

LVCF Honors Edward J. Lentz, Esq. for Helping Clients Make a Lasting Charitable Impact



For nearly five decades, **Edward J. Lentz, Esq.**, has built a career on careful counsel and integrity.

At the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation's Board of Associates Spring Meeting and Awards Program on May 28, Ed was honored for his legal career and for helping individuals, families, and businesses make philanthropy part of their planning and legacy. LVCF presented Ed, an attorney with Fitzpatrick Lentz & Bubba, P.C., with the 2026 Service

to Philanthropy Award. The honor recognizes an advisor who helps clients use charitable giving at the Community Foundation to make a lasting difference.

A Trusted Partner in Philanthropy

Presenting the award were **Erika Riddle Petrozelli, CPA, CAP®**, LVCF's president and CEO, and **Luis Campos**, chair of the LVCF Board. Erika described the honor as one rooted in service—to clients, community, and the Lehigh Valley's future. "We at LVCF have been so fortunate to work with Ed over the years," she said. "He has been both an advisor to his clients and a trusted partner to the Community Foundation."

Ed has shown clients how charitable giving can fit into estate, retirement, and wealth-management planning and connected them with the Community Foundation as a partner for causes they value. A former LVCF Board of Governors member, he also contributed time and leadership. "He understands the role that LVCF can play in helping individuals and families support the causes they care about," Petrozelli said.

Colleague and longtime friend **Joseph Bubba, Esq.**, introduced Ed as an attorney whose professional discipline matched his community service. He cited Ed's Lehigh Valley roots, his summa cum laude graduation from Moravian College, and his Juris Doctor from the University of Pennsylvania School of Law, where he edited the Law Review and also graduated summa cum laude.

After beginning at a large Philadelphia firm, Ed returned to the Lehigh Valley and became a founding partner of Fitzpatrick Lentz & Bubba. He served on the firm's Executive Committee and chaired its Estates Department for many years. He was named a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer and earned an AV Preeminent rating from Martindale-Hubbell.



Congratulations to our [Professional Advisor Recognition Society \(PARS\)](#) honorees, **Stephen Link** (top) of Cornerstone Advisors Asset Managers, LLC and **Laurie Siebert** (r.) of Valley National Financial Advisors. "Through their thoughtful guidance and commitment to charitable planning, they have helped clients establish funds that will benefit the Lehigh Valley for generations to come. We are grateful for their partnership and their shared dedication to strengthening our community through philanthropy," said LVCF's **Maureen Wendling** (l.)



The Fundamentals, Done Right



"This award recognizes more than credentials: the advisor's role as a bridge between client values and community impact," Joe said. "Ed's extensive planned-giving work has benefited many Lehigh Valley charities and those they serve. His board service included Embrace Your Dreams, Easterseals, Good Shepherd Workshop, and LVCF. That is his lasting legacy."

Joe called Ed Lentz "an excellent and exacting attorney," adding, "You will never find a typo in his work, and I mean never." He praised his responsiveness and command of the fundamentals. Ed's mantra for attorneys, Joe said, is simple: "If you want to be good at what you do, you do not need to have an exotic model for success. You simply need to do the basic things in the right way."

That "block and tackle" approach has served clients, colleagues, and community for nearly 50 years. It reminds advisors that philanthropy does not always begin with complexity. Often, it begins with listening, understanding a client's values, and translating them into a structure that can serve the community for generations.

Accepting the award, Ed thanked his Fitzpatrick Lentz & Bubba colleagues, including the estate department, attorneys **Pete Iorio** and **Sonny Beltrami**, assistant **Brittany Kiefer**, and longtime estate-planning paralegal **Lisa Malamasi**. He thanked his family, especially his wife, **Claudia**, for supporting his career and return to the Lehigh Valley.

A Legacy Rooted in the Lehigh Valley

"To receive this award at this time means a lot to me," Ed explained. He also reflected on LVCF's evolution: "It especially means a lot because I've seen the Foundation grow from kind of a sleepy Bethlehem foundation to a dynamic organization with \$140 million of assets under management."

For LVCF, the award recognizes Ed's excellence and belief in philanthropy as a practical planning tool. For advisors, his career shows trusted counsel can help clients do more than transfer assets. It can help them express values, strengthen institutions, and leave a durable charitable legacy at home.

[View the event photos.](#)

The Vision in Philanthropy Award

During the event, Ed Lentz was honored alongside **David Torrey** (Torrey Family Fund), recipient of LVCF's 2026 Vision in Philanthropy Award. Together, the two awards celebrated the essential partnership between thoughtful donors and trusted professional advisors—and the distinct but complementary roles they play in strengthening philanthropy throughout the Lehigh Valley.

