

The Honorable Mark A. Kearney

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The Honorable Mark Kearney's efforts in the Archbishop Wood and entire Southeastern Pennsylvanian community have resulted in over twenty national, state and local awards, capped by his beloved Wood's selection of him as a member of its Hall of Fame. Since his graduation from Wood in 1980, Judge Kearney went on to be the first college graduate in his family, earning his B.A. in Economics and English with honors, and then his J.D. from Villanova University in 1987. Following law school, he served as a judicial clerk for the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware.

Following his clerkship, Judge Kearney joined Elliott Greenleaf & Siedzikowski, where he practiced law for over 27 years, and became a managing and hiring shareholder. A member of the Delaware and Pennsylvania Bars, Mark Kearney work's concentrated in litigation with special emphasis on the representation of business owners, investors, directors and officers. He was repeatedly elected (2011-2015) in a statewide poll of lawyers and judges as a Top 100 lawyer in Pennsylvania and Philadelphia. Benchmark Litigation selected him as one of only 50 "Litigation Stars" in Pennsylvania for 2013 and 2014. In addition, the Montgomery County Bar Association honored Judge Kearney as the 2014 Trial Lawyer of the Year. In December 2014, President Barack Obama commissioned Mark A. Kearney as the one-hundredth district court judge in the nation's first federal trial court. With this election, Judge Kearney became the first person elevated from the practice of law in Montgomery County directly to a federal trial or appellate court. Along with his incredible judicial career, the honorable Mark Kearney has been a large part of many organizations. Judge Kearney serves as the President of the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, and founder and chairperson of the Welcoming Center for New Pennsylvanians. He presently serves on Villanova Law School's most distinguished Board of Consultors, and served as the 2009 President of the Montgomery Bar Association and 2010-11 Chairman of the Montgomery Bar Foundation. He coached back-to-back little league baseball champions and started a thriving charity baseball tournament. Judge Kearney also has represented dozens of abused boys and girls in trials through the Montgomery Child Advocacy Project, and was a longtime director of Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania.

For exhibiting qualities of judicial greatness for over thirty years, we are proud to welcome Mark A. Kearney into the Archbishop Wood Hall of Fame.