

Charles Franklin Bio

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Charles Franklin is Professor of Law and Public Policy at Marquette Law School, where he directs the Marquette Law School Poll.

Since the inception of the Marquette Law School Poll in 2012 Franklin has conducted over 65 polls of the Wisconsin and the region providing insight into the dynamics of elections, public evaluations of public figures and issues facing the state and nation, as well as the electoral horse race. Since 2019 Franklin has also directed MULaw national polling on the US Supreme Court and other national issues.

In 2005 Franklin co-founded Pollster.com, an award-winning website for the analysis of polling data. The site received national recognition and awards in 2006, 2007 and 2008, including the New York Times magazine's "Year in Ideas" and the "Innovators Award" from the American Association for Public Opinion Research.

Franklin was Professor of Political Science at the University of Wisconsin Madison for 22 years before leaving to join the Marquette Law School in 2012. He is past president of the Society for Political Methodology and an elected Fellow of the Society. He is also a recipient, with his wife and co-author Liane Kosaki (lee-ann co-sock-ee) of the "Lasting Contribution Award" of the American Political Science Association Law and Politics section.

Franklin co-authored a recent report and journal article on the polling errors in the 2016 presidential election. From 2002 to 2020 he was a member of the ABC News election night Decision Desk. He holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Michigan.