

## BOB TREAT

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As most Michigan family law attorneys know, Bob Treat recently passed away.

Bob was well known for his QDRO expertise and his generosity in sharing it with others.

And, Bob recently served as Chair of the Family Law Council.

Years ago, Bob and I co-founded the committee of QDRO experts who prepare QDROs for legal aid clients on a pro bono basis under a state-wide program administered by the State Bar of Michigan.

After Bob died, I called Beth Myers of QDRO Express – the firm that Bob founded – to ask whether the firm would continue to prepare the legal aid QDROs. She said she and others at the firm know how much that doing so meant to Bob and that, yes, QDRO Express would continue to participate.

Aside from his exceptional professional achievements, Bob as a really “good guy.” I will miss him, personally, as will all who knew him.

Below is my “Ode to Bob Treat”

- This is an ode to Bob Treat.  
One the finest people I’ll ever meet.
- He gave so much to Michigan Family Law Bar.  
The most exceptional QDRO guru by far.
- Bob was so generous sharing his time and talent.  
So thoughtful, giving & benevolent.
- In his profession, he was peerless.  
In fighting disease, Bob was fearless.
- He endured grueling treatments and a bone-marrow transplant,  
with a positive attitude and nary a rant.
- I’ll miss him personally as a good friend.  
He was so gracious right to the end.
- Bob leaves a legacy to be held high.  
He was, in short, one great guy!

### About the Author

*Joe Cunningham has over 25 years of experience specializing in financial and tax aspects of divorce, including business valuation, valuing and dividing retirement benefits, and developing settlement proposals. He has lectured extensively for ICLE, the Family Law Section, and the MACPA. Joe is also the author of numerous journal articles and chapters in family law treatises. His office is in Troy, though his practice is statewide.*

### Editors’ Note

*Memorial Luncheon for Robert C. Treat, Jr. In honor and memory of “Bob,” the Family Law Section will be hosting a memorial luncheon on December 4, 2021, following the Family Law Council meeting which is scheduled to be held that morning. The meeting and luncheon will be located at Weber’s Inn, 3050 Jackson Ave, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Council meeting breakfast will begin at 9:00 am and business meeting will start at 9:30am. Luncheon will be provided by the Section; please RSVP to [jmann@speakerlaw.com](mailto:jmann@speakerlaw.com) if you plan to attend the Council meeting, luncheon, or both.*



Robert Treat