



Remembering Clifford Schrupp

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The fair housing movement lost a pioneer and a visionary this week, when Clifford Schrupp, the founding director of the Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit, died of cancer on September 11. Cliff began his work with the Fair Housing Center in 1977 and continued to lead the organization until earlier this year, when his illness forced him to step down. I was privileged to know and work with Cliff for over 30 years. He was a person of rare generosity of spirit, integrity and perseverance, and we are so fortunate that he devoted his considerable skills to the promotion of civil rights for all. As his colleagues at the Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit note, Cliff supervised the investigation of over 6,000 complaints of unlawful housing discrimination, with over 400 of those complaints resulting in fair housing litigation in state or federal courts. His work resulted in \$11 million in financial settlements and awards from defendants, and opened doors for people who had their rights illegally denied.

While his work in Michigan kept him busy, to be sure, Cliff was always ready to share his time and expertise with colleagues from around the nation. He did so with grace and humility, and it was an honor to know him. On behalf of the Board and staff of the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council, I extend deepest sympathies to Cliff's family and loved ones, including the staff of Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit. We know Cliff's legacy will endure.