

O'CONNOR LAW

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Newsletter

New Year, New Name, Same Attorneys at Law

Starting January 1, 2020, Michael J. O'Connor & Associates officially changed their name to O'Connor Law. Since our firm was founded in 1989, our name has been Michael J. O'Connor and Associates. Our firm is happy to include Michael J. O'Connor's daughter and son, Mary Kathleen and James, as official and licensed attorneys. Therefore, our name has been officially changed and updated to celebrate the addition of the O'Connor family to our outstanding staff.

For over three decades, O'Connor Law has been working directly with our clients to give them the rights that they deserve. Since the beginning of our firm, we have further expanded our staff and practices in order to meet the expectations and needs of our clients. Our firm prides ourselves on our expert Social Security, Workers' Compensation, and Personal Injury departments.

Our Practice Areas

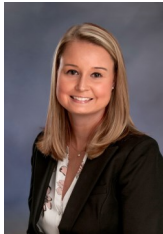
- ◆ Workers' Compensation
- ◆ Social Security Disability
- ◆ Personal Injury
- ◆ Traffic Violations
- ◆ Motorcycle Accidents
- ◆ Premises Liability / Slip & Fall
- ◆ Auto Accidents
- ◆ Wills, Estates, & Elder Law

New Reading Office Address



Recently, our office in Reading has been relocated to a new address, 606 North 5th Street #4 Reading, PA 19601. This location will serve as the new home for Million Dollar Advocate Forum Member

Attorney David Miller and three-time Rising Star Attorney Valeen Hykes. To also mention, David Miller is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell. In addition to our Reading Office, our firm has 17 other offices. O'Connor Law is proud to serve the community of Reading and to offer a convenient space to meet with our clients.



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Allentown, PA 18106

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Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

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24 W Main St
Bloomsburg, PA 17815

Chambersburg
550 Cleveland Ave
Chambersburg, PA 17201

Frackville*
608 W Oak St
Frackville, PA 17931

Harrisburg
330 E Park Dr
Harrisburg, PA 17111

Hazleton
1201 N Church St #220
Hazleton, PA 18202

Lancaster
1853 William Penn Way
Lancaster, PA 17601

Lock Haven
333 N Vesper St
Lock Haven, PA 17745

Marlton, NJ
10000 Lincoln Dr E #201
Marlton, NJ 08053

Pittsburgh
301 Grant St #4300
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Reading
606 N 5th St #4
Reading, PA 19601

Scranton
116 N Washington Ave
Scranton, PA 18503

State College
119 S Burrowes St
State College, PA 16801

Stroudsburg
731 Sarah St
Stroudsburg, PA 18360

Sunbury
106 Market St
Sunbury, PA 17801

Wilkes-Barre/Kingston
26 Pierce St
Kingston, PA 18704

Williamsport
460 Market St #205
Williamsport, PA 17701

Our Office Locations



*Our principal office.



Voting season is quickly approaching. During this time, it is important for people to register to vote. In elections, every vote matters. A person has the power to not only make the decision to vote for themselves, but also for their country. As one of the most important American rights, voting allows citizens to voice their opinions and make a change in today's society.

To register to vote in Pennsylvania, people can complete a form in person or through the mail. For more information about the eligibility requirements for voting, visit the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections' website at www.cor.pa.gov/



Attorneys Michael J. O'Connor and Gerald Mullery Receive Prestigious Honors

Michael J. O'Connor, founder of O'Connor Law, has been named a Super Lawyer by Thomson Reuters for the seventeenth continuous year. Achieving the title of Super Lawyer is a prestigious honor in legal professions. Attorneys that have been given this title represent the top 5% of attorneys in a state. Super Lawyers are chosen by both their peers and private research conducted by Law & Politics. Also, Attorney O'Connor is recognized by Best Lawyers for 2020. Michael J. O'Connor practices in numerous areas, including Workers' Compensation and Personal Injury. As a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum, O'Connor has built a strong, reliable identity in the professional legal field for the past 33 years.

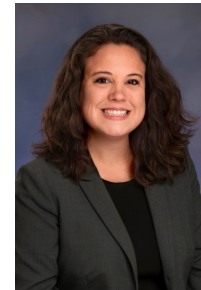
Gerald J. Mullery has also been recognized by Best Lawyers for 2020. Attorney Mullery is a Representative in Pennsylvania's General Assembly. Since 2011, he has represented the citizens of the 119th Legislative District, located in Luzerne County. In addition, he is involved with the Northumberland County Bar Association, Knights of Columbus, Ancient Order of the Hibernians, Huber Breaker Preservation Society, and the Good Shepard Academy Athletic Association.

Attorneys Reaching New Heights

This year, William A. Kovalcik Jr., has been awarded with the prestigious honor of one of the Best Law Firm Mentors in 2020. The Legal Intelligencer has observed individuals throughout the state of Pennsylvania in order to make their final decision. To also mention, Attorney Kovalcik is a Certified Workers' Compensation Specialist Attorney. This official title is only granted to a few attorneys in Pennsylvania. O'Connor Law is proud to have our attorneys receive these outstanding awards and honors, as well as expanding their practice to new areas.

