Thomas A. Brophy, President Emeritus at Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin, received a Lifetime Achievement Award from The Legal Intelligencer on June 27 in Philadelphia. The award is in recognition of his 40 years of excellence, service and leadership at the firm.

Mr. Brophy joined Marshall Dennehey as a paralegal in 1979, earning his law degree at night. In 1987 he was elected shareholder and handpicked to manage the firm’s Norristown office. Demonstrating skill and vision, he assumed responsibility for all of the firm’s regional offices in 1989. He led the firm’s continued growth by opening offices in Wilmington, Delaware, Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, Scranton, Lancaster, Bethlehem and Roseland.

At the same time, Mr. Brophy made a name for himself handling and trying complex products liability, medical malpractice and high-exposure general liability cases.

After assuming the role of President and CEO in 2005, he guided the firm’s further expansion into four offices in Florida, three offices in New York and two offices in Ohio.

He implemented innovative programs within the firm that helped solidify it into one of the leading civil litigation defense firms in the country. He helped to reorganize the firm into four practice departments; devised a quality control system whereby each attorney in the firm is audited on the quality of work annually; launched a NITA-based two-day trial advocacy program; expanded the firm’s professional training such that the firm now hosts over 100 internal CLE’s annually; and developed new practice areas to include maritime, aviation, trucking and transportation, employment practices and more.

Mr. Brophy became President Emeritus on January 1, 2018, when G. Mark Thompson became the new President & CEO. Mr. Brophy remains with the firm, where he continues to handle cases and support the firm’s client relationships and business development efforts.