



CACJ Remembers Paul Gerowitz

Paul Gerowitz, the former Executive Director of CACJ, passed away this past Friday, November 27th after a lengthy battle with cancer. He was 58 years old.

Paul began his professional career as a psychiatric nurse at the Metropolitan State Hospital in Norwalk, California, from 1969 through 1979; and he subsequently worked as a psychiatric nurse at Cedars Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles until 1985. In Fall 1985, Paul entered UC Davis School of Law (King Hall) and graduated in 1988. After graduation, Paul remained in Davis and began a 10-year career with the Office of the State Public Defender (OSPD) in Sacramento; however, he served much of his OSPD career “on loan” as a lawyer for the Assembly Public Safety Committee.

After retiring from state service, Paul spent three years as the Legislative Director for Protection and Advocacy, Inc. (PAI), currently known as Disability Rights California. From 2002 to 2004, Paul served as CACJ’s first Executive Director after the main office was re-located to Sacramento. During that time, he helped to guide CACJ through a difficult transition and to raise our profile at the Capitol.

After he left CACJ, Paul entered private practice in Davis where he continued to practice law until undergoing surgery and a treatment regime that ultimately necessitated relocation to Los Angeles for treatment at UCLA Medical Center.

A lifelong advocate for equal justice, Paul worked tirelessly for many local causes and charities including, more recently, service as Treasurer of the Davis Chapter of the ACLU and advocacy on behalf of Marriage Equality California. He is survived by three children: Colin, age 42; Josh, age 25 and Tatiana, age 22.

A brief memorial is planned at 415 Second Street, Davis (the Odd Fellows Hall), Wednesday evening, December 2nd, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The memorial is “pot luck,” and attendees are requested to bring food and/or drinks. Paul’s children will be in attendance.