

STECKEL AND STOPP COMPLETES OVER 62 CONSECUTIVE YEARS AS SOLICITOR FOR THE
BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

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The Law Offices of Steckel and Stopp, which maintains two office locations within the Borough of Slatington has recently completed over 62 consecutive years of legal representation of the Borough. Initially the firm founder, Attorney William A. Steckel commenced representation in 1953. Attorney Steckel went on to become President of what was then the Slatington National Bank and Trust Company, served many terms in the Pennsylvania State Legislature, served as President of the Lehigh County Bar Association and on the Board of Governors of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. The attorneys and staff support local businesses which assists the local economy.

The firm has grown to include five attorneys who are in the municipal law sector of the firm providing legal counseling to local governments and other municipal entities.

Current and/or past governmental/municipal clients include:

1. The Borough of Slatington
2. The Slatington Borough Authority
3. Weisenberg Township Board of Supervisors
4. Weisenberg Township Planning Commission
5. Weisenberg Township Zoning Hearing Board
6. Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors
7. Lowhill Township Planning Commission
8. Lowhill Township Zoning Hearing Board
9. Heidelberg Township Board of Supervisors
10. Heidelberg Township Planning Commission
11. Heidelberg Township Zoning Hearing Board
12. Lynn Township Board of Supervisors
13. Lynn Township Planning Commission
14. The Joint Planning Commission of Lehigh and Northampton counties (now known as the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission)
15. East Penn School District (special counsel for disciplinary hearings)
16. North Whitehall Township Zoning Hearing Board, conflict counsel for zoning case
17. Upper Macungie Township Board of Supervisors, special counsel relating to Jaindl rezoning request
18. Northern Lehigh Area School District
19. Northern Lehigh School Authority
20. Northampton Area School District
21. Upper Milford Township Zoning Hearing Board, conflict counsel
22. Carbon County Tax Collection Committee
23. Northwestern Receptions Commission
24. Upper Macungie Township Zoning Hearing Board

While serving Slatington Borough, the Firm and/or its principals provided pro bono legal services and/or reduced charge legal services and/or financial support to a host of community organizations including:

1. The Northern Lehigh Historical Society
2. The Slatington Volunteer Fire Department
3. The Rails to Trails within and around the Borough of Slatington
4. The Slatington Public Library
5. Attorney Steckel, through his partnership known as ROGERS donated what had been the 5 and 10 cent store to the Slatington Public Library
20. The donation by Attorney Steckel of 49.87 acres of land to the Slatington Borough to enhance and protect the Borough watershed
21. Boy Scout Committee Member for Troop 66
22. Serving on the Executive Committee of Minsi Trails Council
23. Serving on the Kutztown University

6. The Northern Lehigh School District Foundation
7. Sponsor of the breakfast with Santa program held holiday seasons at the Northern Lehigh School District
8. The Walnutport Canal Association (including sponsoring yearly functions such as the hay ride),
9. The Gathering – typically underwriting the cost of certain events at The Gathering
10. The Northern Lehigh Food Bank including financial Sponsorship to the Second Harvest Food Bank in Allentown (which supplies the Northern Lehigh Food Bank at very reasonable costs)
11. Slatington Boy Scout Troop 66
12. Underwriting the cost of food for Boy Scout Troop 66 Scout House work parties
13. Minsi Trails Council Boy Scouts of America including serving on the Endowment committee and making gift annuities to the endowment fund
14. Financial support to the Northern Lehigh Community Center Incorporated
15. Krista Hankee Scholarship Fund
16. Pro bono speaker on national radio station, WDIY 88.1 FM on various topics of community and legal interest
17. Lehigh Gap Nature Center, Inc.
18. Financial supporter Northern Lehigh High School Musical/play bill supporter
19. The firms “Friday Dress Down Fund” has Benefitted the following organizations or people:
Northern Lehigh Food Bank \$375.00
Bill and Dorothy Yanett \$130.00
Community Fire Co. #1 North Whitehall \$750.00
Slatington Library \$750.00
Northern Lehigh Student Council – needy families \$425.00
Slatington Volunteer Fire Company \$675.00
24. Serving on the Kutztown University Arts Committee
25. Providing financial support to Kutztown University relative to scholarships for students from the Northern Lehigh School District
26. Being a sponsor of the annual Mallory Bomboy softball tournament
27. Supporting the Slatington West End Playground Programs
28. The Emerald Fire Company
29. Supporting various local charity golf tournaments
30. Sponsor for the Victory Park disc golf contests
31. Donating uniforms to support urban boy scouting programs
32. Having served on the local Nancy Reagan Affiliate of Drug Free America
33. Borough of Slatington Sesquicentennial Silver Sponsor
34. The annual Boyer Bowl – charity fundraiser
35. Cities in Schools events sponsorship
36. Veterans of Foreign Wars
37. American Legion Post 16 Slatington Pennsylvania, volunteer service officer to help veterans
38. Northern Lehigh Swimming Pool, Inc.

When asked to attempt to summarize local involvement, a representative of the firm stated that the firm has nearly complete knowledge of just about every aspect of the Borough of Slatington’s operations and maintains a database of files spanning nearly 60 years and has been honored to have served the local community and its various organizations to enhance the quality of life for many years. It is hoped that the tradition of community interest and community service will be continued.

For those who may have an interest in learning the amount (and third party verification) of charitable and community support, request can be emailed to frontdesk@steckelandstopp.com.