

# CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF SERVICE

 FRANKLIN COUNTY  
BAR ASSOCIATION





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# 125th Anniversary Gala



## Program

- 6 p.m.      Cocktails & Hors D'oeuvres  
CVSM String Quartet  
Photo Memento Station
- 7 p.m.      Dinner  
Cake cutting by Allison D. Freeman, YLD Chair
- 8 p.m.      Champagne Toast by FCBA President Jeb Keller &  
The Honorable Shawn D. Meyers, President Judge
- Speakers: Jeb Keller  
Michael J. McDonald, PA Bar Assoc. President  
The Honorable Shawn D. Meyers  
Madame Chief Justice Debra Todd, Supreme Court of PA  
Presentation of certificate to Madame Chief Justice Todd  
by David S. Keller, FCB Foundation President
- 9 p.m.      Dancing  
Photo Memento Station

## *Our Mission*

*The mission of the Franklin County Bar Association is to promote the administration of Justice, to uphold the honor and dignity of the law, to foster continuing legal education and scholarship, to encourage social fellowship among its members, and to perpetuate the memory of its deceased members.*

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**Congratulations**  
**To the Franklin County Bar Association**  
**on its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

# A Letter from our President



Quasiquicentennial: (1) pertaining to or marking a period of 125 years; (2) a 125th anniversary; (3) a celebration marking such an anniversary.

The 125th anniversary of the Franklin County Bar Association is indeed cause for celebration! The service and accomplishments of our Bar will be detailed throughout the evening and within this message, but perhaps the greatest celebration is due the members of the Franklin County Bar Association, past and present. Consistently, in my own 40 years, I have witnessed the sense of fellowship, appreciation and respect the Bar has fostered throughout its membership; a reciprocated enjoyment of fellow members that seeps even into our adversarial exchanges and creates lifelong friendships. The Franklin County Bar Association is special, and that is cause for celebration.

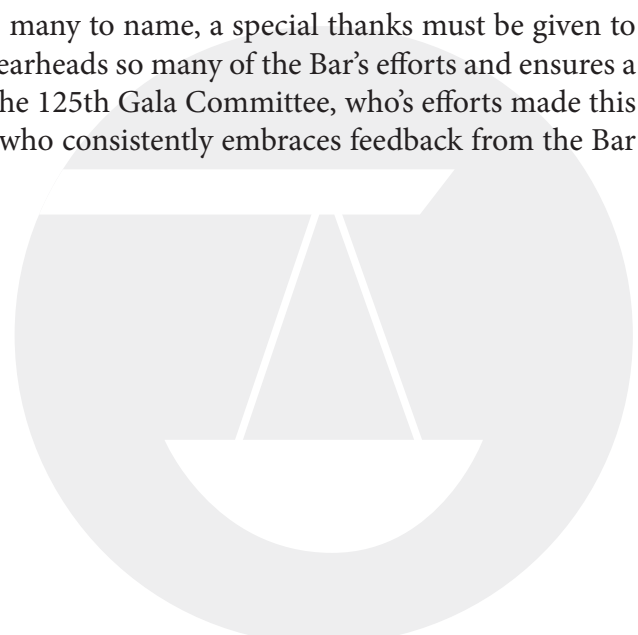
Since its inception, the Franklin County Bar Association has grown nearly fourfold. We continue to perpetuate our mission with a variety of service and educational programs and efforts to promote the ethical and collegial practice of law. Every spring, the Young Lawyers Division hosts a Law Day in which local 8th graders learn about the history of law and legal processes in America, culminating in a mock trial. Members regularly participate in the Wills for Heroes program which provides an opportunity for veterans and first responders to obtain essential estate planning documents at no cost. The biannual Bench Bar conference supplements legal education offered by the Bar and provides members an opportunity to engage and strengthen relationships. In December of 2020, a Standard of Conduct policy was formally adopted into our by-laws, reinforcing the membership's longstanding practice of ethical behavior. The aforementioned programs and efforts are just a few examples of the Franklin County Bar Association's commitment to its mission and service to the community.

We must also celebrate our own Kristen B. Hamilton, Esquire, who is currently serving as the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Vice-President. Next year, Attorney Hamilton will join Edmund C. Wingerd, Esquire and Forest N. Myers, Esquire as PBA Presidents hailing from Franklin County and the Franklin County Bar Association. We have no doubt that Attorney Hamilton, in her signature exuberant and highly proficient fashion, will meet the high bar of leadership set before her.

While the individuals deserving of thanks are too many to name, a special thanks must be given to Amelia Ambrose, our stalwart Executive Director who spearheads so many of the Bar's efforts and ensures a smooth sailing ship; David S. Keller, the Chairperson of the 125th Gala Committee, who's efforts made this evening possible, and President Judge Shawn D. Meyers, who consistently embraces feedback from the Bar and supports its mission.

Let's celebrate!

John B. "Jeb" Keller  
President of the Franklin County Bar Association



# History and Activities of the Franklin County Bar Association

## 1999 – 2024



The FCBA highlights in the last 25 years, since our 100-year anniversary include: 1) its growth in the number of members admitted; 2) the expansion of community outreach initiatives; and 3) the formalization of the Association's by-laws, structure and construction of a Bar headquarters.

In the period from its founding in 1899 with 49 attorneys to the end of its 100th year the Franklin County Bar Association had admitted a total of 238 attorneys, of whom 110 were active dues-paying members. In the next 25 years, 296 additional attorneys were admitted. As of December 31, 2023, the total number of dues-paying members stood at 160.

These statistics probably align with the growth in the population of Franklin County which in 1999 was approximately 125,000 and in 2023 was just short of 160,000 according to the U.S. Census Bureau data.

In the early years of the 21st century, the Franklin County Bar Association began several community outreach programs. Among them was "Stepping Out", a program where attorneys provided lectures to seniors at seven county high schools on topics such as leases, credit rights, marriage license requirements, criminal law, driving laws, and other areas of interest. For several years various attorneys also wrote "Law and You" articles for local newspapers on such topics as immigration, divorce, support, custody, real estate, estates, wills, civil lawsuits, etc.

The Franklin County Bar Association also began the still ongoing annual "Law Day" presentations at the courthouse teaching high school students about the procedures involved in a mock criminal trial and empaneling some of them as jurors.

As part of continuing legal education initiatives, the Franklin County Bar Association held its first bi-annual "Bench Bar Conference" in 1999 and hosted many years of "Lunch and Learn" seminars for members in the Jury Assembly Room. We also partner with the Pennsylvania Bar Institute to offer simulcasts for CLE requirements for members.

On the social front, the Franklin County Bar Association hosted a Fall Golf Outing usually at the Waynesboro Country Club for members that was a highly anticipated party. It included member skits, appearances by Guido Sarducci (Denis DiLoreto), Sandra Day O'Connor (Marty Walker) and other members, including William Kaminski and Ed Steckel, who presented humorous awards and newscasts that roasted members and judges. Members still fondly recall the shared custody award of a split rubber baby doll mounted on a plaque awarded to Judge Eppinger, whose shared custody opinions were numerous.

In the spring, the Bar usually held a members' and spouses' themed dinner dance. The 60's party that featured Motown karaoke and costumed beatniks was one of those highlight occasions. Mark Hammond's "Stayin Alive" dance was truly memorable as was Phil Cosentino wearing Rastafarian braids.

During the last 25 years, the Bar undertook a judicial evaluation process to inform the public of its rating of judicial candidates; hosted Legislators for an annual breakfast; instituted an annual luncheon for past Bar Presidents; held numerous retirement parties for Judges and members; began the Young Lawyer's Division (2007); undertook a Wills for Heroes program; undertook food drives for the Salvation Army; did pajama drives for Franklin County foster children; and organized the bar women to seasonally plant the courthouse security pots.

Other social events included "Bowling with the Judges," a Totem Pole outing, summer picnics including children of Bar members and games for them, dinner with a movie at the Kitochtinny Jailhouse, a blanket drive for first responders to give to children going through traumatic events and a doctors versus lawyers football game (2017 final score Lawyers 53 – Doctors 26).

The Franklin County Bar Association memorial resolution committee writes memorial resolutions for deceased members and convenes a special meeting memorial service for members to provide oral "seconds" to the resolution motion. All past resolutions are printed on our website going back to 1913.



# History and Activities of the Franklin County Bar Association

## 1999 – 2024



An important publication begun in 1977 was the Franklin County Law Journal edited for many years by member Ken Hankins and supervised by a members' board of directors. This published Judge's opinions, bar notices and legal advertisements and became an important source of funding for the Association, which allowed the members' dues to remain low and unchanged for years. It is now edited by the Bar Association Executive Director.

In the 21st century, the Association became a major supporter of Franklin County Legal Services, a pro bono organization, to aid low income clients with civil legal problems. Bar members have generously contributed their arbitration fees to the Franklin County Bar Foundation that supports FCLS, Women in Need and Mid-Penn Legal Services.

In 2005 the Bar Association entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to purchase space for an official Office of the Legal Journal and a Bar office and Law Library on the 3rd floor of the building across from the Courthouse at 100 Lincoln Way East. By this time the Bar had a full-time Executive Director. In addition, the Franklin County Bar Association operated the Franklin County Law Library, a resource for the public and its members. Previously the Franklin County Bar Association had an office from September, 2000, to January, 2005.

The employment of a full-time executive director enabled the Franklin County Bar Association to engage its members in functioning standing committees; to restructure its by-laws, to develop a budget of approximately now \$200,000 for 2024, (\$37,000 in 1999), to establish a Franklin County Bar Foundation; to develop a fee-dispute process; to formulate recommendations to the County for the new courthouse space needs; to develop Covid-19 procedures for the Court and to disseminate a monthly newsletter, "the Causeway," by email to all members. The Causeway's first edition was June, 1999.

The Franklin County Bar Association has been recognized by Pennsylvania Bar Leaders as a vibrant, progressive "model" organization because of the significant involvement of its members in community events. To quote Barry Simpson, recently retired Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Bar Association "the level of member participation and activity of the committees of the Franklin County Bar Association are far and away the best in Pennsylvania." Franklin County has continued the tradition of involvement in Pennsylvania Bar activities, started when Edmund Wingerd was President of the Pennsylvania Bar Association in 1946-1947. Our member, Martha B. Walker, served as chair of the Pennsylvania Conference of County Bar Leaders in 1997. Forest Myers was President of the Pennsylvania Bar in 2013-2014. Kristin Hamilton is the current Vice President of the Pennsylvania Bar and will be its president in 2025-2026. Our new member admission ceremony is attended annually by Pennsylvania Bar leadership. Our county organization has been awarded numerous prizes over the years by the PBA for our various community programs. The Franklin County Bar Association is continually praised for its involvement in community activities and its outreach programs. Our members serve on countless community non-profit boards and unselfishly provide funding and volunteer hours to our pro bono organizations.

Congratulations to the Franklin County Bar Association on its 125th anniversary and for carrying out its mission of encouraging member collegiality, delivering services to the public and the court system, upholding the profession of attorneys-at-law and the honor and dignity of the law, fostering continuing legal education and perpetuating the memory of its deceased members.

Martha B. Walker  
Member since 1974

- Sources:1. Franklin County Bar Association minutes of the Board of Directors, (1999 – 2023).  
2. Franklin County Bar Association monthly "Causeway" publication, (2000 – 2023).  
3. U. S. Census Bureau website.

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for its

## 125 Years of Service

# A Letter from FCB Foundation President



Dear FCBA,

In looking back at the 25 years since the Bar's last anniversary celebration, among the Bar's many noteworthy accomplishments we can include with pride the significant accomplishment of establishing the Franklin County Bar Foundation as the official charitable arm of the Bar Association. We can also take great pride in the way the Bar members and leadership have embraced the mission of the Foundation, as well as what the Foundation has done to further its mission, to improve access to justice for all in Franklin County.

Our Bar's board of directors began discussing setting up a Foundation in 2012, when they were developing the Bar's 5-year strategic plan. Under then FCBA President Clint Barkdoll's leadership, planning for the Foundation progressed quickly, and the FCBA created the FCB Foundation in August 2014. The original members at the first meeting were Clint Barkdoll, Nicole Huffman, Tony Cosentino, LeRoy Maxwell, Jr., Mike Toms, Kristen Hamilton, and Commissioner Dave Keller. FCBA Executive Director Amelia Ambrose was also present.

At the meeting, the members elected Mike Toms President, Nicole Huffman Vice-President, Leroy Maxwell, Jr., Treasurer, and Kristen Hamilton Secretary. The board then resolved to encourage Bar members to make a contribution in honor of President Judge Doug Herman at his retirement celebration which was then being planned. The board also approved a form for Bar members to use for voluntary diversion of arbitration fees to the Foundation. And the board recognized the time and effort of Paul Schemel in obtaining 501(c)(3) status for the Foundation and drafting its by-laws.

In 2015, the Foundation's first full year of existence, it received donations from the arbitration fees of many Franklin County attorneys. In addition, President Judge Herman generously supported the launch of the Foundation at his retirement party, as did many of the attorneys in attendance. As a result, the Foundation raised a total of \$9897 in 2015.

Since 2015, FCB Foundation has received \$25,570 in donated arbitration fees and member donations. The Foundation has also enjoyed the generous and steadfast financial support of the FCBA since that time.

The Foundation has carried out its mission by making \$1000 donations to Women In Need, Franklin County Legal Services, and MidPenn Legal Services in 2018 and 2021. The FCBF also hosted its 1st essay contest in 2023, as part of the FCBA YLD's Law Day program. 1st place was awarded \$200, 2nd place received \$100, and 3rd place received \$50. We hope to continue our mission in a similar fashion but on a grander scale.

To that end, we initiated a \$125,000 capital campaign in 2022 to coincide with FCBA's 125th anniversary. Thanks to your support, the proceeds from the 2022 Bench Bar Conference Silent Auction contributed \$2,200 and last year's 1st Annual Golf Tournament contributed \$6,400 toward the campaign. This year's gala celebration is expected to add another sizeable chunk toward the campaign. We thank you for attending and sponsoring the gala event, and for your continued generosity and support of the FCB Foundation.

All the best,

Dave Keller  
FCBF President

**\$125K for 125 years**   
**Franklin County Bar Foundation's Capital Campaign**



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# Edmund C. Wingerd Jr. Award Winners

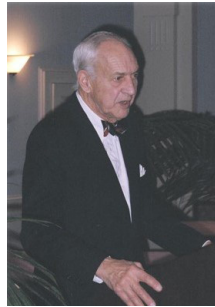


The Edmund C. Wingerd Jr. Award was created in 2002 to honor the integrity, professionalism, discretion, commitment to client and commitment to community that distinguished the law practice of the late Edmund C. “Ted” Wingerd Jr.

An Edmund C. Wingerd Jr. Award recipient is selected every two years by the Franklin County Bar Association, of which Ted Wingerd was a member for nearly 55 years. The winner is selected in September for formal recognition in December.

It is the goal of the Edmund C. Wingerd Jr. Award to recognize those attorneys in the Franklin County Bar Association who carry on the honorable tradition of private client solicitor — someone who thoroughly understands and honors the needs of his or her clients and consistently demonstrates professional and personal deportment in addressing and serving those needs.

Along with those characteristics, Edmund C. Wingerd Jr. Awardees must exhibit a commitment to their community, a commitment to the highest standards of integrity and professionalism in the practice of law, and a recognition of and commitment to serving the needs of the underprivileged.



2002

Thomas B. Steiger



2004

LeRoy S. Maxwell, Sr.



2006

John McD Sharpe, Jr.



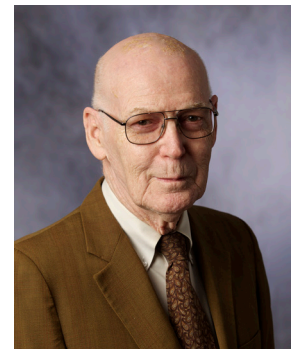
2008

Denis M. DiLoreto



2010

Thomas J. Finucane



2012

Jay L. Benedict, Jr.



2014

Phil Cosentino



2016

Edward I. Steckel



2018

Forest N. Myers



2020

Martha B. Walker  
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2022

Thomas B. Steiger, Jr.



# Attorneys Admitted to Franklin County Bar Association 1899 - 2023

1899

D. Watson Rowe  
 H. Gehr  
 D. O. Gehr  
 Garnet Gehr  
 W. U. Brewer  
 W. K. Sharpe  
 Joshua W. Sharpe  
 J. D. Ludwig  
 J. A. Strite  
 W. J. Zacharias  
 J. R. Ruthrauff  
 Charles Walter  
 John D. Rice  
 H. H. Spangler  
 Horace Bender  
 J.C. Rankin  
 W. O. Nicklas  
 Howard F. Noble  
 J. W. Rodenhafer  
 W.R. Gillan  
 Arthur W. Gillan  
 J. G. Fletcher  
 S. B. S. Stover  
 Isaac I. Wingert  
 W. B. Orr  
 C. W. Suessenott  
 Linn Harbaugh  
 J.M. McDowell  
 T. Z. Minehart  
 E. E. Foust  
 S. F. Huber  
 George W. Atherton  
 William Alexander  
 N. L. Bonebrake  
 W. R. Davison  
 Irvin C. Elder  
 W. T. Omwake  
 A.G. McLanahan  
 George A. Kyner  
 W.R. Keefer  
 John W. Hoke  
 W. S. Hoerner



Loren A. Culp  
 W. F. Holler  
 P. E. Taylor  
 O. C. Bowers  
 D. Edward Long  
 Jeremiah H. Light  
 A. J. White Hutton

1902

W. L. Minick  
 Charles W. High

1905

Charles H. Clippinger

1906

William J. Patton

1907-1909

Walter B. Gilmore  
 William R. Johnston  
 H. Blair Minick  
 William R. Davison  
 Henry P. Fletcher

1913

Thomas K. Scheller

1914

Edwin D. Strite, Jr.

1917

N. F. Keller

1919

Albert Strite

1920

John R. Jackson

1921

Paul M. Crider

1923

Benjamin L. Heefner  
 John McDowell Sharpe

1927

John R. Lashley, Jr.  
 J. Glenn Benedict, Jr.

1930

George E. Wenger

1931

James A. Strite

1932

Stenger Diehl

1933

George S. Black

1935

William C. Hazlett  
 John D. Benedict  
 Daniel W. Long

1936

Rudolf M. Wartime



# Attorneys Admitted to Franklin County Bar Association 1899 - 2023



1937  
Millard C. Ullman  
Chauncey M. Deputy

1940  
J. Stewart Glen, Jr.  
LeRoy S. Maxwell

1941  
Charles H. Davison

1942  
Edmund C. Wingerd, Jr.  
Lawrence C. Zeger  
Edwin D. Strite, Jr.

1946  
Thomas B. Steiger

1947  
Roy S. F. Angle

1949  
George C. Eppinger  
Robert P. Shoemaker

1950  
Thomas J. MacBride

1951  
Thomas H. Humelsine

1952  
Anson B. Good  
John W. Keller  
Paul F. Mower

1953  
Thomas H. Crider

1956  
John McD. Sharpe, Jr.  
Jay L. Benedict, Jr.

1958  
Blake Edwin Martin

1959  
Harvey C. Bridges, Jr.

1961  
Kenneth F. Lee  
Thomas M. Painter

1963  
William R. Davis

1964  
Kenneth E. Hankins, Jr.  
Ernest N. Votaw



1965  
R. Harry Bittle

1966  
LeRoy S. Maxwell, Jr.

1967  
Carson V. Brown  
David Charles Cleaver  
David Lloyd Reichard

1968  
Thomas J. Finucane  
David Steele Dickey

1969  
Joseph L. Doyle  
John R. Walker

1970  
Edwin S. Newlin

1971  
Alan J. Stone  
Richard K. Hoskinson  
Stephen E. Patterson  
Robert C. Schollaert  
Jan G. Sulcove

1972  
Denis M. DiLoreto  
J. Dennis Guyer  
William H. Kaye  
Robert E. Graham, Jr.  
William Kaminski

1973  
Welton J. Fischer  
E. Franklin Martin  
J. Edward Beck, Jr.  
Dennis A. Zeger  
Thomas B. Steiger, Jr.  
Joel L. Zullinger