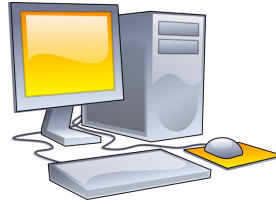


This year has been a very exciting year for O'Connor Law. Our staff and firm are honored to have received multiple distinguished and reputable awards. Along with our extensive success record as a firm, two attorneys have extended their practices and capabilities to new states. Attorney Steven Yurkonis became licensed to officially practice in New York. He also has been honored in The National Trial Lawyers Top 40 Under 40. Attorney Mary Kathleen O'Connor has extended her practice to the state of New Jersey. In addition, she has been named to The National Advocates Top 40 Under 40.



Closing Our Office Doors, Opening Our Computer Screens

Since the beginning of this year, COVID-19 has spread throughout the United States and the world. The World Health Organization (WHO) declared the disease a global pandemic on March 11, 2020. Two days later, the United States declared the Coronavirus outbreak a national emergency. As a result, our offices had been relocated from working in person to temporarily online. However, we did not rest during this unusual and unexpected time. Our firm has always been able to work remotely, and we're working hard to answer your calls and help you with your legal troubles. Unlike most firms, we conducted business as usual through emails, phone calls, and video conferences.



As restrictions were lifted by the Pennsylvania Government, we have begun to progressively bring our staff back through our doors. Although we are not able to open our office completely to clients in-person, we are currently offering consultations over the phone with our licensed attorneys and are willing to conduct online meetings through video chat services.

Adhering to the laws set by our state government, our employees are wearing face masks and distancing to ensure the safety of our employees, firm, and clients. O'Connor Law is happy to announce that we have remained fully operational during these uncertain times and will continue to do so with any change that the future brings. We are staying optimistic and positive during this time and are waiting patiently to invite you into our offices in the future!

O'Connor Law's Rising Stars

Our attorneys, Valeen D. Hykes and James M. O'Connor, have earned the title of Rising Stars for 2020. This is Valeen's third year on the Rising Stars List, and it is James' first appearance. In order to become nominated for the Rising Stars List, an attorney must be no older than the age of 40 or have been practicing law for no more than 10 years. Our attorneys are included in the top 2.5% of lawyers in the state that have been added to the Rising Stars List. Attorneys Valeen D. Hykes and James O'Connor have also been named to The National Trial Lawyers Top 40 Under 40. Our firm is very proud of our team of attorneys, and we cannot wait to see the incredible accomplishments they will achieve in the incoming years.



O'Connor Law Donates to the Frackville Area Fireworks Committee

On August 25, 2020, O'Connor Law delivered a check to the Frackville Area Fireworks Committee in support of their annual firework display. Founded in 2012, the Committee restored the tradition of an annual firework display in Frackville and has continued this event for eight years. This year, the show occurred during Labor Day weekend, Saturday, September 5, 2020. Through donations from local fundraisers and donors, such as our firm, the Frackville Area Fireworks Committee hopes to keep their tradition alive for many years to come!



Attorney Mary Kathleen O'Connor presenting a check to Zachary Chernewski, a member of the Frackville Area Fireworks Committee.

Recipe Corner

Orange Fluff Salad

Patti's Recipe

Ingredients

- ◆ 1 small box orange jello
- ◆ 1 small box instant vanilla pudding
- ◆ 1 cup boiling water
- ◆ ½ cup ice
- ◆ 1 tub of cool whip defrosted
- ◆ 1 can of oranges
- ◆ ½ cup of mini marshmallows

Directions

In a large bowl, slowly mix together the orange jello and boiling hot water. Continue stirring for 1-2 minutes until the jello is fully dissolved. Next, add the ice to the jello mixture and stir again until the ice is melted. Let the jello mixture chill in the refrigerator for 20 minutes.

Remove the dish from the refrigerator and whisk in the vanilla pudding. Place back into the refrigerator for about another 20 minutes to allow it to thicken. Then, take it out again and fold in the cool whip, oranges, and marshmallows. Be extremely cautious not to overmix. Put it back into the refrigerator to cool for 2 hours.

Garnish with fresh orange slices and enjoy!



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Founded in 1989, O'Connor Law is a professionally licensed and accomplished law firm. For thirty-one years, the firm's first and foremost objective is to support their clients through their legal matters and ensure that their rights and entitlements are legally and appropriately settled. Our firm has received numerous accolades for our superior work. We are also honored to say that O'Connor Law has been named Best Law Firm 2020 by US News & World Report, an American media establishment that publishes articles, news, rankings, and analyses of a variety of topics. In order to become eligible for this award, a law firm must have at least one attorney that has been honored in the current edition of *Best Lawyers* for their practice or metro area. Once an application is received, the law firm and their attorneys are then ranked into tiers and categories that comply with their experience, knowledge, and practice areas.

O'Connor Law not only practices Social Security and Personal Injury, but also Workers' Compensation, Auto Accidents, and Wills and Estates. They have an outstanding case success record and are constantly updating and innovating strategies to give clients the best experience and knowledge on their case. With 17 satellite office locations throughout the states of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, O'Connor Law is a distinguished name that clients can trust and rely on to win their case.

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