



Susan C. Rocha

November 14, 1950 - August 13, 2010

Susan C. Rocha, an esteemed attorney truly committed to public service and greatly loved by her family, friends and colleagues, has died. Her kindness, compassion, intelligence and wit will be missed.

Susan, a native of San Antonio, was a 1982 graduate of The University of Texas School of Law, a 1976 graduate of Chicago State University where she received a Master's Degree in Urban Education and a 1973 graduate of the University of Dayton, Ohio. She graduated from St. Francis Academy in 1969.

Susan was a partner with Denton, Navarro, Rocha, & Bernal, P.C., where she practiced municipal law. At the time of her death she was City Attorney for the Cities of Buda, Cibolo, Roma, and San Felipe and was general counsel to many other public entities. She assisted and mentored hundreds of elected and appointed officials and staff on issues affecting local government for over 25 years. She was an Assistant City Attorney for the City of San Antonio from 1985 to 1987.

She served as Senior Intergovernmental Relations Officer for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under Secretary Henry Cisneros in Washington, D.C. and represented municipal interests at the state legislative level since 1989 when she served as First Assistant General Counsel for the Texas Municipal League in Austin.

In 1992, Susan created the first Office of Municipal Affairs, charged with representing the interests of Texas cities in the Texas Attorney General's office.

She is a former President of the Texas City Attorneys Association and is the immediate past President of the International Municipal Lawyers Association where she not only achieved the prestigious designation of Fellow, but was a close and passionate colleague of municipal lawyers throughout the nation.

Susan taught at St. Mary's Law School and was a frequent contributor to the continuing legal programs at the University of Texas, State Bar of Texas and many other statewide conferences on local government issues. She started her career as a history and geography teacher.

In addition to her distinguished legal career, Susan's personal life was marked by a devotion to travel, a love for hunting and fishing, and a passion for politics, art, culture and literature.

Her memory is preserved in the minds of her nieces and nephews, as well as in the children of her friends and colleagues, who were inspired by her enthusiasm for life and her marvelous sense of humor.

Susan is survived by her mother, Connie Rocha; her sister, Angela Rocha and her children, Sarah, Kati and Morgan Williams; her sister, Martie Enriquez and her husband Bob and their children Andrea, Vincent and Michael; her brother, John Rocha and his son Eli and her brother, Tom Rocha and his wife, Leesa and their children Luke and Erin. Susan was preceded in death by her father Rudy. She leaves an extended family of aunts, uncles, cousins, members of her law firm and friends around the world.

Tribute Wall

RP

“ To Connie and the entire Rocha family
My deepest condolences to all of you on Susan's passing. While this world has lost a remarkable woman, take comfort in knowing you will see her again in God's holy kingdom. She lives forever. May God give you peace a

Rachel Ponce - August 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EO

“ Our heartfelt condolences to Susan's familia. Susan was a rare person..accomplished, smart, world wise and yet she was so down to earth, funny and a joy to be with. We have great memories of laughing and sharing some cervezas with her at our compadres Lin

Eloy Ortiz - August 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ I was so saddened to hear of Susan's passing. My heart goes out to her family. I have fond memories of a road trip she and her sister Martie took with me to Chicago in the late 70's. She was such an accomplished woman with a great sense of humor. I will n

Anna Lozano - August 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ We were and are saddened to hear of Susan's death. Please know that you are in our thoughts.
Shari and Kelley Brinkman-Young

Shari and Kelley Brinkman-Young - August 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Connie, I am so sorry to hear about Susan's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Mary Ann

Mary Ann Briley - August 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ *To all the Rocha family I send my deepest condolences for Susan's untimely loss. I will sadly miss a most kind, considerate neighbor and friend. Patricia Pratchett*

Patricia Pratchett - August 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *My condolences to the family of Susan Rocha. You are all in my prayers.*

Sylvia Willis Ward - August 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ *DEAR MRS. CONNIE ROCHA AND FAMILY,
WE SHARE YOUR GRIEF, WE REMEMBER THE GOOD TIMES
AND LAUGHS WITH SUSAN AT YOUR PARTIES. SHE ALWAYS
HAD A SMILE, A QUICK LAUGH, A GOOD LISTENER WHO
ENJOYED A JOKE. I REMEMBER SHE WENT TO CHINA WITH
YOU, SHE ENJOYED TRAVE*

FRANK ARNOLD AND MARY ANN SAMPLE - August 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HE

“ *Susan was a truly amazing person - brilliant, funny, kind and so full of life. I will miss her very much and will keep her family in my thoughts and prayers.*

Helen - August 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *The most vibrant woman I have ever know.*

Susan & Rebecca Horton - August 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ *Mrs. Rocha, Angela and Marty,*

I was so sorry to learn of Susan's passing. It came as a great shock. I know that she will be greatly missed and that she was called far too young in life.

My mother, Stella, and my children Isabella and Philippe join

Felix Sanchez - August 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *Connie, my heart breaks for you. I am so sad and know there is nothing any of us can say to make you feel better. What a grand legacy. Susan, San Antonio won't be the same without you.*

Rebeca Barrera - August 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Oh Dear Susan! You were so loved by so many and will be greatly missed. You always had time to talk to anyone that sought you out. You were down to earth and never forgot your roots.*

You will missed greatly!!! May God Bless you and draw you to the warm

Debbie Ramos Martinez - August 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *Connie my heart breaks with yours. I wish I had the words that would relieve your deep pain.*

My prayers are with you and your children, grandchildren and family to help you all get through this very difficult time.

Susan, you were taken much too so

Dora Ramos - August 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

OC

“ *Dear Friend,
We will miss you
that fun and gracious smile of yours
forever in our heart and in our mind
May God watch over those you have left behind
we know we have been blessed to have had you in our life
this emptiness and sadness proves that God*

Oscar Camacho - August 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ *Susan was not only an outstanding lawyer, but a great person as well. She was always ready to help a colleague, and her infectious smile and sense of humor made her both fun and helpful. I will miss her tremendously, and my thoughts and prayers go out t*

Lynn Nunns - August 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ *Susan was such a wonderful individual, an outstanding attorney, and a beautiful person. She was a good friend to Texas cities and will be missed greatly. Thoughts and prayers to Susan's many friends and family members.*

Carolyn Liner - August 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ John - I just heard about your loss and I am so sorry. Every time you spoke about your sister there was always so much love in your voice. I am sure that Gay will be there to greet her and perhaps play a game or two of bridge.

Trish Adams - August 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Mrs. Connie Rocha and Family

I'm really sorry to hear of Ms. Susan's passing. Ms. Susan was a great person and a really caring one. She will be missed by everyone. That God will comfort Mrs. Connie and her family.

Lile, Karla and Andrea - August 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM