

## **The Honorable Paul E. Kanjorski** **U.S. Representative of Pennsylvania (1985–2011)**

### **Unique Opportunities**

Representative Kanjorski recounts his favorite aspects of Page service.

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Well you know, I was fascinated to be so close in proximity to the various Officers of the House, the Senate, the administration, and the Supreme Court. For instance, I debated for the first time in my life in Page school, and I had the distinct honor of having Justice Hugo Black as my debate judge. And, you know, to have read about Hugo Black, he was my favorite Justice at the time, and to think that he would sit and help me, or at least decide my debate, was fascinating and enjoyable. And I recall graduation day. We had two speakers that day. Herbert Brownell, the Attorney General of the United States at the time, got hung up in New York, his plane was late coming in, and we, we drafted someone in the audience to speak until he got there, and it just happened to be that Earl Warren was there. So we drafted Earl Warren, who was at the time, the Chief Justice of the United States, and he spoke. But it gave me, as a very young man, as I said, the opportunity to make friendships for life—Cabinet Officers. I actually met a gentleman at the time named Harold Stassen, who had run for President several times on the Republican ticket and was a Cabinet Officer during the Eisenhower Administration, and we formed a friendship for life. And later on, I became a speechwriter for him, I traveled with him, and I became a very personal confidante of his for years.