



South Bend Common Council

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Kathleen Cekanski Farrand, South Bend Common Council Attorney, to retire after 42 years of dedicated and distinguished service

Kathy Cekanski Farrand has submitted her letter of retirement as attorney for the South Bend Common Council after a distinguished career of 42 years.

“I am most humbled to have been told that my tenure as Council Attorney is a record in our state, for which I am most grateful. It has truly been a pleasure to serve and to assist all of the current and past members of the South Bend Common Council, in pursuing the best interests of our citizens.” Cekanski Farrand stated in her letter of retirement.

Before her appointment as Council Attorney in 1974, Cekanski Farrand was the first and only woman to hold the position of Deputy Attorney for St. Joseph County. A position that she held for 28 years, establishing her long standing dedication to the residents of South Bend and St. Joseph County. Cekanski Farrand is among the first women to have graduated from the University of Notre Dame Law School in 1973 and founded the first all women law firm in 1975, Cekanski and Swartz.

Cekanski Farrand’s tenure as Council Attorney has included an immense knowledge of local, state and federal laws and an ability to foster better networking of information between legislative and administrative branches of city government, as well as members of the community.

As she stated in her letter of retirement: “working for the betterment of South Bend and providing the best possible legal guidance in a prompt and thorough manner, has been my privilege.”

The Common Council wishes her the best as she begins the next journey of her life. Kathy Cekanski Farrand’s integrity, knowledge and enthusiasm will be hard to replace.

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