



# Allegheny County Council

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Proclamation recognizing the Classic Events! 5th Annual Salute to Legal Excellence honorees.

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Ralph P. Watson stepped away from public life to create Classic Events! Public Relations knowing small business is the foundation of any local economy. He successfully connects entrepreneurs to decision makers, community stakeholders, and elected officials thus accelerating business development and growth; and

**WHEREAS**, Watson further enhances the infusion of small business by hosting a trilogy of market specific events created to forge relationships, empower underserved segments, and educate and inform our region of the power of small business. This effective platform creates access and exposure for entrepreneurs while enhancing the socio-economic development of our region. Watson, via Classic Events!, remains an advocate for entrepreneurs as he produces the Award-winning PCTV business/public affairs cable show "Classic Events! Entrepreneur Network"; which provides another platform to showcase any Organization, Business, or Product of Service; and

**WHEREAS**, dedicated to the loving memory and inspiration of Shirley L. Watson, the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Classic Events! Salute to Legal Excellence Dinner/Formal Gala will be held October 19, 2019. This prestigious recognition will be bestowed upon a diverse group of individuals who represent various levels of the legal profession. They include:

Aaron Allen, Pennsylvania State Trooper; Bryan C. Brantley Esq., Partner at McGuire~Woods LLP.; Lauren Darbouze Esq., Lauren Darbouze Law Group; Lee Merritt Esq., Merritt Law Firm LLC.; Kimberly D. Moses Esq., Senior Associate Counsel for Health and Sciences Research at University of Pittsburgh; Bethany L. Notaro Esq., Notaro, Calabrese & Epstein PC.; District Magistrate Mik Pappas; District Magistrate Oscar J. Petite; David J. Shrager Esq., Shrager Law Offices; Natalie Snyder Esq., Natalie Snyder Law; Katherine Leech Vollen, Stephanie T. Anderson, Christine Matthews Long, and Aimee L. Burton, The Law Firm of Vollen, Anderson, Long; and Ross A. Watson Jr., Allegheny County Violence Prevention Program Manager.

**WHEREAS**, respectfully recognizing the civic, social and humanitarian efforts of these legal

professionals through their extensive experience in varied areas of law, Classic Events! salutes each for their combination of skill, character and integrity brought to this vocation; evidenced through their impressive careers which often follows a dual trajectory; and

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that I, Allegheny County Council Member Tom Baker, do hereby commend and recognize the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Classic Events! Salute to Legal Excellence honorees.

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF***, I have hereunto caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019.