

# O'Brien & Ryan's Partner Alan Focht Dead at 44

**A**lan Wade Focht, a skilled, zealous and honorable advocate for the legal community, died Sept. 27 at Jeanes Hospital after a long battle with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

A native of Altoona, Pa., Mr. Focht graduated from Altoona Area High School in 1978. He then attended Penn State University and worked as a practicum for the District Attorney's Office. He attended Dickinson Law School, during which he was a legal intern for the House Republican Legal Staff in Harrisburg. Upon graduation from law school, he relocated to Philadelphia to clerk for Judge William H. Yohn Jr.

Mr. Focht joined the firm of O'Brien & Ryan 16 years ago, and in 1999 he became a partner. His passion for the law was evident in his fervent and caring representation of his clients, as well as his eagerness to mentor the firm's young associates. Mr. Focht held memberships with the American Bar Association's Insurance and Tort Division, the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association and the Montgomery Bar Association.

Mr. Focht is survived by his wife, Cyndi Focht, also an employee of O'Brien & Ryan, and two children, Tyler and Amanda. Memorial contributions may be made to FCC-Temple BMT Program, 7604 Central Ave, Friends Hall, Physicians Building at Jeanes Hospital, Philadelphia, PA 19111. •