community's efforts to enact laws relating to manatee protection, an expedited environmental permitting process, and the Bert J. Harris Jr. Property Rights Protection Act.

Mr. Hopping received both his B.A. in political science and his J.D. from Ohio State University.

“Everyone at PLF joins me in offering condolences to Wade Hopping’s family,” said Rob Rivett. “Wade’s memory will live on at PLF, in the inspiration he offered to all of us.”

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