



CAMDEN COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION

HON. JOSEPH W. COWGILL MEMORIAL AWARD

Joseph Cowgill was born and raised in Camden, graduating from Camden High School and then from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School and its law school. Upon graduation, he opened a Camden law practice. He became very involved in local politics, serving as a Camden County Freeholder, Camden County Surrogate, New Jersey State Assemblyman and ultimately a New Jersey State Senator. As a state senator, Sen. Cowgill served two terms as minority leader. He was the chairman of the county Democrat Party for an extended period and was a strong supporter of President John F. Kennedy's campaign and he became a welcome guest at the White House. During his later years, Sen. Cowgill was a leader of the Delaware River Port Authority. Sen. Cowgill was a former president of the Camden County Bar Association and received its highest honor, the Peter J. Devine, Jr. Award. He also was a trustee of the United Fund and served on the board of directors of United Jersey Bank. Although an Episcopalian, Sen. Cowgill was called upon to chair a committee charged with raising funds to stave off the possible collapse of the Catholic schools in Camden County.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

A scholarship of \$1,000 to be given to a Rutgers-Camden School of Law student who is in the upper half of his or her class. Applicants should demonstrate genuine financial need as well as be a resident of Camden County.