1974  
Martha Baum Walker  
George S. Glen  
George Franklin Wright  
Donald L. Kornfield  
George E. Wenger, Jr.

1975  
Timothy S. Sponseller  
Timothy W. Misner

1976  
Gregory L. Kiersz  
Edward I. Steckel





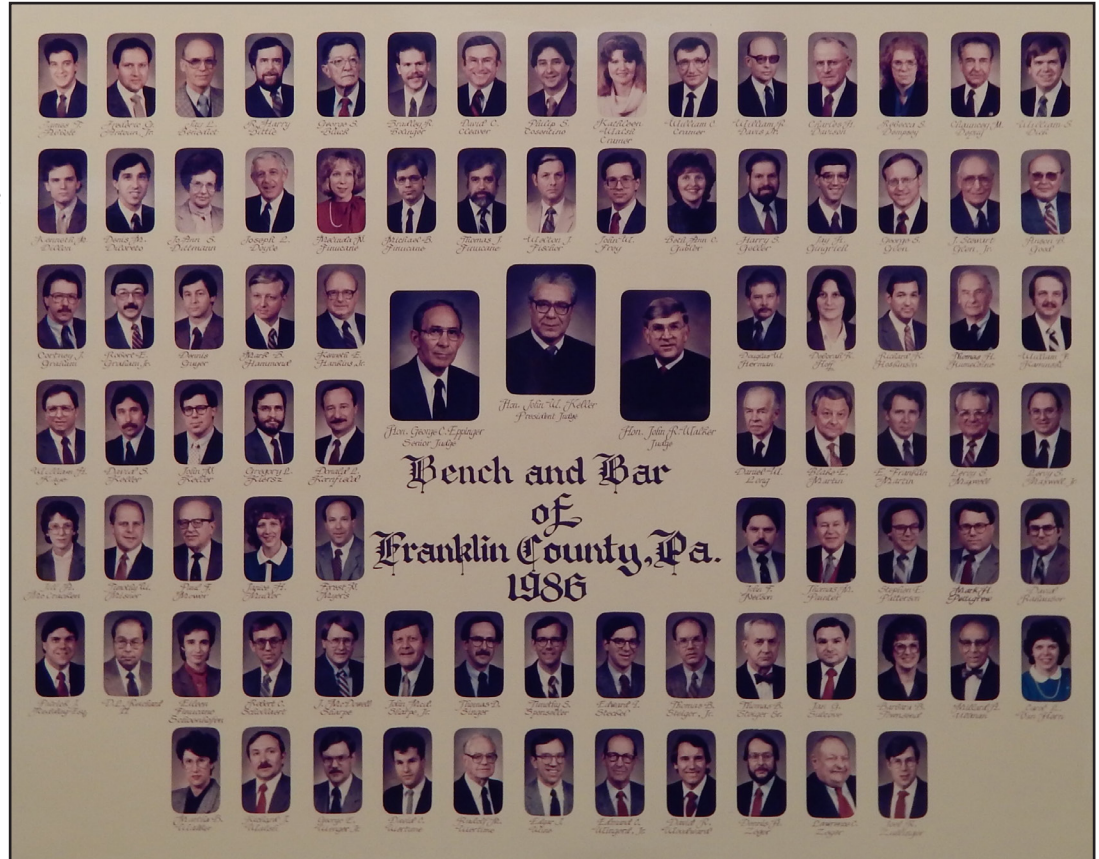
# Attorneys Admitted to Franklin County Bar Association 1899 - 2023

1977

William S. Dick  
 John A. Ayres  
 Barbara B. Townsend  
 Michael Barry Finucane  
 Courtney Graham  
 William C. Cramer  
 David W. Rahausser

1978

Jay H. Gingrich  
 John F. Nelson  
 Frederic G. Antoun, Jr.  
 Kathleen Walsh Cramer  
 J. Edgar Wine  
 John N. Keller  
 Thomas D. Singer  
 Deborah K. Hoff  
 Douglas W. Herman  
 Richard L. Shoap  
 Patrick J. Redding



1980

Philip S. Cosentino  
 Mark H. Pettegrew

1981

Harry S. Geller  
 David R. Woodward

1983

Richard J. Walsh  
 Jill A. McCracken  
 Eileen C. Finucane  
 Melinda N. Finucane  
 Richard Lewis Bushman  
 Merle W. Helsel  
 Forest N. Myers  
 David S. Keller  
 Evelyn W. Bradford

1984

David C. Wartime  
 Kenneth M. Dillon  
 Carol L. Van Horn  
 Rebecca S. Dempsey  
 Janice H. Muller

1985

James F. Abbott  
 Beth Anne Gabler  
 John McDowell Sharpe  
 Bradley R. Bolinger

1986

JoAnn Smith Dittman  
 John W. Frey

1987

John M. Lisko  
 T. A. Dorsett  
 Carolyn Carter  
 Michael J. Toms

Jonathan A. Fenton  
 Theodore R. Hinckley

1988

Jacqueline Corforti  
 Timothy S. Gordon  
 Lynn Y. MacBride

1989

Katrine L. Dunderdale  
 Jeffrey S. Evans  
 Anthony T. McBeth

1990

Joseph A. Macaluso  
 Stephen D. Kulla  
 David R. Breschi

1991

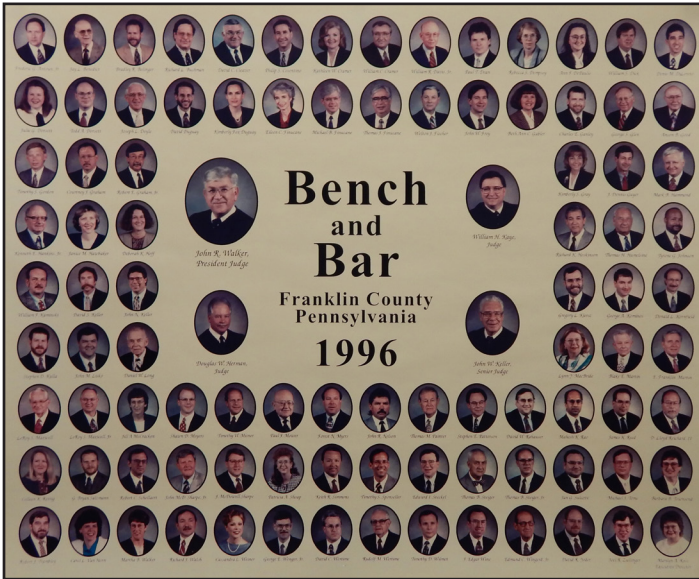
Charles R. Ganley  
 Jacqueline A. Chadwick  
 Mahesh K. Rao

