



CAMDEN COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION

LOUIS C. PORTELLA MEMORIAL AWARD

Louis Portella was born in 1933, and resided in Camden, NJ. He was affectionately known as “Lou” or “Louie” to his friends. After completing college, he attended Rutgers Law School – Camden for 2 years, and then transferred to and graduated from Temple Law School. He was admitted to the New Jersey Bar in 1957.

For most of his legal career, Lou was a solo practitioner with a general practice, and mainly specialized in plaintiff’s personal injury matters, municipal court, and wills and estates. He lived in Cherry Hill, NJ, was involved in local politics and the Camden County Bar Association, was an active member in the Republican party, and held political appointments such as solicitor of Camden County towns.

Lou loved history, war movies, politics, and being Italian. He often attended and participated in the swearing in ceremonies of Italian immigrants who obtained their United States citizenship.

Lou was well-respected in the legal community and was known for his outstanding legal skills, outgoing and friendly personality, and his ability to make people laugh.

He passed away in 1991 at the age of 57. He was survived by his wife, Constance, who passed away in 2017, and his three sons, Louis, Jr., Matthew, and R.J.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

A scholarship of \$1,000 to be given to a second or third year full-time student at either the Rutgers-Camden or Temple law schools who resides and intends to practice law in Camden County, and who is in good academic standing and active in both extracurricular and community activities. This scholarship is not necessarily based on financial need, but special circumstances will be considered.