



Hall of Fame INDUCTEE

2022



Leonard Fornella

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1971

Leonard Fornella is a life-long South Fayette resident, attending the former Morgan Elementary School for Grades 1-6, then South Fayette Jr.-Sr. High School (now the Middle School) for Grades 7-12, where he graduated as valedictorian in 1971.

During high school, Len was an outstanding member of the band, and he was chosen by audition to participate in the Mid-East All-Star Band, District Band and the School Band of America (for both the United States and European tours). Len was also a member of the Student Council, National Honor Society (President), Key Club (Vice President), Newspaper Staff, and Yearbook Club. He had lead roles in several class plays, and participated in basketball and baseball. He was also the recipient of the American Legion Award.

Len graduated from Penn State in 1975 *summa cum laude*, with a B.S. from the Honors Accounting Program. He then graduated from the University of Pittsburgh Law School and has since been a practicing attorney in Pittsburgh, admitted in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, the United States Supreme Court and various federal district and appellate courts. Len has earned a Martindale-Hubbell Preeminent AV rating from his peers and was recognized as a PA Super Lawyer and as a 2023 Best Lawyer in America.

Since 2014, Len has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and a Member and Emeritus Member of the Board of Directors of the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America – Western Pennsylvania/West Virginia Chapter since 2004, serving as Chairman of the Board in 2012 and 2013. He has also been on the Board of Directors of the British-American Business Council and the Pittsburgh Maritime Club, and a past member and President of the South Fayette Township Board of Standards.

Len has served continuously for 42 years as a member of the South Fayette Township Board of School Directors, serving variously as the President, Vice President and Treasurer of the Board. He also acted for many years as the Attorney Advisor for the High School Mock Trial Team. Len appreciates that he has been able to help oversee the transformation of the South Fayette Township School District from a small rural school district to the top academic district in the region.

Len is married to the former Sandra Monaco, also a life-long resident of the township. They have two beautiful daughters, Cara and Christa.