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## **Tate Announces Tate for Register of Wills Committee**

### **Local Leaders Serve as Key Volunteers for Tate Campaign**

Long-time York community leader Bryan Tate today announced the formation of his campaign committee. Named "Tate for Register of Wills," the committee is being led by key volunteers in an effort to advance Tate's message to all voters in York County. Tate announced in January that he is running for York County Register of Wills and Clerk of the Orphans' Court.

Jody Anderson Leighty, Esq., is serving as Tate's campaign chair. Leighty is a partner of Stock and Leader Attorneys at Law and chairs the firm's Real Estate Group with a focus on residential real estate and agriculture. A native of Southern York County, she also practices in the areas of wills, estate planning and estate administration. A graduate of Clemson University and William and Mary's Marshall Wythe School of Law, she has been recognized as one of the region's "Women of Influence" and was recognized as Central Pennsylvania's "40 under 40 Business People."

Leighty is a Board member of the Southern Branch YMCA, a Grant Committee member of the York County Bar Foundation, a Distribution Committee member of York County Community Foundation, and is a member of the Kennard-Dale Music Boosters. She previously served as a Board member of Farm and Natural Lands Trust of York County and as an officer of the Junior League of York.

Charles Wurster, MBA, is serving as Treasurer of Tate for Register of Wills. Wurster is a Credit Officer at York Traditions Bank and has served in community banking for 23 years. A graduate of Penn State University, he holds an MBA from Duquesne University. Wurster serves as a Springettsbury Township Supervisor, holding the title of Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. He was previously a member of the Springettsbury Township Planning Commission.

Wurster is Chairman of Bankers Settlement Services-Capital Region, LLC, and is a member of the PA Bankers Advocacy Committee. He is a Past President of Rotary Club of York-East, and previously served as a Board member of Leadership York. Wurster is a Past President of York County Republican Club and previously served on Republican State Committee.

G. Steven McKonly, Esq., is serving as Vice Chair of Tate's committee. McKonly has practiced law in Hanover for more than 40 years, with his primary practice work focusing on estate planning and estate administration. A graduate of University of Virginia and Dickinson School of Law, McKonly is a Board member of Hanover Hospital and Homewood at Plum Creek, as well as its parent organization Homewood Retirement Centers, Inc.

McKonly is a Past President of the York County Bar Association, Past President of Hanover Rotary Club, and a Past Consistory President of Emmanuel United Church of Christ in Hanover. He has served on the Boards of York County Community Foundation, the Hanover Area YMCA, Hanover Library and the York County Library System.

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Linda Tate is the Assistant Treasurer of Tate for Register of Wills, and the mother of candidate Tate. A resident of West Manchester Township, she is the former Director and Head Teacher of the Center for Young Children pre-school. Having attended Indiana State Teachers College, now IUP, Mrs. Tate is retired from Valley Products Company in New Salem.

Mrs. Tate is a former member of the Board of School Directors of the Spring Grove Area School District. While raising her sons, she volunteered as PTA President, Cub Scout Den Mother, Youth Group leader, Sunday School Superintendent, and served on Church Council. Mrs. Tate is a Past President and Political Director of the Women's Republican Club of York County, where she was recognized as York County Republican Woman of the Year.

The committee will run a grassroots campaign to engage voters in York County focusing on Tate's experience building relationships with estate planning professionals and building awareness around the need to have a will and the value of including charitable bequests. "It's an honor to serve as chair of the Tate for Register of Wills committee," said Attorney Leighty. "Bryan and I have worked together for years at York County Community Foundation engaging citizens in conversations about leaving a charitable legacy in York County and supporting the good work of our local organizations rather than sending Inheritance Tax dollars to Harrisburg. Bryan is a natural relationship builder, and his experience has been building a strong York County for years."

The Tate for Register of Wills committee will also focus on Tate's more than a decade of government administration experience as Chief of Staff to Congressman Todd Platts. "Bryan Tate is a real leader in our community," said Wurster. "I've been proud to serve along side Bryan as leaders of our respective Rotary clubs, as well as the many years we've volunteered in the political arena. Bryan's government leadership experience is vital to taking the helm of the Register of Wills office. York is extremely fortunate to have someone of his caliber stepping up."

Born and raised in York County, Tate has volunteered in leadership positions in local, regional, state and national organizations, including his current service as President of Rotary Club of York, the 25<sup>th</sup> Largest Rotary Club in the World, as Past Chair of the York County Estate Planning Council, and as Program Chair of Leave A Legacy York County. "Bryan not only lives in our community and works in our community, but he also uses his personal time to serve our community as a volunteer," said Attorney McKonly. "As someone who values servant leadership, I think Bryan is a role model for many. He's an enthusiastic leader in every aspect of his life, and he'll lead the Register of Wills Office very well."

The Pennsylvania Primary Election is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 2019. 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](http://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.*