

**“WORKING HARD FOR INJURED WORKERS
ACROSS PENNSYLVANIA!”**



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Echoes of the past linger amidst thick black coal dust in an old anthracite drift mine. The clank of rusted iron shackles does not erode the memories of struggles and sacrifices endured by determined anthracite labor organizers in the 1860s and 1870s. The shackles once worn by a fearless leader are indeed a remnant linking the past to the present. Entrenched in this early labor movement history, Michael J. O'Connor revels in the legacy left behind by the Molly Maguires; a group of anthracite pioneers who fought to improve working conditions in coal mines and to end Irish exploitation. In a 1995 mock jury trial using modern day standards of due process, O'Connor successfully defended "Black Jack" Kehoe, dubbed "the King of the Mollies", who fatefully wore the infamous shackles prior to his 1877 execution for the alleged crime of conspiracy to kill.

O'Connor takes great pride in the heritage of his coal mining community. As the son and grandson of working men, he saw coal workers and their families devastated by uncompensated work injuries. The lessons gleaned from the plight of the Mollies inspired O'Connor to found his law firm with the goal of protecting the rights of not only injured coal workers, but all injured workers.

DEDICATION: O'Connor is a graduate of Villanova University and Thomas M. Cooley School of Law. With its principal office located in Schuylkill County, Michael J. O'Connor & Associates has numerous offices throughout Pennsylvania including Allentown, Reading and Bala Cynwyd. All total, the firm serves clients in a twenty-five county area. O'Connor dedicates his practice to representing injured workers and does not represent employers or insurance companies. O'Connor has developed a strong reputation in the workers' compensation field and fellow attorneys and unions frequently make referrals to him.

LEADING THE FIGHT: O'Connor proactively fights to change the laws and attitudes that continue to suppress injured workers today. As a board member of the Workplace Injury Litigation Group (WILG), O'Connor works on national and state levels to advance just and fair remedies for victims of occupational injury and disease. With the so-called "Workers' Compensation Reform" movement in full force, O'Connor believes it is crucial to protect the rights that leaders of the early labor movement sacrificed so much to secure.

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