



**JAMES BENCKENDORF** was born and raised in Morton. He attended DePauw University and then transferred to NIU so he could marry his high school sweetheart Jayne. Jim came back to practice law with the family firm and is now raising 2 boys who love to play football, baseball, hunt, ride dirt bikes and go-karts on their farm.

As a result of a good foundation from his father in establishing the law firm Benckendorf & Benckendorf over 55 years ago, Jim is able to continue to serve the people of central Illinois. He strongly believes that the Lord has been very good to him and it is his duty to give back to the community. Jim wants to make Morton a better place so his boys will want to return, as he did.

Jim is active in many Morton organizations include the Morton Economic Development Council, Morton Chamber of Commerce, and the Morton Community Foundation. He donates his time and legal services for other organizations such as the Morton Veterans Memorial, Morton Trails Association and many other not-for-profits, including many churches in the area. In his “free time”, Jim enjoys remodeling his house and helping friends improve their homes.