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## The Face of A New Kind of Law Experience

### *Brubaker Connaughton Goss & Lucarelli LLC*

The phrase "sitting on the bench" has special meaning in the legal world. While it normally refers to those lawyers who go on to serve as judges, this phrase mentioned at Brubaker Connaughton Goss & Lucarelli LLC triggers a string of stories about families, relationships and childhood memories.

The long wooden bench, just inside the firm's entrance, once graced the childhood home of founding partner Ted Brubaker. Fellow founding partner Rory Connaughton summarizes its history: "When Ted and I were young boys, we lived on a farm in Conestoga that was divided in half. Both of our fathers owned half, and every day one of the fathers drove us to school... We spent many mornings sitting on that bench, waiting for Ted's father to drive us."

But the bench's history goes even deeper. Handcrafted in Lancaster County in 1880, it originally sat in Ted's grandfather's law office. "It's part of our heritage; Ted's mother gifted it to us," explains Connaughton.

With two partners who have been friends—more like brothers—since the age of six, relationships abound at the Lancaster-based law firm. Another founding

partner, Stacey Morgan Brubaker, is Ted's wife. The couple, married for 14 years, works in side-by-side offices. Emily Forrey, office administrator, and Stacey were college roommates.

Founded in 2012, eight equity partners set out to create a law firm that defied all stereotypes and focused on a foundation of honesty, clarity and relationships. Stacey Morgan Brubaker believes this core philosophy is represented by the law office's clear glass walls and doors. "Our concept is that we are honest and direct; the offices were specifically designed with this in mind," she says.

Brubaker Connaughton Goss & Lucarelli LLC's clients are primarily small to mid-size businesses, their owners and families. The firm provides a full range of legal services to this core client base including business and financial services, employment law, elder law, estate planning, real estate and litigation.

"Anybody who knows Lancaster County knows it's a community built on relationships," Connaughton says. "There is a history of a great entrepreneurial spirit that looks to the future. We've evolved from law firms from the late 1800's... our relationships with our clients are true partnerships."