



2026 Walks of Life Honorees

Ann Marie Hawkins

Ann Marie Hawkins, Managing Member of Hawkins and Company, LLC, and of Edward C. Hawkins & Co., Ltd., has notched more than forty years as an accountant and a lawyer.

One of eight children of Edward and Dorothy Hawkins, she was born in St. Philomena Parish in East Cleveland but grew up in Gesu Parish in University Heights and then attended Beaumont School. A member of the fourth generation of the extended Hawkins family will be entering Beaumont this fall.

Hawkins was part of the first class of women to enter the University of Notre Dame in fall 1972, though she laughingly recalls that the school wasn't quite ready for female students yet. All award certificates used male pronouns, regardless of the gender of the recipient.

After studying accounting at Notre Dame, she began her career at Ernst and Ernst and subsequently worked for Touche Ross & Co. (Several mergers later, both former "Big Eight" accounting firms have since changed their names.)

Hawkins earned her Juris Doctor degree from Marquette University Law School in 1980 and returned to Cleveland to join her father, who was a dual practitioner since the 1950s, forming the accounting firm of Hawkins & Co., Ltd., and the law firm Hawkins and Company, LLC. Ann Marie took over the management of both firms in the late 1980s.

Today, Ann Marie and her brother John serve clients in areas ranging from tax, real estate, and health care law to estate, trust, and probate law, helping clients to navigate the ever-changing intricacies of estate planning, succession planning, and buying and selling businesses and real estate. She is admitted to practice law in Ohio, Florida, Wisconsin, federal courts in the Northern District of Ohio, the Southern District of Florida, the Eastern and Western Districts of Wisconsin, the U.S. Tax Court, and the U.S. Supreme Court. She argued a case in a federal court of appeals that went to the U.S. Supreme Court. The Supreme Court declined to hear the case, upholding the Appeals Court's ruling in favor of Hawkins' client. She is admitted as a CPA in Florida, Ohio, and other states.

In addition to her many accomplishments in the fields of business law and accounting, she co-founded and has served as president of the Irish American Law Society of Cleveland. She is the Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Pops Orchestra and chaired the Board of Trustees of Notre Dame College. A number of other community and educational groups have also benefited from her commitment, including the Centers for Dialysis Care, Dobama Theatre, Beaumont School, and the Gesu Endowment Committee.

Ann Marie Hawkins and her husband, David Hodgson, the Vice President of Manufacturing of Kase Equipment Corporation, live in South Euclid. They are the parents of eight children: Dara, Ann Marie (Fuzzy), David, Patrick, Timothy, Sky Michael (deceased), and Cuchulainn.

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