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A TRIBUTE TO ILENE BARSHAY

*Susan J. Wolfersdorf**

I was fortunate enough to meet Ilene Barshay in 1984 during our first week of law school. We were next to each other on line at the Touro Law School bookstore. We became close friends from the beginning of our journey through three years of many different experiences. She was my guardian angel giving me confidence and trust and always there for support. Ilene was a dedicated student but more importantly was a compassionate and kind individual.

I knew from so many different experiences shared with Ilene that she was a truly good person who believed in fairness and treated people with respect.

Ilene became very ill during our time at Touro. She showed so much courage and determination battling her illness. She worked so hard even during those trying times.

I admired her courage. It is very difficult to write these words without becoming emotional. I miss Ilene so much. She was a light to me and to so many and had a wonderful sense of humor and wit.

Ilene was passionate about the law but never lost sight of what was most important in her life. She loved her husband Stan and her family, her faith, and her friends. Ilene and I remained close after graduating from law school. When introducing me to anyone she knew, she would say, “This is my best friend from law school.”

Ilene—It was an honor, a privilege and a joy to be your best friend from law school.

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