

FROM THE COURTS

Judge Stephanie Manis Recalled With Admiration



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Fulton County Senior Judge Stephanie Manis' husband noted that their "remarkable partnership" began when they met at a Gainesville Women for Equal Rights meeting.

by Greg Land

A cold, light rain had just started to fall and the cavernous, ornate sanctuary of The Temple on Peachtree Street was at capacity as hundreds of mourners, including a who's who of Georgia's legal community, gathered for a memorial service in honor of Fulton County Senior Judge Stephanie Manis, who died Dec. 17 at age 76.

Appropriately for those familiar with the sharp-witted, yet good-natured jurist, many of the recollections recounted by those who spoke were laced with humor and poignancy.

Wiping aside tears, Manis' husband, Dr. Robert Manis, noted that his wife had passed away only four hours after their 49th anniversary, the culmination of a "remarkable partnership" that began when the two met in Florida at a Gainesville Women for Equal Rights meeting. They went on to travel the world and raise three daughters, even as Stephanie pursued a successful career as a government lawyer and judge.

He cited his wife's devotion to the law, recalling an incident when she was pulled over for a traffic violation. When the officer realized who she was, he declined to write her a ticket.

Judge Manis would have none of it.

"You have to," she said.

"I'm not going to."

"I'm going to report you if you don't," said Manis. The two were at an impasse until the officer had a "terrific idea."

"Do you marry people?" he asked. When she said she did, the officer asked "Would you marry me?"

"She said she would, and the whole subject of the conversation changed," said Manis, as the two proceeded to plan the wedding.

Lisa Vayle said her mother taught her and sisters Tamara Percival and Valerie Egan that the "language of love" can be found in service to others, while Egan remembered a mentor and role model, and the "grace and dignity she showed facing death."

Manis had undergone surgery for cancer not too long before her death and had suffered a stroke afterward. When she returned home from the hospital,

she did not speak for several weeks, but she rallied and, in a conversation with Egan, said she "wanted everybody to know she opposed the death penalty."

Egan said her mother also issued a "reminder that she had not missed a day of work being sick until now."

U.S. District Judge Mark Cohen first met Manis when he took a job at the state Law Department, where Manis served from 1979 until her appointment to the bench in 1995.

Cohen began his comments by reciting an Abraham Lincoln quote: "Die when I may, I want it said of me by those who knew me best, that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower where I thought a flower would grow."

"You're looking at one of the many flowers that was planted by Stephanie Manis," said Cohen, recalling her role as mentor and confidante when he was a young assistant attorney general who followed Manis up the legal ladder, moving ultimately, albeit many years after Manis was first seated on the bench, to a judgeship.

Manis, he said, "taught me how to write like a lawyer, and she taught me how to argue a case."

"She was a brilliant attorney, more prepared to go to court than anyone I've ever seen," said Cohen. "She could have made a lot more money in private practice, but administering justice was more important to her than any financial rewards."

Even after taking senior status in 2007, Cohen said, Manis never hesitated to take on the toughest criminal case and was presiding over one when she first felt the discomfort that started her final journey.

Robert and Stephanie Manis loved traveling and adventure, he said, noting that they had gone dog sledding at Yellowstone National Park only last year.

"Don't think for one minute that Stephanie didn't live a whole and satisfying life," said Cohen, and lives on in the souls of her husband, daughters and grandchildren. And in that of Cohen himself, who as a "26-year-old kid got under her secure wing."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CITY OF DORAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 6:00 PM**, the City Council of the City of Doral will hold a **Council Zoning Hearing** at the **City of Doral, Government Center, Council Chambers located at 8401 NW 53rd Terrace, Third Floor, 33166, Doral, Florida**. The following Resolution will be considered for adoption:

The City of Doral proposes to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 17-

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, APPROVING/DENYING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A LOW VOLTAGE SECURITY ELECTRIC FENCE CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 74-270 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE FOR A COMMERCIAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICT AT 1904 NW 97 AVENUE, DORAL, FLORIDA 33172; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

HEARING NO.: 17-01-DOR-04

APPLICANT: Electric Guard Dog, LLC on behalf of KTR SF II LLC

PROJECT NAME: Ryder Trucks

LOCATION: 1904 NW 97th Avenue, Doral, Florida 33172.

FOLIO NUMBERS: 35-3032-007-0010

SIZE OF PROPERTY: 23.63 Acres

PRESENT LAND USE: Industrial

PRESENT ZONING: Industrial

REQUEST: Electric Guard Dog, LLC on behalf of KTR SF II LLC is requesting a special exception consistent with Sec. 74-270 of the Land Development Code for approval to install a low voltage security electric fence driven by a commercial storage battery not exceeding 12 volts DC. The current property is currently used to store trucks and accessories.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: 32 53 40 23.063 AC AHS CORP 2ND ADD PB 109-61 TR B LESS COMM SE COR OF TRB TH N365FT W159FT FOR POB CONT W511FT S349.04FT E511.15FTN361.21FT TO POB & LESS BEG SW COR OF TR B TH N442FT E329.57FT S107.33FT E337.84FT S342.61FT W667.39FT TO POB & LESS S336.62FT OF E159FT & PORT OF TR A OF PB 89-43 DESC BEG SW COR OF TR A TH E 1318.12FT N356.75FT W802.18FT 3193.45FT W475.80FT S149.79FT TO POB LESS W20FT OF N132.54FT OF S149.79FT FOR RW OR 18614-3451 0599 1 F/A/U 30-3032-007-0010.

Location Map



Information relating the subject application is on file and may be examined in the City of Doral, Planning and Zoning Department Located at **8401 NW 53rd Terrace, Doral, FL. 33166**. All persons are invited to appear at this meeting or be represented by an agent, or to express their views in writing addressed to the City Clerk, **8401 NW 53rd Terrace, Doral, FL. 33166**. Maps and other data pertaining to these applications are available for public inspection during normal business hours in City Hall. Any persons wishing to speak at a public hearing should register with the City Clerk prior to that item being heard. Inquiries regarding the item may be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department at 305-59-DORAL.

Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes If a person decides to appeal any decisions made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. This notice does not constitute consent by the City for introduction or admission of otherwise inadmissible or irrelevant evidence, nor does it authorize challenges or appeals not otherwise allowed by law. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, all persons who are disabled and who need special accommodations to participate in this meeting because of that disability should contact the Planning and Zoning Department at 305-59-DORAL no later than three (3) business days prior to the proceeding.

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NOTA: Si usted no está en capacidad de comunicarse, o no se siente cómodo al expresarse en inglés, es de su responsabilidad traer un intérprete del idioma inglés cuando trate asuntos públicos o de negocios con la Ciudad de Doral durante el proceso de solicitudes de zonificación, incluyendo su comparecencia a una audiencia. Esta persona puede ser un amigo, familiar o alguien que le haga la traducción durante su comparecencia a la audiencia. Un menor de edad no puede ser intérprete. La Ciudad de Doral NO suministra servicio de traducción durante ningún procedimiento durante el proceso de solicitudes de zonificación.

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