
JAMES F. CAWLEY—BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

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Commissioner James F. Cawley, Esq. was appointed to the Bucks County Board of Commissioners by a panel of Bucks County judges on Jan. 5, 2005 and sworn into office on Jan. 18, 2005. He was elected to a four-year term in November 2007. Commissioner Cawley held the position of chairman of the Board of Commissioners in 2006 and 2008.

Commissioner Cawley began his political career working in state government, serving as chief of staff to state Sen. Robert M. Tomlinson (R-6), where he was responsible for the operations of the Harrisburg and Bucks County district offices. In addition, as chief of staff, he served in an advisory position on policy issues and worked on special countywide projects, such as economic development.

Between 2001 and 2004, he was an associate with the law firm of Rudolph, Pizzo and Clarke LLC, and is currently a special counsel at Saul Ewing LLC.

Commissioner Cawley long has been active in charitable and civic affairs in Bucks County and is an advocate for environmental protection. He is a former member of the board of directors for Lower Bucks Hospital, a former member of the Bristol Township School Board, a former trustee of Bucks County Community College and a former Commonwealth trustee of Temple University.

He currently serves as vice president of community relations for the Bucks County Council, Boy Scouts of America and is a member of the Board of Advisors for both St. Mary Medical Center and Conwell-Egan Catholic High School. Additionally, Commissioner Cawley sits on the boards of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission and the Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority. He is also on the board of directors for the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania and chair of the Energy, Environment and Land Use Committee. Commissioner Cawley is a member of the Bucks County Bar Association, and is on the board of trustee's for their Charitable Foundation. He is also on the board of directors for the Bucks County Transportation Management Association (TMA).

In February, 2009, Commissioner Cawley formed and currently co-chairs the Bucks County's Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB). The board unites influential members of the county community in the common goal of strengthening business initiatives, implementation and marketing.

In addition, Commissioner Cawley is a member of various Irish-American organizations including Bucks County's St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee.

A graduate of Bishop Egan High School, Bristol Township, he holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Temple University, College of Arts and Sciences, and graduated cum laude. Commissioner Cawley received a juris doctorate degree from Temple University, School of Law.

He and his wife, Suzanne, reside in Middletown Township.

