Thornburg Resident Patricia L. Dodge Takes Over as President of Allegheny County Bar Foundation

Dodge is Managing Partner at Pittsburgh Firm Meyer, Unkovic & Scott

PITTSBURGH – Attorney Patricia L. Dodge has been elected President of the Allegheny County Bar Foundation. Her two-year term officially began July 1 and will end on June 30, 2019.

“All individuals should have equal access to the justice system and legal representation, regardless of their income level, community status, or any other reason,” said Dodge. “That’s what the Allegheny County Bar Foundation is all about. Our organization is dedicated to promoting ‘justice for all’ through an array of charitable programs and pro bono efforts. It is an honor to now lead those efforts as President of the ACBF.”

A trial attorney with more than 35 years of experience as a commercial litigator, Dodge is the managing partner with downtown Pittsburgh-based law firm Meyer, Unkovic & Scott. She replaces Rick Weidman, who completed his term as ACBF President on June 30.

“It would be difficult to envision a more ideal individual to be president of the Allegheny County Bar Foundation,” said Weidman. “Patti is a prominent attorney – a managing partner at a major Pittsburgh law firm – yet she has invested countless hours providing pro bono legal services to those in need. Behind the scenes, she has been very instrumental in the success of the ACBF. From fundraising to helping to direct our charitable programs, Patti has been a major asset for the ACBF. Now, with her at the helm, all of us involved with the ACBF expect the organization to reach new heights.”

One of Dodge’s primary goals for her term as president is to grow the ACBF’s endowment to help ensure that the charitable efforts of the organization continue not only in the short term, but for years to come. Additional goals include increasing the ACBF’s public profile and growing the organization’s impact in the community.

“The programs we provide are designed to benefit the general public,” she said. “We, as lawyers, have a responsibility to provide pro bono services to help those in need. We’re a legal organization, but we support programs and services that reach out to all facets of the community so that those in need have a place to turn.”

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About Patricia L. Dodge

A Scott Township native, Dodge obtained a bachelor of science degree in from the Pennsylvania State University in 1974 and her juris doctorate from the Duquesne University of School of Law in 1981.

Dodge has been a commercial litigator in the Pittsburgh region for her entire legal career. She is a partner at Meyer Unkovic & Scott, where she became its Managing Partner in 2012. She focusses her practice on complex commercial litigation, oil and gas disputes and employment-related matters. She has tried lawsuits to verdict in both state and federal court and also represents her clients in domestic and international arbitrations. Dodge also frequently mediates private disputes and lawsuits pending in both federal and state court.

Dodge is admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania and before the United States District Court for the Eastern, Middle and Western District of Pennsylvania, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court.

She has been involved in numerous facets of the ACBF during her career. She is an ACBF Patron and is a member of the ACBF Executive and Lawyers Fund Committees, among other roles.

A member of the Allegheny County Bar Association, Dodge is a member of the ACBA Civil Litigation Section, Women in the Law Division and Finance Committee.

Dodge is also active in other legal organizations. She is a Fellow with the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, the American College of Trial Lawyers and the Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County, formerly serving as president of that organization. She's also a Hearing Officer with the Disciplinary Board of Pennsylvania.

In addition to her legal work, Dodge has been involved in an array of community and charitable endeavors. She is presently on the Board of the National Aviary and formerly held elected office as the Council President of Thornburg Borough. Dodge and her husband, fellow attorney Howard Schulberg, live in Thornburg, a small community near Robinson Twp.

Additional New Officers

In addition to Dodge serving as President, the Allegheny County Bar Foundation also announced the following officers for 2017-18: Rick Wiedman will serve as Immediate Past-President, Jennifer Andrade will serve as Vice President, Paul Gitnik will serve as Secretary and Jessica Crown will serve as Treasurer.

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About the ACBF

Incorporated in 1980, the Allegheny County Bar Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is the heart of Pittsburgh’s legal community. The Foundation operates a variety of charitable, educational, pro bono, and public service activities.