1993

James K. Reed  
 Colleen K. Rettig  
 Todd R. Williams, Jr.  
 David M. Duguay  
 Tyrone Johnson  
 Kimberly Duguay  
 Shawn D. Meyers

1994

Patricia A. Shoap  
 Paul T. Dean  
 Julie Gray Dorsett  
 Robert J. Trambley  
 R. Thomas Murphy  
 George Kominos  
 Kimberly Gray  
 Cassandra Weiner



**1996**  
 David Yoder  
 Timothy David Wilmot  
 Ann F. DePaulis  
 G. Bryan Salzman

**1997**  
 Anne Sheller Johnson  
 Bradley R. Griffie  
 Ann L. K. Hammond  
 Carrie Bowmaster  
 Michelle R. Calvert  
 Anne M. Shepard

**1998**  
 Steven J. Koehler  
 Laurri C. Boyler  
 Michael W. Davis  
 Melanie Zampini  
 Larry Meminger  
 Heather Leigh Zeger  
 Thomas S. Diehl  
 Eric J. Weisbrod  
 Norma J. Kukacs  
 Keith A. Noll  
 Douglas Roeder  
 Christopher E. Sheffield  
 Sandra G. Small  
 John W. Venskus  
 Carol A. Redding

**1999**  
 Nancy H. Meyers  
 Kristen G. Donsen

**2000**  
 Thomas J. Trgovac  
 Clinton Barkdoll  
 Kimberly A. Lewis  
 Melissa K. Dively  
 Eve Gordon Elias  
 Matthew D. Fogal  
 Jacqueline Leder  
 Joe Lipinski  
 M. Teri Hall Stiltner

**2001**  
 Adam Schellhase  
 Sean M. Fitzgerald  
 Candice Baker Leit  
 Mary Lou Matas  
 Sara Ann Grove  
 Beverly H. Rampaul

**2002**  
 Thomas B. McNulty  
 Mark B. Hammond  
 Jeremiah D. Zook  
 Cindy Lou Franke  
 Anne MacDonald  
 Aaron J. Neuharth  
 Andrew J. Benchoff  
 Angela R. Krom

**2003**  
 William Scott Arnoult  
 Elliott Sulcove  
 James A. Fry  
 Richard L. Alloway II  
 Hannah J. Herman-  
 Snyder  
 R. Paul Rockwell  
 Leland C. Clark  
 Bret Alison Palmer

Kevin M. Taccino  
 Maria P. Cognetti

**2004**  
 Todd Steiner  
 Jerrold Sulcove  
 Michael J. Connor  
 Suzanne Miller Trinh  
 Brian C. Bornman  
 Sharele Tucker  
 Laura Kerstetter  
 Jennifer Hoffman

**2005**  
 David F. Spang  
 Abigail J. Salawage  
 Kevin Chernosky  
 Benjamin Lorah  
 Scott Thomas  
 Jennifer S. Newman  
 Mary Beth Shank  
 Ian Brink  
 Joe Curcillo







2006

Anthony J. Cosentino  
 Carol Louise Allingham  
 Jennifer Sarah Green  
 Jeffrey Green Stovall  
 Laura Rebecca Ables  
 Samuel E. Wisner Jr.  
 Kristen B. Hamilton  
 Ann Marie Rotz

2007

David S. Keller  
 Daniel Andrew Pallen  
 Shana M. Pugh  
 Christopher Schellhorn  
 Lauren E. Sulcove  
 Stacy P. Hurt

2008

Hannah Myers  
 Annie R. Gomez  
 Nancy Datre  
 Paul M. Ferguson  
 Steven Nicholas Necaster  
 Christopher L. Reibsome

2009

Deborah Dresser  
 Neiderer  
 Jens Wagner

2010

David R. Erhard  
 Tracy J. Ross  
 Todd M. Sponseller  
 Zachary I. Mills  
 David Drumheller  
 Kyle E. Applegate  
 Michael J. Imbornone  
 Maureen Belluscio  
 Anthony B. Miley



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 Kristin Diller  
 Ashley Gabrielle  
 Sarah Lichter  
 Jared S. Childers  
 Matthew Sembach  
 Nicole Berman  
 Eric R. Augustine  
 Gerard N. Mangieri

2011

Theresa M. Yaukey  
 Matthew N. Stewart  
 Rachel C. Schreck  
 Elizabeth A. Clark  
 Bradley Betack  
 Eric K. Grugel  
 Mark A. Buterbaugh

2012

Victoria P. Edwards  
 Matthew D. Karasic  
 Meghann O. Karasic  
 Stacie A. Hunhoff  
 Lawrence R. Rife, IV  
 Kate C. Lawrence  
 Vittoria D. DiProsero  
 Modesta B. Paris  
 Steven T. Smith  
 Daniel Brigham

2013

Alexandra M. Sipe  
 Katherine Judkins  
 Cayla Eran Amsley  
 Stephen T. Coccorese  
 Jason E. Kelso  
 Melissa L. Kelso  
 Shannon E. Barnett  
 Tammy S. Dusharm  
 Brandon Copeland

2014

Maureen F. Spang  
 Lam D. Truong  
 Rosby M. Carr  
 Krystal J. MacIntyre  
 Jeffrey Hall-Gale  
 Michael W. Harmon  
 Nicole M. Huffman  
 Ricky W. Lewis  
 Tiffany A. Watson  
 Nathaniel F. Spang  
 Tara M. Franklin  
 Casey Bogner  
 Mallary Willatt

2015

Jessica E. Weaver  
 Zachary Rice  
 Erich Hawbaker  
 Daniel Conlon



# Attorneys Admitted to Franklin County Bar Association 1899 - 2023



## 2016

John B. Keller  
 Alexander C. Sharpe  
 Bridget Fitzpatrick  
 Victoria Beard  
 Clark Stiteler  
 Julieanne Bateman  
 Nichole Vito  
 Brian Mains  
 Jonathan Faust  
 Simon Gemerek  
 Vienna Vasquez

## 2017

Geoffrey E. Weyl  
 Thea A. Paolini  
 Kelsie N. Massini  
 Jennifer Sticha  
 Samantha K. Wolfe

## 2018

Adam H. Fennen  
 Brittany R. Henderson  
 Brendan M. Sullivan  
 Laken D. Lynch  
 Justin G. George  
 Brady B. Johnson, IV  
 Sarah K. Ikena  
 Thomas E. Robins  
 Enoch H. Jones, IV  
 Christopher J. Mosebrook

## 2019

Amber J. Chase  
 Amy L. Owen  
 Jason E. Piatt  
 Paul D. Edger  
 Nathan Boob

Jaime Keating  
 William McGinnis  
 Paul Primrose  
 Steven Sess  
 Molly Yingling  
 Robert Kranz

