

## APPENDIX

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### JUDGE DANIEL F. SPALLONE 1921–2007

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The Honorable Daniel F. Spallone, a longtime resident of Deep River, passed away on August 20, 2007, at the age of eighty-five. Judge Spallone left a memorable legacy that included a lifetime of public service.

“He led a very long and productive life and the whole family was proud of him. The community knew him as a judge and lawyer but to us he was a wonderful father and family man. He set a great example of public service and involvement, and he was a great father,” said State Representative James Spallone, one of Judge Spallone’s sons.

Judge Spallone was born in Waterbury on November 6, 1921, and graduated from Crosby High School in Waterbury in 1939. His college years at the University of Connecticut were interrupted when World War II broke out. Judge Spallone could not enlist in the Army or Navy due to polio that he suffered as a child, so he volunteered for the American Field Service Ambulance Corps. He served with the British forces in Burma, India and Italy from 1942 to 1945. By virtue of this service, he and other such volunteers were awarded an honorable discharge from the United States Army by an act of Congress in 1991.

After his war service, Judge Spallone returned to the University of Connecticut and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in psychology in 1949. He held several management positions at Uarco in Deep River in the 1950s, and attended the University of Connecticut School of Law at night. Judge Spallone obtained his juris doctorate in 1960 and was admitted to the Connecticut bar that year. He joined the law firm of Schatz and Schatz, practicing in Hartford and later in Old Saybrook.

Judge Spallone’s public service included membership on the Deep River Board of Education from 1959 to 1961, and the Regional District IV Board of Education from 1961 to 1970. He also served on a number of elected and appointed local boards and commissions from 1961 to 1970. Additionally, he served as town counsel to the town of Deep River from 1965 to 1970, and counsel to the Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency from 1968 to 1970.

Judge Spallone was best known for his service in various capacities as a Connecticut judge over a period of thirty-seven years. Governor John Dempsey appointed him to the Circuit Court in 1970, and he was then elevated to the Court of Common Pleas in 1974 by Governor Thomas J. Meskill. Judge Spallone was later appointed to the Superior Court by Governor Ella T. Grasso in 1978. After the Appellate Court was established in 1983, Judge Spallone was appointed to it by Governor William A. O'Neill in May, 1984, making him a charter member of that court replacing an interim appointee. He was known as a fast and prolific writer with a keen ability to focus on the key issues in the cases before the court.

Even after Judge Spallone reached the mandatory retirement age of seventy in 1991, he continued to work within the court system. He served as a judge trial referee in Middletown handling domestic matters and civil trials until he became ill in January of 2007. He also sat by designation at the Appellate Court for several years after his retirement.

"I always thought he had a real passion for justice. He was a real quiet guy and he knew the law," said retired Judge Walter Budney, who was one of Judge Spallone's former law partners.

Judge Spallone was a summer resident of Block Island, Rhode Island, for forty-five years. He had a cottage built there in 1971, and with his passion for woodworking and carpentry, worked on finishing the structure for the next thirty-six years. The house was decorated with driftwood, nets, lines, buoys and other objects that he collected during his very early morning walks on the beach. Judge Spallone enjoyed fishing with his friends and family, beachcombing, clamming, swimming, snorkeling and sailing.

Judge Spallone is survived by his wife of fifty-seven years, former probate judge, state representative and journalist, Jeanne Field Spallone, his daughter, Janne Spallone-Conrad, his sons, Niel F. Spallone and James F. Spallone, and two granddaughters.

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