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The People’s Lawyer

DETROIT—August 1, 2015—As Michigan’s 50th attorney general, Frank J. Kelley established the country’s first Office of Consumer Protection, helped to end racially restrictive real estate practices, and helped initiate the landmark multibillion-dollar Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement in 1998. His career also played out against a backdrop of political and social upheaval—including the 1967 Detroit riots, the disappearance of Jimmy Hoffa, and the assassinations of John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy, and Martin Luther King, Jr.

In The People’s Lawyer: The Life and Times of Frank J. Kelley, the Nation’s Longest-Serving Attorney General, Kelley and co-author Jack Lessenberry reflect on the personal and professional journey of the so-called godfather of the Michigan Democratic Party during his incredible life and thirty-seven years in office (1961-1999). During that time, he worked with everyone from John and Bobby Kennedy to Bill Clinton and jump-started the careers of dozens of politicians and public figures, including U.S. Senator Carl Levin and Governors James Blanchard and Jennifer Granholm

The People’s Lawyer chronicles Kelley’s early life as the son of second-generation Irish immigrants, whose father, Frank E. Kelley, started out as a Detroit saloon keeper and became a respected Democratic Party leader. Kelley tells of becoming the first of his family to go to college and law school, his early days as a lawyer in northern Michigan, and how he transformed the office of attorney general as an active crusader for the people. All those interested in American history and legal history will enjoy this highly readable, entertaining account of Kelley’s life of public service.


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