

Serving the Charlotte Area Since 1971

Since beginning with two attorneys and a manual typewriter, Conrad Trosch & Kemmy has grown to eight attorneys and 10 staff. Over the past 40 years, the firm has handled more than 10,000 legal matters and has drafted more than 80,000 wills—possibly more than any law firm in North Carolina. We settled a \$10 million lawsuit. But as we've grown, Conrad Trosch & Kemmy has continued to operate in an informal and friendly atmosphere where service to our clients is our guiding principle.

Louis A. “Lou” Trosch, Sr., and Robert G. Williams opened for business as the Trosch & Williams Law Firm in Charlotte in 1971, concentrating on real estate, general corporate law, wills and estates, and management-labor arbitration. The firm used one small attorney's office and a secretarial station with no reception area. When one partner had a client conference, the other went to a restaurant next door until the conference was completed. The partners' spouses performed all the secretarial duties.

Four years later, Lou Trosch's father-in-law, Theodore Charles (T. C.) Conrad, sold his partnership interest in the accounting firm Conrad, Hoey, East & Co. and, at age 71, joined Trosch & Williams as a partner. As Charlotte grew, the firm's real estate practice blossomed. Because of Mr. Conrad's experience and expertise, the firm's will, estate planning, and probate practice also flourished.

To accommodate an increasing number of clients, Fred DeVore was invited to join the firm. Together, Mr. DeVore and Mr. Trosch established a computerized will program, and the firm became the participating attorney for Personal Legal Plans, a major prepaid legal plan which still provides some of the firm's clientele. The firm continues to co-counsel litigation cases with Mr. DeVore, who left Conrad Trosch & Williams to form his own firm.

Mr. Williams left the firm in 1986 to specialize in arbitration, and Michael J. Kemmy joined the firm a year later. He became a partner in 1992. Mr. Conrad, who worked until his death in 1995, continued to handle tax matters and estate tax planning. Mr. Kemmy took charge of the Personal Legal Plans division. He also implemented the Professional Advisory Service. Together Mr. Kemmy and Mr. Trosch handled probate and estate practice, real estate closings, and corporate practice.

Don Carroll joined the firm as “of counsel” attorney, steering the firm into a litigation practice before leaving to become State Director of the State Bar Association's PALS Division.

Former Charlotte City Council member and Mayor Pro Tem Minette Trosch joined her husband in the firm after she completed law school in 1992. She organized the firm's new second mortgage and non-conforming loan division, then developed a domestic relations and public interest law practice—the forerunner of today's Family Law practice. Today, she and two of the Troschs' three sons also are partners in the firm.