



## CAMDEN COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION

# DANIEL B. TOLL MEMORIAL AWARD

**Daniel B. Toll** was a Lawyer, Banker, Developer, Philanthropist, and Humanitarian. Born and reared in Camden, New Jersey, he worked, during his teenage years in his father's tailor shop. After serving during World War II, he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Finance and opened a professional accounting practice. Never satisfied, Danny went to law school at night, eventually earning his law degree and starting a Law Practice in the City of Camden. At the time of his death, he was still the Senior Partner of the successor law firm, Toll, Sullivan & Luthman.

In the early 1960's, he, along with a small group of civic-minded volunteers, helped found John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital which has grown from a 100-bed hospital to a multi-hospital system with acute-care divisions in Stratford, Cherry Hill and Washington Township, NJ and which has been nationally recognized for its clinical performance and which is now part of Thomas Jefferson University. Additionally, Danny established Fidelity Bank & Trust Company, and served as its Board Chair from founding until it was acquired by UJB/South which ultimately became part of the Bank of America. Danny famously exulted that he "never lost a dollar lending money to young lawyers" seeking to start their own practice.

Moreover, Danny was recognized as the man who brought the Fortune 500 to Cherry Hill. He developed, built and financed numerous office buildings along Kings Highway, helping turn sleepy Delaware Township into the regional powerhouse, Cherry Hill, that was nationally recognized for its planned development. The Tenants attracted to Danny's office buildings were well-known companies who fueled the growth of the Township's reputation and tax revenues to support a superior educational system, making Cherry Hill the place to live.

Not ignoring public service, Danny served as Chair of the Finance Committee for William Cahill's successful governor campaign and thereafter served as a Commissioner on the Delaware River Port Authority. During his term as President of the Camden County Bar Association, Danny engaged the first Executive Director of the Association, Jay Strasberg.

Finally, Danny was officially thanked and publicly honored by the State of Israel during a ceremony in Cherry Hill which recognized him for his life-long commitment to humanitarian values and his unfailing generosity. Upon his death in 1984, The Jewish Community Center established the annual Daniel B. Toll Humanitarian Award to be given in recognition of exemplary leadership qualities, generosity and commitment to service.

### **SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA**

A scholarship of \$1,000 to be given to a law student who is not in his or her final year of study. Applicants should be a resident of South Jersey preferably in Camden County and have shown a commitment to the area in charitable, humanitarian, and community service activities.