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Tate Announces Candidacy for Register of Wills Local Leader Runs for York County Row Office Position

Long-time York community leader Bryan Tate today announced his candidacy for York County Register of Wills and Clerk of the Orphans' Court. Noting his years of service in government leadership and administration, expertise in charitable giving strategies working with estate planning professionals, and private sector experience as a small business owner, Tate is seeking the Republican nomination in the Primary Election on May 21, 2019.

"I am excited to announce my candidacy for York County Register of Wills," Tate said. "I look forward to putting my passion for service to others to work for the residents of our community, putting my skills to work with the team in the Register of Wills Office."

Tate is President and owner of Building Unrestricted, LLC, a consulting firm dedicated to serving Community Foundations and nonprofit clients across the country, advising them on strategies to grow their discretionary assets to build a permanent civic endowment to address the greatest needs of the community. Born and raised in York County, he is a graduate of Spring Grove High School, and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Communications from Temple University.

Tate is a recognized leader in York and in central Pennsylvania. Having served for more than a decade as Chief of Staff to former Congressman Todd Platts in both the PA House of Representatives and the U.S. House of Representatives, Tate built relationships in the White House and other Congressional Offices as well as with other civic and community leaders in central Pennsylvania. In Congress, he led a staff of 18 and oversaw Platts' offices in York, Gettysburg, Carlisle and Washington. Platts is now a Judge in the York County Court of Common Pleas.

Before running his business, Tate was the lead fundraising professional as Vice President and Chief Development Officer at York County Community Foundation. As a member of the management team for fourteen years, he provided leadership to guide the broad vision of the Foundation while raising millions of dollars working with York County estate planning professionals to engage donors finalizing their wills and estate plans.

"Being fortunate to work in the private, public and nonprofit sectors, I bring multiple experiences to leading the office that helps all of us in York County at the end of our life," Tate said. "My work building relationships with estate planning professionals throughout our community provides me a unique perspective in overseeing the administration of estates in the Courthouse."

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Leading the community and region through community service, Tate is the President of Rotary Club of York, the 25th Largest Rotary Club in the World. He's the immediate Past Chair of the York County Estate Planning Council, the first nonprofit leader to be elected Chair, and he serves as the Program Chair of Leave A Legacy York County.

Tate is Past Board President of Central PA Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) and has led HOBY both locally and nationally for 25 years. A 12-time recipient of HOBY International's Outstanding President Award, he also received Central PA HOBY's David H. Baker, Jr. Volunteer of the Year Award in 2006. In 2013, Tate was selected as the Grand Marshal of the 30th Annual York Saint Patrick's Day Parade. He is the founder of the Spring Grove Alumni Chorus and served on the first board of the Spring Grove Area Scholarship Foundation. He serves on the board of the Four Chaplains Legion of Honor in York.

"I've never been one to sit back and simply enjoy all that York has to offer," Tate said. "My parents taught me at a young age to roll up my sleeves, get involved, and be a part of making our community great." Tate and his husband Ralph Serpe live in the Downtown East neighborhood of the City of York. He is the son of Pete and Linda Tate of West Manchester Township. His brother David Tate and his family reside in the West York Area School District.

Current Register of Wills Bradley C. Jacobs recently announced his decision to not seek re-election after serving five terms in office. Jacobs will retire at the completion of his current term, which ends January 2020.

For more information about Bryan Tate or the Tate for Register of Wills campaign, or to volunteer or contribute, refer to the campaign website at www.TateForRegisterOfWills.com.

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The York County Register of Wills is primarily responsible for the administration of estates and to act as an agent of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Revenue in the collection of inheritance taxes. The Clerk of the Orphans' Court oversees proceedings of the Orphans' Court including maintaining dockets and files for petition of incapacitated persons, appointment of guardians, adoptions, and issuing marriage licenses. The Register of Wills/Clerk of the Orphans' Court has been an elected position since 1839.

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