The Robinson+Cole family is mourning the loss of its colleague and friend, Joseph Carey, who passed away on September 12.

Joe joined Robinson+Cole in 1997, when he moved to Connecticut after more than two decades practicing law in New York. Before entering private practice, Joe had several high-ranking public service roles, including as chief assistant district attorney for Schenectady County, New York, and later as assistant deputy attorney general with the New York State Organized Crime Task Force. During his time with Robinson+Cole, Joe conducted numerous fire scene investigations and tried numerous subrogation, arson, fraud, and other property-related cases. While Joe retired from the full-time practice of law in 2012, he remained professionally active on the firm’s behalf, and he continued consulting on fire scene investigations.

Joe was among the few lawyers appointed to the National Fire Protection Association’s 921 Committee, which establishes the standards for fire scene investigations in the United States. Joe remained active with that committee until his death.

Joe’s colleagues remembered him this week as a “true professional,” a tough lawyer who was well-known for his kindness and respect toward others. He served as a mentor to his colleagues at the firm and taught them everything he knew about fire scene and explosion investigations.

Joe will be missed by everyone in the Robinson+Cole family. He leaves behind his wife, Laurel, and many relatives, friends, and colleagues. Arrangements are private. Anyone who wishes to make a donation in his memory may do so to the ALS Association Connecticut Chapter, 4 Oxford Road—Unit E4, Milford, CT 06460.