

In Memoriam - Richard J. Ovelmen

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We are deeply saddened by the loss of our colleague and friend Richard Ovelmen. Rick contributed much to Carlton Fields, the legal profession, and the community during his career with the firm, which spanned more than two decades. He was an outstanding appellate attorney and a trusted advocate for our clients. Rick was passionate about the First Amendment and open government, and he championed those causes through both his legal work and his efforts as a professor and lecturer. A mentor to many, Rick was always willing to invest his time for the good of others. He will be greatly missed.

For more than 30 years, Richard Ovelmen practiced constitutional, land use, local government, media, class action, and intellectual property law, including particularly First Amendment, defamation, trademark and copyright litigation, litigation regarding access to government-held information, privacy, as well as antitrust and trade secret claims. His practice also included appellate work in all courts, complex commercial litigation, Bert J. Harris Act Claims, litigation concerning developments of regional impact, local referenda and initiatives, and international litigation.

