

May He Rest in Peace

Jeffrey Joseph Wong---San Francisco Chronicle

WONG, Jeffrey Joseph Wong -- Partner at Cooper, White & Cooper, a San Francisco Law Firm. Jeffrey passed away on November 16th at the age of 58, as a result of a massive heart attack.

He died in the arms of his beloved life partner, Lynne "Rocky" Randall at their home in Sausalito.

He is survived by his loving parents, Joe and Lily Wong, cherished sister Judy Wong, nephews Jeffrey, Kelly and David as well as Rocky and his six stepchildren Sean, Courtney, Julie, Jessica, Jennifer and Jackie.

He was a graduate of Princeton, class of '65 and UC Hastings College of Law. An avid golfer, he was a long time member of the Presidio and Olympic Golf Clubs. Jeffrey's amazing sense of humor, generosity of spirit and joie de vivre, made him a special favorite among the many clubs and organizations to which he belonged.

The Bohemian Club was central to his life and he was a talented and gifted comedian. He will be greatly missed by Bohemians, family and friends who enjoyed his great comic spirit and wit.

A private family service will be held Saturday. A reception and celebration of Jeffrey's life will take place on Wed., November 28th at 6:30 pm, at 624 Taylor St. SF.

Jeff Wong Remembered by his colleagues

"We are at such a loss from not only a wonderful personal friend but a leader in leasing's legal community," said Equipment Leasing Association President Michael Fleming.

A few words on behalf of National Association of Equipment Lease Brokers

Jeff Wong attended two NAELB annual conferences, entertaining during luncheons with his unique stand-up comedy and spending hours with our members talking about leasing and legal matters.

Those of us who were privileged to know him will never forget him. He was a friend to NAELB and we had hoped he would become a fixture at our conferences. Our sympathies go out to his family.

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National Association of Equipment Leasing Brokers

I saw Jeff last night at the Princeton/Cal game and he was very much his normal, joking, amazing self. He was one year ahead of me at Princeton and went to all the games. Tomorrow would have been one of his great tailgates.

I think it was after 9pm, I saw him and he was in great form. There is no question he lit up our lives like no one else, and we're all lucky and thankful to know him. I am just shocked to hear about this.

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I think most of us in this business knew Jeff and admired his knowledge, friendship and humor.

It really is sad...and only 58.

Sincerely,

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BOSTON FINANCIAL & EQUITY CORPORATION

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What a loss!!!

I remember Jeff for many years.... About 30 years ago when Jim Swander and I

were starting RS Leasing (Now RSN Leasing) Jeff was always a willing legal advisor and most of the time "Pro Bono"

I have on my wall a 14 X 17 framed picture of Jeff and I and two other chaps posing by a golf cart when he graciously supported one of the charity golf tournaments I organized when I was at Atlantic Financial...

He was always a very giving and caring person...

His one liners were legend.... I can hear them laughing and groaning in Heaven now...  
Yes, I'm sure he squeaked in....

Love him and will miss him!

Duane Russell  
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We have lost one of the Great Ones. Jeff's knowledge of leasing and superb legal skills were exceeded only by his consistent good humor and sincerity. The moments of our lives are enriched by the truly good people we chance to meet. Jeff made many of mine golden. I will miss him.

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Along with the rest of the entire leasing industry, I am deeply saddened by the loss of Jeff Wong, whom I was fortunate to meet at leasing industry events.

The first time I met Jeff, I recall the presence that he brought into a room with him. As soon as he walked in a room, you knew that he was someone special. He had that presence about him. The first time I saw Jeff come into a reception, I thought to myself that there is one of, if not the best, lawyer in the leasing industry. I then went up to Jeff and introduced myself and his response was "Joe, it's a pleasure to meet you, I've read some of your writing."

As we talked, we found that we had a common lawyer friend in Boston and very quickly, Jeff had removed any stigma that I had about his esteemed reputation and made me feel like his long time friend.

I recall that when I first saw Jeff's comedy routine, that myself and the entire audience were roaring with laughter. But some of his jokes told me something about him. In his routine, he would poke fun at himself and I wondered why.

Later, I came to understand that Jeff Wong, the stand-up comedian, was a warm, kind hearted person that at times poked fun at himself so that others could laugh. That was the joy that he

experienced in his comedy, making others laugh, even if it was at him. That quality told me that the lawyer on the outside was a very kind and warm hearted person on the inside, where it counts the most.

Today's world is a very tough place at times and "lawyering" can be a very tough business. In his comedy, Jeff found his diversion from his work and the world, it was his way of relaxing, his way interacting with people by making them laugh, so that he could have fun with people rather than be a lawyer to them.

His comedy was his way of being the best person he could be. Jeff Wong who was one of, if not the best, leasing attorney in the United States will be missed by the entire industry.

Jeff Wong, the best person that he could be, will be missed by all those he made laugh and that ever met him.

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I am saddened to hear of the demise of one of the "good guys" in the industry.

He was a walking compendium of industry knowledge capable of imparting his expertise with a calculated blend of professorial seriousness and droll humor. I learned early he could take a joke as well as he could tell one.

I first met Jeff while attending a morning round table discussion at a UAEL event a few years ago. He took a seat next to me, began fumbling through his pockets, and turned to me with a slight tone of concern and said "I've lost my ID badge".

I smiled and replied, "You are Jeff Wong." Without missing a beat, he laughed heartily and shared with the other tablemates that he'd need not worry about losing his ID badge now that he had been reminded who he was.

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I am so saddened by the news of Jeff's death. I found him to be more than a sharp attorney who knew everything about everything that pertained to the legalities of our industry, but someone who made learning what he knew fun.

Jeff and I worked together in drafting the portion of the CLP exam pertaining to Lease Law and the elective portion pertaining to Collections.

This was for the second battery of CLP candidates and we were under time constraints to finish it in time for the exam.

Jeff never let me rest until we had completed those sections and submitted a selection of nearly twice the number of questions that were necessary. I provided a different sort of discipline. If he had gotten his way, every question would have been a trick answer, he joked through the whole project. (One of his suggestions for an answer to a question we discussed having to deal with a late payment clause I recall was a multiple choice consisting of life imprisonment, death by torture, or having to take the CLP exam. That was Jeff.)

This last summer I spotted an Asian-American driving a red Lamborghini down here in So. Cal. I thought it looked like Jeff and judging from the car, thought there was a good shot it was. Having not seen him in several years I chased the car for almost eight blocks until I caught up with it at a red light. The driver rolled down the window and asked if he could help me as I was staring at the resemblance and it was only then that I realized it was not Jeff. I said I was sorry, but thought he was someone else.

Then he asked me (nicely) if I thought all Asians looked alike. I smiled and said, "No. No one can be like the guy I was thinking of."

Jeff will be sorely missed by the leasing industry, not only for the contributions he has made, but for the many that he will now not be able to make.



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Very sorry to hear about Jeff Wong, he was a great guy and I will miss him terribly.

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