



**JONATHAN K. "J.D." DEL COLLO**

Jonathan K. "J.D." Del Collo was born in Reading and grew up in Mount Penn. He is a graduate of Antietam High School and a 1995 graduate of American University in Washington, DC, where he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science and minored in public administration and pre-law. In 1996, Mr. Del Collo was chosen to serve as Executive Assistant to City of Reading Mayor Paul J. Angstadt, the first "Strong Mayor" under Reading's new home-rule form of government.

In 1999, Mr. Del Collo accepted the Office Manager position in the Berks County Recorder of Deeds Office, eventually rising to the positions of 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy and, in 2003, Chief Deputy Recorder of Deeds. In 2006, Mr. Del Collo decided he wanted to utilize more of his pre-law and political science knowledge and accepted a position as Chief Deputy Prothonotary for the County of Berks, working under Prothonotary Marianne R. Sutton. Mr. Del Collo assisted Prothonotary Sutton in implementing important initiatives with the Prothonotary Office including an automated cashiering system (2006), a new case management system (2013), e-filing (2014) and the judicial filing of documents (2015).

On October 3, 2016, Prothonotary Marianne R. Sutton retired from public service. On October 4, 2016, Mr. Del Collo was sworn in by Berks County President Judge Paul M. Yatron as Acting Prothonotary of Berks County. On November 7, 2017, Mr. Del Collo was overwhelmingly elected to a full four-year term to the office and was sworn in as the 56<sup>th</sup> Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of Berks County on December 29, 2017. On November 2, 2021, he was re-elected Prothonotary without opposition.

Since taking office, Mr. Del Collo has aggressively worked to digitize the Prothonotary Office's historical and naturalization records. Over the course of his first term (4 years - 2018-2021) more than 750,000 pages of historical and naturalization records were digitized. Further, by creating efficiencies in the office, positions were eliminated through attrition, saving Berks County's taxpayers more than \$750,000 during his first term.

Using technology to communicate with his office's customers and Berks Countians was another major goal of Mr. Del Collo's when he took office. As a result, the Berks County Prothonotary's Office became the first Prothonotary Office in Pennsylvania to launch a mobile app in June 2019.

In June 2018, at the annual conference of the Pennsylvania State Association of Prothonotaries and Clerks of Courts, Mr. Del Collo was honored by the Association as its "Honoree of the Year."

Mr. Del Collo's public service began when he was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Antietam School Board in the late 1990's and was elected in 2001 to the Mt. Penn Borough Council, serving until 2003. He also previously served as a member of the City of Reading Ethics Board.

Mr. Del Collo's interests include history, politics, baseball, heraldry, genealogy, and music. He is a current member of the Board of Trustees of the Berks History Center and a former member of the Board of Directors of the Reading Symphony Orchestra. He is also a former member of the Board of Directors of the Berks Opera Company.

Mr. Del Collo has taught genealogical classes for Reading Area Community College (RACC) and the Wyomissing Area Education Foundation. Currently, he is at work on a book about the life of Anthony Mirena, AKA "Tony Moran," who was the overlord of organized crime in Reading in the 1930's and 1940's.

Mr. Del Collo and his wife, Rebecca M. Gordon, reside in Greenfields in Bern Township with their feline children.