## 2020

Austin J. Langon  
 David A. Frantz  
 Matthew S. Militello  
 Jonah L. Fish-gertz

## 2021

Logan A. Bolinger  
 Berk V. Demiral  
 Eric J. Brunner

## 2022

Allison Marie Freeman  
 Karli M. Huber  
 Nicole S. Miller  
 Rachel M. Hepp  
 John F. Enterline  
 Michael D. Wikoff

## 2023

Michaela E. Zanis  
 Travis A. Carbaugh  
 Kyle D. Thomas  
 Holden E. Sweger  
 Anthony V. Fernando  
 Veronica I. Brestensky  
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2020



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2020



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William F. Kaminski, 2018



Jason Kutulakis, 2016



Richard Lewis "Rick"  
Bushman, 2015



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Honorable John W. Keller,  
2012



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Nicole Faith Berman, 2011



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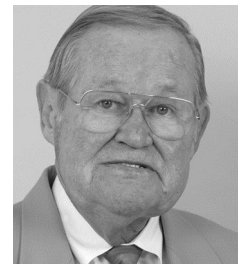
Thomas B. Steiger, 2007



Rudolf M. Wertime, 2007



Paul F. Mower, 2006



Thomas M. Painter, 2005



Gregory L. Kiersz, 2005



Larry K. Meminger, 2005



Kenneth E. Hankins Jr., 2004



Kenneth Lee, 2000



Honorable William Kaye,  
2000

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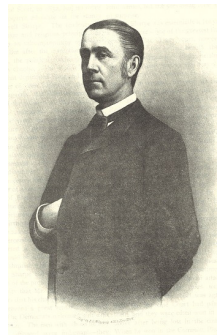
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# Families That Have Practiced Law in Franklin County



“Since our last chat...” Nov. 2016 column in The Causeway by Bar member Barb Townsend, excerpts

I thought I'd give you the Reader's Digest version of the family history, not counting a cousin, Joshua W. Sharpe, Esq., partner in Sharpe, Sharpe and Elder.



*J. McD. Sharpe*  
John McDowell Sharpe portrait from the Biographical Annals of Franklin County, PA published 1905

The first Sharpe attorney in Franklin County was John McDowell Sharpe, Esq., who was admitted to the practice of law in Chambersburg on March 11, 1851. Except for a gap from 1883 until 1889, there has been a family member practicing law in Chambersburg ever since.

J. McDowell Sharpe became the father of Walter King Sharpe in 1863.

Walter K. Sharpe, Esq., was admitted to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas in the February Term, 1889. He then opened an office in Chambersburg with his cousin, Joshua W. Sharpe, Esq., under the name of Sharpe and Sharpe. In 1898, Walter's son, John McDowell Sharpe was born.



1930 FCBA Bench Bar Composite

Joshua W. Sharpe, Esq., the cousin, was the first Sharpe to join the Franklin County Bar Association. He joined May 23, 1899. Along the way, the firm became Sharpe, Sharpe & Elder, and then later, when Joshua retired, Walter continued with Irvin C. Elder, Esq., as Sharpe and Elder.



JOHN McD. SHARPE, JR.  
1956 FCBA Bench Bar Composite

John McDowell Sharpe, Esq., (III, a/k/a Senior), Walter's son, joined the Franklin County Bar and Bar Association on September 25, 1923.

His son, John McDowell Sharpe, Jr., Esq., (really IV, but John) joined March 20, 1956. John practiced law in Franklin County for 58 years before retiring.

John married his wife Marilyn in August 1951. They had three children: John McDowell Sharpe, Esq., V, (Jack, 1956), Peter (1959), and Betsy (1961).

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- Robert E. Graham, Jr., brothers
- Matthew D. Karasic
- Meghann O. Karasic, husband and wife
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- The Honorable John W. Keller, his son
- John N. Keller, his grandson
- David S. Keller, his grandson
- John B. Keller, his great-grandson
- Jason E. Kelso
- Melissa L. Kelso, husband and wife
- Daniel Edward Long, District Attorney
- Daniel W. Long, his nephew
- Thomas J. MacBride
- Lynn Y. MacBride, his daughter

# Families That Have Practiced Law in Franklin County



Jack Sharpe  
FCBA Bench Bar  
Composite 2023

Jack, technically John McDowell Sharpe, Esq., V, joined on December 11, 1985. While he was in college, his now wife, Renee, whom he met in high school, was getting her degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He returned to Chambersburg to work for Sharpe, Wenger and Townsend. Jack primarily devotes his time to litigation, estates and commercial real estate. He has succeeded his father as solicitor for CADC and FCADC.

Jack and Renee, who works part time at Sharpe and Sharpe, have three children: Jessica, Alex and Meghan.

Alexander Cole Sharpe, Esq., joined December, 2016. Alex has joined his father, Jack, in the practice of law at Sharpe and Sharpe.



Alexander Sharpe  
FCBA Bench Bar  
Composite 2023

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Carol Anne Redding, husband and wife  
John McDowell Sharpe  
Walter King Sharpe, his son  
J. McDowell Sharpe, his grandson  
John McD. Sharpe, his great-grandson  
J. McDowell Sharpe, his great-great-grandson  
Alexander C. Sharpe, his great-great-great-grandson  
Joshua Wilson Sharpe, cousin of John McDowell Sharpe

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Patricia A. Shoap, husband and wife  
Lindsey E. Ringquist, their daughter  
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Nathaniel F. Spang, son of David Spang  
Maureen F. Spang, wife of Nathaniel Spang  
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Kristin D. Nicklas, MDJ, sister-in-law of Judge Sponseller  
Thomas B. Steiger  
Thomas B. Steiger, Jr., his son  
J. A. Strite  
Albert Strite  
Edwin D. Strite  
James A. Strite, sons of J.A. Strite  
Edwin D. Strite, Jr., grandson of J.A. Strite  
Jan G. Sulcove  
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Jerrold A. Sulcove, his son  
Lauren E. Sulcove, wife of Jerrold Sulcove  
Millard C. Ullman  
Thomas M. Painter, his son-in-law  
George E. Wenger  
George E. Wenger, Jr., his son  
Rudolf M. Wertime, District Attorney  
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The Honorable Edmund C. Wingerd  
Edmund C. Wingerd, Jr., his son  
Lawrence C. Zeger  
Dennis A. Zeger, his son  
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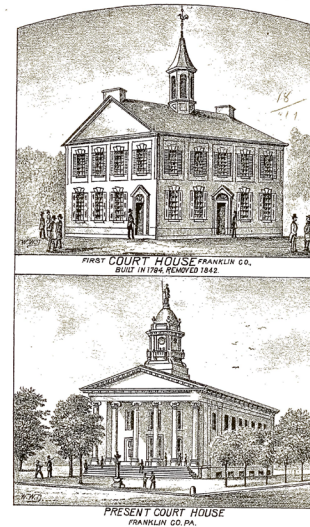
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# Franklin County Courthouse, Through the Years



In 1785, trustees purchased the lots that would become the Courthouse and jail. While the Courthouse was being built, the County rented the second floor of John Jack's tavern. Construction began in 1786 and was finished in 1794. It was a two-story brick building, measured 50 feet by 50 feet, and was located where the steps of the current Courthouse stand.

