

Joseph Buckelew
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Responsibilities

Joseph Buckelew is Chairman of Conner Strong & Buckelew with offices located in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Florida. He has held prominent roles with this and predecessor companies since 1959.

Conner Strong & Buckelew ranks among the largest insurance, risk management and employee benefits brokerage and consulting firms in the country, serving clients throughout the United States and abroad. Conner Strong & Buckelew places approximately \$1 billion in premium volume annually.

Buckelew has served as Vice Chairman of Kimball Medical Center Foundation Board of Trustees since 1985 – a role that has placed him on the Saint Barnabas Health Care System’s Board of Trustees for the past 10 years. He also served as Chairman of the New Jersey Highway Authority for 7 years and Chairman & Vice Chairman of the New Jersey Sports & Exposition Authority.

A lifelong Lakewood resident, Buckelew has served as Lakewood Mayor, Police Commissioner and a member of its Township Committee, as well as on the Ocean County Board of Freeholders. He also was one of the founding members of WOBM, a radio station formed in the early 1960s.

His deep-rooted ties to the community have earned him numerous honors, including a Distinguished Citizen Award from the Jersey Shore Council of the Boy Scouts of America, a Good Scout Award from the Ocean County Council of the Boy Scouts of America, a silver Gull Award for Business Achievement from the Monmouth-Ocean Development Council and a Humanitarian Award from Ocean County College Foundation.

Buckelew’s professional affiliations include the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America, Independent Insurance Agents of Ocean County and the Ocean County Board of Realtors. Buckelew has received honorary degrees from both Georgian Court University – Doctor of Humane Letters and Monmouth University – Doctor of Public Service.

He and his wife, Carol, have been married for over 50 years. They have two sons, Brian and Kevin, and six grandchildren.
