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County of Berks – Press Release

Passing of Berks County Judge Paul M. Yatron

Reading, PA— 12/06/2022 — The 23rd Judicial District of Pennsylvania/Berks County Court of Common Pleas is confirming the sudden passing of President Judge Emeritus Paul M Yatron.

On behalf of the Court, President Judge Thomas G. Parisi offered the following statement: “This is a tremendous loss for our legal community and to all citizens of Berks County. He treated all litigants with dignity and respect. On behalf of the Court, we offer our deepest condolences to family, friends and colleagues of Judge Yatron.”



Judge Paul M. Yatron

President Judge Parisi has ordered all courthouse flags to be flown at half-staff. Governor Wolf has also directed that all Commonwealth flags in Berks County to be flown at half-staff in observance of Judge Yatron’s passing.

The Berks County Commissioners and County Administration officials also extend their deepest condolences to Judge Yatron’s family and friends during this difficult time.

“Judge Yatron may have been one of the hardest working judges I’ve known,” Commissioners Chair Christian Y. Leinbach said. “He had a reputation for arriving very early and being prepared for his cases. He had a strong personality and one rarely had to question where he stood on important issues. He knew the law and he had a demeanor that was the epitome of a judge. I worked with him during his tenure as Berks County President Judge and understand the tremendous value he brought to the Berks County Court of Common Pleas. His presence, wisdom and work ethic will be missed.”

Judge Yatron received a bachelor's degree in political science and history from Dickinson College in 1973. He then received his Juris Doctor from Creighton University School of Law in 1976. Judge Yatron was an Assistant District Attorney for the Berks County District Attorney's Office and subsequently served as First Deputy Attorney General for the PA Office of the Attorney General and partner at Mogel, Speidel, Bobb & Kershner and joined the bench in 2006.

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