In 1841, the County purchased more land and began construction of the new Courthouse (pictured). This Courthouse stood for 21 years, until Confederate Soldiers burned the Courthouse and much of Chambersburg, after a failed ransom demand, on July 30, 1864.



In 1865, the fourth Courthouse was rebuilt using the columns and bricks from the burnt Courthouse. In 1902, the Courthouse was expanded.

By the 1970's, the County had an ever-increasing need for space due to an aging Courthouse, offices spread across multiple buildings, and facility deficiencies as reported by the Grand Jury and Bar Association.

Construction of the Courthouse annex began in 1978. In April 1980 the annex opened its doors to the public.



In 2016, the Court raised concerns about security. In 2018, the Court Facility Improvement Project was approved. The Franklin County Judicial Center was completed in November 2021. The new 108,113 square foot Courthouse houses courtrooms, Judges' chambers, secure sally port, Sheriff's Office, Clerk of Courts, Prothonotary, and Court Administration. Renovations to the historic Courthouse were completed in 2022.





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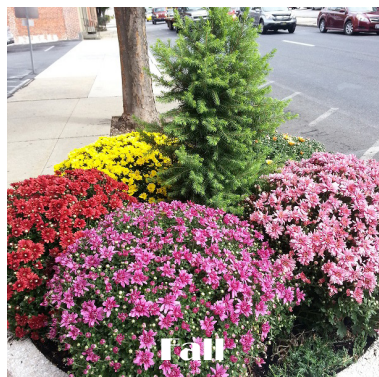
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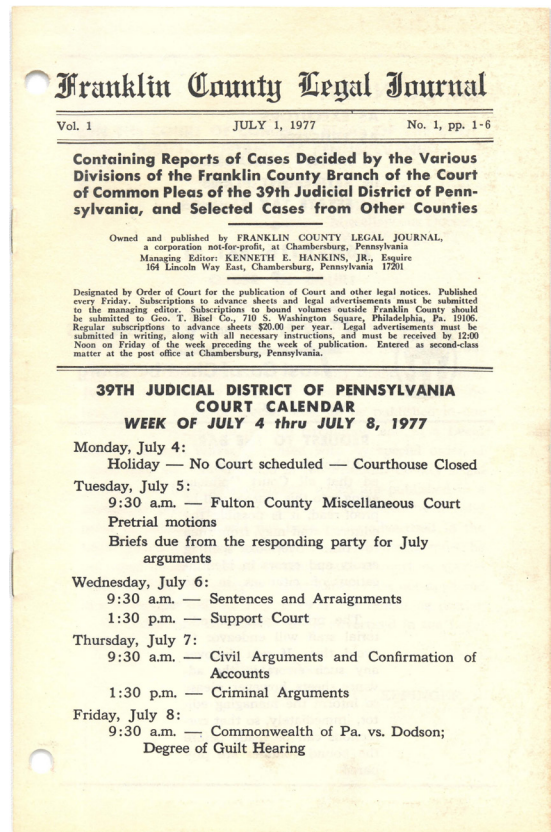
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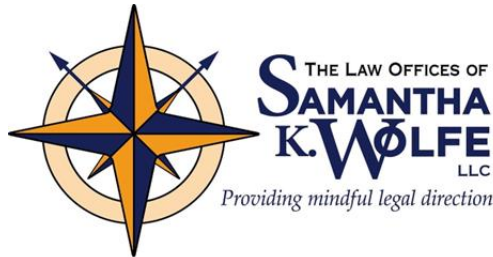
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# Franklin County Bar Association's Executive Directors



In 1994, FCBA hired its first part-time Executive Director, Marilyn Ross. Marilyn served in this roll until 1998. Bonnie Martin, was part-time Executive Director from 1999 until 2000. On May 17, 2000 FCBA employed its first full-time Executive Director, Carolyn Seibert-Drager. Carolyn took over as editor of the Franklin County Legal Journal, and served until July, 2012. Addie Nardi worked as Executive Director from October, 2012 until June, 2013. Our current Executive Director, Amelia Ambrose, had been working as Addie's administrative assistant and Law Librarian since January, 2013. Amelia was promoted to executive director on July 1, 2013.



Carolyn Seibert-Drager



Addie Nardi



Amelia Ambrose



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# The Franklin County Law Library



## **New bar office, law library dedicated Phil Cosentino honored for two years' work in making project a reality *March 2006 Causeway Article***

It was a pro bono case like no other. Countless trips to the courthouse. Hundreds of hours spent researching old statutes, writing memos, meeting with the client and the other parties involved. Negotiations that at times stalled for weeks and even months. In all, it took two years to bring to a close.

When it was finished, the "client" – the Franklin County Bar Association - had a new home, and former bar president Phil Cosentino had a little more free time on his hands.

Phil's two-year odyssey was the focus of the dedication ceremony for the new bar association office and county law library on Sept. 30, 2005. More than 75 bar members and guests listened as his tireless effort was detailed and cheered as - much to his embarrassment - the conference room was christened the Cosentino Conference Room in recognition of his unmatched contribution.



"This is something I never expected to see while I was a member of this bar association," President Judge John Walker said of the bar's new home, located on the third floor of the Heritage Center office complex in downtown Chambersburg. "But Santa Claus brought us quite a present, and our Santa's name is Phil Cosentino."

"If it hadn't been for Phil, we wouldn't be here today, period," then-FCBA President Bill Dick (pictured left with Phil) stated. "He never gave up."

While president in 2003, Phil brought a proposal to the bar association's Executive Committee to purchase the third floor of the office complex- 3,000 square feet of space - from the Chambersburg Area Development Corporation, which at that time was just beginning construction on the building. The general membership endorsed the plan for the association's new home at its annual meeting in December 2003.

Through Phil's work, the proposal eventually evolved into what exists today- the bar association and the law library sharing the top floor of the Heritage Center complex. The purchase and construction costs were paid for through a combination of escrowed bail forfeitures and funds from the county, the bar association and the library.

The bar association provided \$30,000 from its reserves for the project. Both Judge Walker and Bill recounted the many months of negotiation Phil engaged in with county commissioners concerning the bail forfeitures and other funding and with CADC concerning the building itself. CADC ultimately decided not to market the third floor pending the outcome of negotiations with the county, and during construction went ahead and reinforced part of the floor to support the law books, without which the project could not have progressed. That cost was incorporated into the final purchase price.

