## In Memoriam



William J. Keating, Sr. (March 30, 1927 - May 20, 2020)

## Remembering our friend and founder

The Partners and Family of Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL mourn the loss of one of the firm's founding Partners, William J. Keating, Sr. (Bill).

Born in Cincinnati, Bill dedicated his life to serving others. After attending St. Xavier High School, where he was an All-American swimmer, he served in the Navy in World War II. With the help of a swimming scholarship and the GI Bill, he earned a bachelor's degree in business and a law degree from the University of Cincinnati. The Keating Aquatic Center at the University of Cincinnati is named in his honor.

In 1954, Bill helped form the law firm that still proudly bears his name. He furthered his legal career, serving as a judge in the Hamilton County courts from 1958-1967. Bill was elected to the City Council where he served for two terms, from 1967-1970. In 1971, he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives where he served the First Congressional District of Ohio until 1974.

Bill returned to Cincinnati in 1974, and served at different junctures as chairman, chief executive officer and president of The Cincinnati Enquirer. During his publishing career, Bill served as chairman of the Associated Press, CEO of the Detroit Newspaper Agency, president of the Newspaper Division of Gannett Co., Inc. and executive vice president and general counsel for Gannett. He retired from the Enquirer in 1992.

Bill served as chairman of the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber and UC Board of Trustees, and he has helped lead many other organizations. In 2009, Bill was inducted into the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky Business Hall of Fame.

All of us in the KMK family mourn Bill's passing and extend our deepest sympathies to his many friends and family members, especially his wife, Nancy Keating.

