

Note from Phyllis Borzi, President of the American College of Employee Benefits Counsel, on the Death of Roger Siske

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It with great sadness and shock that I pass on the message below to Susan Serota from Pam Baker regarding the death of our colleague and friend, Roger Siske, yesterday afternoon. I can only echo Pam's comments about Roger and salute him for his tremendous contribution to the employee benefits field. I had the pleasure of traveling with Roger, his wife and daughters on a flight to Hawaii from Chicago many years ago and was struck by their closeness and sense of fun and adventure. Watching Roger interact with his family on that flight gave me a glimpse of a Roger that I had never seen before in the decade I had known him at the time and my respect for him continued to increase since then. We all will miss him greatly.

"It is with the greatest sadness that I have to tell you that Roger Siske passed away this afternoon while skiing in Colorado of an apparent heart attack. It is a great shock, since he seemed to be in perfectly good health at age 61 and was carrying on business right before he stepped on the slope.

"Roger was a man of enormous intellect, unerring judgment, uncompromising integrity and fervent devotion to his family, Sonnenschein and our profession. His loss will be felt professionally and personally.

"Arrangements are pending."

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