

Eulogy (for Karen Daniel)

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Some heroes don't wear capes, some angels don't have wings.

In our lives we encounter people with over-inflated reputations, only to meet them and realize that the sound and fury is a big letdown.

In my opinion, Karen Daniel was not one of these people.

In my first encounter with her, I was impressed and nearly blushing with pride. In a short one-on-one conversation, I was inspired and filled with a renewed sense of hope. Her reassurance that if I would stay the course, and continue the fight, that flicker of light I have could eventually illuminate a brighter path to freedom.

She not only inspired me, but many of my classmates as well. We realized that the great work she was doing was not for self-promotion and accolades, but her focus was genuinely on righting the wrongs of our broken justice system.

Karen Daniel will be greatly missed, remembered, and immortalized in the legal community. As for myself, when I look towards the heavens, I will always envision Professor Daniel arguing her case before the Creator. Then I'll quietly whisper, Professor Daniel, you were an excellent attorney, a tireless advocate, and I'm sure an outstanding professor. While you were here on Earth you met your burden of proof, you may rest your case. Rest in eternal peace.