

## **Steckel and Stopp Celebrates 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

The Law Offices of Steckel and Stopp originated 70 years ago with its Founder, Attorney William A. Steckel. A graduate of Dickinson College, and Dickinson School of Law, Attorney Steckel established his “neighborhood” law practice in his hometown of Slatington, Pennsylvania with his office located on Main Street, as it is to this date. Attorney Steckel’s affiliation with the U.S. District Court of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, U.S. District Court of the Middle District of Pennsylvania and the U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals, as well as his diligent dedication to his clients contributed to the Firm’s growth and the eventual addition of then Junior Partner, now Senior Partner, Attorney Charles W. Stopp. Attorney Steckel was a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, a position he held for six terms. He also served as President of the Lehigh County Bar Association, a member of the Board of Governors of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and as President of the former Slatington Bank and Trust Company.

Throughout the ensuing years, the Firm’s clientele grew to encompass townships, school districts, local and regional financial institutions, boroughs and municipal authorities and the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission. Steckel and Stopp, while regularly serving business and professional clients in the financial and estate planning areas, has always prided itself on its service to its extensive generational representation of families.

The original Main Street location houses Partner, Attorney Charles W. Stopp, Partner, Attorney Keith W. Strohl, and Of Counsel Attorney, William Zaun, formerly a District Justice for Lehigh Township.

To serve clients more effectively, three satellite offices have been established over the years. Since the Firm has extensive experience in Estate Administration practice, a satellite office located at the Slatington Borough Hall Complex, South Walnut Street, Slatington, was opened to house the Estate Administration Department. Since its opening in 1994, the satellite office has grown to include Partner, Stephen A. Strack.

Attorney Strack also practices in the Firm’s newest location on Main Street in Northampton.

The Parkland office located along Route 309, Schnecksville, Pennsylvania near the Lehigh Carbon Community College serves clients generally located in the mid and southern Lehigh Valley areas. The Schnecksville office was developed seven years prior to Attorney Steckel’s retirement in 1993 and is under the supervisory direction of Partner, Attorney Charles A. Waters.

The Parkland Office also houses the Firm’s title insurance company, Lehigh Settlement Services, in operation since 1988 serving the greater Lehigh Valley, including Northampton County along with Berks, Carbon, Monroe and Schuylkill Counties.

Recently an affiliation has been established with the Law Office of Attorney Mary Ann Snell in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Although Attorney Steckel is deceased, Partners Charles W. Stopp and Charles A. Waters take pride in the staff whose efforts and expert knowledge have maintained the practice continuously for 70 years. In the interest of continuing longevity, new Partners Steven A. Strack and Keith W. Strohl plan to continue quality legal services to the many clients of the firm and support the staff.

The Firm has grown to include four full time attorneys, several of counsel attorneys, the affiliation with long time Northampton County Attorney, Mary Ann Snell, eight (8) paralegals, six (6) legal assistants, the Office Manager, Accounts Administrator, Controller, as well as miscellaneous support staff.

Finally, the firm would like to honor the attorneys who have had past affiliations with the firm, along with the late Attorney Steckel who are no longer with us. Those include, Attorneys Randall W. Snyder, Wallace H. Webster, Jr., Alfred K. Hettinger, and Frank M. Skrapits.

The Firm's profile is presented on its website at [www.steckelandstopp.com](http://www.steckelandstopp.com).