



Jeannine Catharine Sanford

October 5, 1964 - July 13, 2022

Surrounded by the family she loved, Jeannine Sanford died on Wednesday, July 13, at age 57, after a two-and-a-half-year battle with breast cancer. Jeannine was born in Wiesbaden, Germany to Jutta Catharine Pegues and Jack Sanford (both living) and was raised in Worthington, Ohio. She graduated from The Ohio State University with her BA, MA, and JD degrees and remained a lifelong Buckeye. Shortly thereafter, she moved to D.C. to pursue a career in public interest law. For the past thirty years, she worked at Bread for the City, first as the Director of the Legal Clinic, and afterward, as its Chief Operating Officer. Bread for the City's deep commitment to build a more equitable and just society resonated with Jeannine's passionate commitment to social justice.

In recognition of her remarkable contributions to the city, Jeannine was honored by the D.C. Bar Foundation with the Jerrold Scoutt Prize, the D.C. Bar with its Frederick B. Abramson Award, and the D.C. Primary Care Association with its Unsung Hero Award. She served on the D.C. Bar's Pro Bono Committee, on the Board of Governors of the D.C. Bar (including a term as its Secretary), as Co-Chair of the DC Consortium of Legal Services Providers, on the Board of the DC Employment Justice Center, and most recently on the District of Columbia's Commission on Judicial Disabilities and Tenure, which she chaired until shortly before her death.

Jeannine met her beloved husband, Charles Parker at Bread for the City. Since their marriage in 1996, they have lived and raised their two children, Julia and Joshua, in the Takoma neighborhood of DC. She loved her family beyond measure and was a great mother. She was never happier than traveling with her family or tending her garden. Jeannine will be mourned by her family, Bread colleagues, and the D.C. legal services community for years to come.