



CAMDEN COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION

BENJAMIN ASBELL MEMORIAL AWARD

Benjamin Asbell was born in 1909 in Camden and attended Camden High School. Upon graduation he was admitted to the first class at South Jersey Law School (later Rutgers Law School) in 1927. Upon graduation he had to wait to take the Bar Examination because he was not yet 21 years old. He took the Bar and passed in 1930, opening a practice in Camden. He practiced for the next 57 years during which time he served as an assistant Camden County prosecutor and the head prosecutor from 1958, until 1960 when Prosecutor Mitchell H. Cohen was appointed to the bench. He was the youngest President in the history of the Camden County Bar Association in 1949, and remained such until his son, Samuel Asbell, became President in 1983. Benjamin Asbell was a superb, well respected practicing attorney until the day he died, actually trying a divorce case two weeks before his death at age 77.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

Two scholarship awards of \$1,000 each. One of the awards is restricted to a day or evening student at the Rutgers-Camden School of Law who is a resident of South Jersey and is not a first year student. Applicants must also demonstrate genuine financial need, scholastic ability, and a history or desire to work in the areas of law enforcement and/or the administration of justice. The second of the awards will be given to a student at any of the following law schools: Rutgers-Camden, Rutgers-Newark, Penn, Seton Hall, Temple, Villanova, or Widener.