



**Charles E. Kountz Jr., Esquire**  
**Vice Chair, CCBC Board of Trustees**  
**1946 - 2014**

Charles E. Kountz Jr., Esquire passed away Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2014. He is the beloved husband of Elizabeth S. Kountz; loving father of Paul Kountz and his wife Jenny, Robyn McElwee and her husband John, Rachel Kountz, and Jenny Garner and her husband Doug; cherished granddad of eight and great-granddad of five; dear brother of Robert Kountz and his wife Michele. Also survived by other loving relatives and friends.

Mr. Kountz practiced law for more than four decades, with an emphasis in family, criminal, estates and business law. Presiding over one of the oldest law firms in southwest Baltimore County. He opened the Law Offices of Charles E. Kountz in Catonsville, Md. in 1970, establishing an outstanding reputation for maintaining the highest personal, intellectual and professional standards, while serving his clients' personal and business needs in a confidential manner.

Devoted to education, Mr. Kountz has been appointed by three Maryland Governors to the Board of Trustees for the Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC), where he has served as vice chair since 2007. An avid golfer, Mr. Kountz chaired the CCBC annual golf tournament, helping to raise thousands of dollars for student scholarships.

He was an active community leader who provided a lifetime of service on numerous legal boards and committees. Since 1975, he proudly served as chief counsel for the Baltimore County Volunteer Firemen's Association, where his long and devoted contributions to the fire service community earned him the Governor's Citation and the Baltimore County "Flame of Service Award. Mr. Kountz is the only non-uniformed member to be so honored.

Mr. Kountz lived in the Catonsville, Md. community for more than 40 years and was committed to making southwest Baltimore County a great place to live and work. He served as president of the Lansdowne Business and Professional Association, a member of the Greater Catonsville Chamber of Commerce, a board member and legal counsel for the Western District YMCA of Central Maryland, and treasurer for the 12th District steering committee for Senator Edward Kasemeyer, Delegates Steve DeBoy and James Malone.

He distinguished himself within the legal community as chairman of the Baltimore County Lawyer Counseling Committee and a member of the Bar Association of Baltimore City, Family Law Committee, Maryland State Bar Association, Attorney Grievance Commission, Federal and American Bar Associations, Maryland Trial Lawyers Association, Governor's Commission on Condominiums, and the Governor's Commission on Drug and Alcohol Abuse.

Mr. Kountz was admitted to the Maryland Bar in 1970 after graduating magna cum laude and second in his law class from the University of Baltimore. He served as Assistant District Attorney 1971-1975, Deputy People's Council 1975-1978, and a member of the House of Delegates 1970-1983.