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More generally, Dan was instrumental in a range of complex matters. Perhaps most noteworthy was his and the firm's success in the carbon fiber industry price fixing and qui tam litigation.

Dan died peacefully at home, with his wife Susan and his daughter Jill beside him. Our hearts are with them at this difficult time. According to his wishes, no services will be held, but there will be a memorial gathering at a later date.

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