

Christopher J. Klicka

Class of 1982

Beginning in 1985, Chris Klicka helped thousands of families with their legal conflicts. He provided expert testimony before numerous legislative and regulatory bodies on behalf of homeschoolers. Klicka was senior counsel of the Home School Legal Defense Association. He also served that group as director of state and international relations. In so doing, he was a member of the bars of the Virginia Supreme Court, the U.S. Supreme Court, the Fourth Circuit District of Appeals and the U.S. District Court of Virginia (Eastern Division).

Klicka represented many homeschooling families in court and testified before numerous state legislatures and Congress. He directed a staff of 10 lawyers and legal assistants and together they annually handled 10,000 legal conflicts and monitored and lobbied the 50 state legislatures.

Klicka was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1994, but continued to adamantly defend the rights of homeschoolers, despite being confined to a wheelchair. He made many international trips and spoke at homeschooling conferences in many nations on behalf of homeschoolers. A popular national speaker, he authored several books, including *Home Schooling: The Right Choice*, *The Heart of Home Schooling* and *Home Schooling Heroes*.

He passed away Oct. 12, 2009.

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