

## **The Class of 2007 Selects...**

### **George P. Kiester (Class of 1929)**



Judge George Kiester served Butler County as a judge for nearly four decades. Kiester graduated from Temple University and the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He began practicing law in Slippery Rock in 1940. During his private career, Kiester represented 25 school districts, nine townships and boroughs and 10 municipal authorities.

He also served for a time as an assistant district attorney and helped create the county's Juvenile Guidance Clinic and Custody Remediation Program. In 1963, Kiester was appointed to a judge for Butler County. In 1981, Kiester reached the mandatory retirement age and retired for the first time. He moved, however, into the title senior judge, hearing cases on an as-needed basis. In 1985, Kiester was appointed as supervising judge of the Fourth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury, investigating racketeering and crime.

Kiester was also a former president of the board of trustees of Slippery Rock State College and served on the Republican State Committee. He worked as a committeeman to help create Lake Arthur and Moraine State Park. He was active in the United Way and the Pennsylvania Bar Association. Kiester also served in the United States Army during WWII. Judge Kiester attended Institute Hill Elementary School.