A memorandum of understanding between the bar association and the county developed by Phil and outlining the financial terms of the project was approved by the court.

The library continues to receive financial support from the county, which currently provides \$78,000 a year, and some of the county's revenue from fines imposed in criminal cases.

For his part, Phil expressed his appreciation for the bar's recognition but deemed it unnecessary. "I certainly wasn't expecting this. It took the work of a lot of people to make this happen."



# Franklin County Legal Services



Brittany Henderson, Esq.  
Executive Director

The Franklin County Bar Association and its members have a rich history of supporting access to justice for all regardless of income. Through establishing a pro bono county wide program in the 1960s to participating in and supporting federal Legal Service Programs (Legal Services, Inc., Central Pennsylvania Legal Services, and Mid-Penn Legal Services), the Franklin County Bar Association and its members have been innovators and staunch supporters of the provision of civil legal services to those unable to afford them. With the consolidation of legal service programs into large regional programs, local attorneys and advocates in Franklin County became concerned that the needs of those living in Franklin County may not be met. There was also concern regarding the increasing restrictions imposed by the Federal Legal Services Corporation on what types of cases federally funded programs could handle. Out of those concerns, and with strong local support, the Franklin County Bar Association with Friends of Legal Services started Franklin County Legal Services, a stand-alone legal services program receiving no Federal funding and therefore not subject to the stringent, restrictive representation rules of the Federal Legal Services Corporation.



Michael McKeon, Esq.

On March 1, 2002, Franklin County Legal Services officially opened its doors with long time Franklin County legal services attorney, Mahesh Rao, serving as its Executive Director and sole staff attorney. The agency occupied two rooms at the corner of Lincoln Way and South Main in Chambersburg in an office building provided by Central Presbyterian Church. Present at the first Board of Directors meeting were: Phil Cosentino – President, Becky Dempsey – Vice President, Sam Gillespie – Treasurer, Lynne Woehrle – Secretary, Thomas B. Steiger, Carolyn Seibert-Drager, Executive Director of the Franklin County Bar Association, Mahesh Rao, Harry Buck, Esther Buck and Carolyn Carter. While early financial support was provided by the Franklin County Bar Association, Friends of Legal Services, and the Stewart Foundation, that financial support grew tremendously over the years to include Franklin County (Prison Services Contract), Chambersburg Borough (Block Grants), and the United Way. As the organization grew and further established itself, it began to receive funding from the Pennsylvania IOLTA Board, supporting further expansion of the organization and its work, including immigration matters.



Terez A. Varkonyi, Esq.

Franklin County Legal Services recently celebrated its 20th anniversary during which time it grew from one attorney to four along with three support staff. Over that 20-year period, the organization provided assistance in over 12,000 matters, all the while staying true to its mission statement that “each case matters”. The organization continues to seek ways to expand its services, programs and funding sources to support the needs of the community it serves.



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# 100th Anniversary Gala - May 14, 1999



Nearly 135 FCBA members and guests celebrated the centennial in style during the anniversary gala Friday, May 14, in the Waynesboro Country Club.

With entertainment by the Cumberland Valley School of Music Jazz Quintet to begin and end the evening's festivities, the gala included a welcome by President Carol Van Hom, invocation by Rudolf Wertime, senior member of the FCBA, and a champagne toast by President Judge John Walker and Phil Cosentino, chairperson of the Centennial Committee.

Carol Redding, the newest member of the association at the time of the gala, cut the anniversary cake after the candles were extinguished by Judges Walker, William Kaye, Douglas Herman and Richard Walsh; Senior Judge John Keller; and the current FCBA officers.

The event also featured the premiere of the centennial video, produced by Lynn MacBride, chairperson of the FCBA Centennial History Committee.





# 2000 Fall Social



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# Resolution Establishing the Franklin County Bar Association, 1899

The members of the Bar of Franklin County, Va. met at the Court-House Chambersburg, Va. May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1899 at 4 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of forming a Bar Association -

Present, Judge Rowe, H. Gehl, D. C. Gehl, Gamet Gehl, W. W. Brewer, W. K. Sharpe, J. H. Sharpe, J. D. Ludwig, J. Q. Stute, W. J. Gacharias, J. R. Rutledge, Charles Walter, John D. Rice, H. H. Spangler, Horace Beukler, J. C. Rankin, W. C. Nicholas, Howard F. Noble, J. W. Rodenhafel, W. R. Gillan, Arthur W. Gillan, J. S. Fletcher, S. C. Stover, Isaac J. Kruger, W. B. Orr, C. W. Fuessenott, Linn Harbaugh, J. W. M<sup>rs</sup> Dowell, J. G. Minchact, E. E. Foust, S. F. Huber, Geo. W. Atherton, William Alexander, A. L. Bonelake, W. R. Davison, Ivin C. Elder, W. J. Cunnake, A. G. M<sup>rs</sup> Kanahard, Geo. A. Kyner, W. R. Keefer, John W. Hoke, H. S. Hoemer and Lorenz Guley -

On motion Hon. D. W. Rowe was elected Chairman by acclamation -

On motion Lorenz Guley was elected Secretary by acclamation -

J. D. Ludwig Esq. offered the following resolution -

Resolved First - That a Bar Association be organized by the members of the Franklin County, Va.

Second - That the Chairman appoint a Committee of seven members of the Bar to draft Constitution, By Laws and Rules for the government and management of the proposed Bar Association, that the Committee so appointed shall make a report on the Thursday following the next June Orphans Court at 2 o'clock P.M. and that the Chairman of this meeting be Ex. Officio a member of this Committee.

After discussion which was taken part in by H. Gehl, W. R. Gillan, J. D. Ludwig, W. K. Sharpe, William Alexander and Judge Rowe the resolution was unanimously adopted and the following Committee appointed by the Chairman, J. D. Ludwig, H. Gehl, C. B. Bowles, W. R. Gillan, W. W. Brewer, W. K. Sharpe and W. J. Cunnake

On motion adjourned to meet Thursday June 29<sup>th</sup> at 2 P.M.

Attest.

Lorenz Guley  
Secretary

D. Watson Rowe  
Chairman



# Constitution of the Franklin County Bar Association, 1899

## Constitution of the Franklin County Bar Association.

### I.

This association shall be known as the Franklin County Bar Association, and shall be composed of practicing attorneys of the Franklin County Bar on the Court's list, who shall sign the Constitution and pay a membership fee of Two Dollars.

### II.

The object of this association is to promote the administration of justice, to uphold the honor and dignity of the Bar, to cultivate cordial intercourse among its members, and perpetuate the memory of those deceased.

### III.

The officers of the Association shall be a President a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and an Executive Committee of seven.

### IV.

The annual meeting for the election of officers shall be held on the day after the stated October Court in June, at 3 o'clock P.M. Officers shall be elected to serve for one year and until their successors are elected. Ten members of the Association shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.



