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Tate Announces Re-election for Register of Wills Local Leader Runs for Second Term

Long-time York community leader Bryan Tate today announced his re-election bid for York County Register of Wills & Clerk of Orphans' Court. Noting his successful first term in the role and his years of service as a people connector, community influencer, and experienced government and nonprofit leader, Tate is seeking the Republican nomination in the Primary Election on May 16, 2023. Tate was elected to the role of Register of Wills & Clerk of Orphans' Court on November 5, 2019, and was sworn-in on January 3, 2020.

"I am proud to announce my re-election bid for York County Register of Wills," Tate said. "I look forward to continuing to work with the great team in the Register of Wills & Clerk of Orphan's Court Office. We made great strides this term in increasing customer service and citizen accessibility, and I look forward to accomplishing even more."

Tate is a recognized leader in York and in central Pennsylvania. He served for more than a decade as Chief of Staff to former Congressman now Common Pleas Court Judge Todd Platts in both the PA House of Representatives and the U.S. House of Representatives. In addition, 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.

Born and raised in York County, Tate is a graduate of Spring Grove High School and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Broadcast Journalism from Temple University.

Having taken office just before the surge of the Covid-19 pandemic, Tate stepped up to keep his new office open for business even when York County, Pennsylvania, the country, and the world were shutting down. He put his leadership skills to work for York's legal community and all citizens of York County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Within days of the Coronavirus shutdown, he added an electronic payment system and created virtual processes for constituents to probate estates and apply for marriage licenses. In addition, he opened his electronic case management system to the internet so constituents could access public documents online. For the past three years, Tate has been holding Register

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of Wills hearings virtually so that heirs and witnesses who live in other parts of the country can participate rather than forgo their interests in an estate being reviewed.

Additional accomplishments Tate lists during the tenure of his first term include:

- Hired Spanish-speaking staff to ensure accurate information sharing and improved customer service
- Led the effort to convince the PA Department of Health to update Adoption forms and Marriage License applications to make them consistent with the practices of each county in PA
- Identified efficiencies to decrease office spending and save taxpayer dollars
- Instituted “The Front ROW” regular Enews to keep York County attorneys, accountants, bankers, insurance brokers, and investment advisors abreast of important changes and topics of interest for the field
- Continues to partner with the York County Bar Association to host “Breakfast with the Register” annual event to brief York’s legal community about current topics of interest in the Orphans’ Court and Register of Wills
- Launched the annual York County National Adoption Day Ceremony to recognize people and organizations who promote fostering and adopting children who need a family and a home – the event congratulates a new York County Adoption Advocate of the Year annually
- Elected by his statewide peers to the Executive Board of the Registers of Wills and Clerks of Orphans’ Court Association of Pennsylvania – appointed to the Association’s Legislative Committee and as a delegate to the Pennsylvania State Association of Elected County Officials
- Named Host of the 2024 Summer Conference of the Registers of Wills and Clerks of Orphans’ Court Association of Pennsylvania
- Named by York County Commissioners as Chairman of the York County Commission of America250PA, Pennsylvania’s partner to celebrate the U.S. Semiquincentennial in 2026

“I’ve never been one to sit back,” Tate said. “There’s always room for improvement.” Reflecting on the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic, Tate said, “My prior experience working with attorneys and other professional advisors helped me understand the need to keep my office running while everything was shutting down around us. My years of serving constituents taught me that when there’s a crisis, people need your support more than ever. My team and I learned how to do things differently, and we realized our new processes are efficient and serve people better. I’m excited to do more. And, I’m honored to serve the people of York County.”

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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