Rawle & Henderson attorneys Deborah A. Beck and Erin E. Lamb presented a program on the U.S. Constitution to attendees at Laurel Hill Mansion in East Fairmount Park on September 18. The presentation served as the closing event to celebrate Women for Greater Philadelphia’s 40th Anniversary programs as Stewards of Laurel Hill Mansion since 1976. Deborah and Erin discussed firm founder William Rawle’s 1825 book *A View of the Constitution of the United States of America* and showed how the country’s view of the Constitution has changed over the years to the present day.

Rawle & Henderson has partnered with Women for Greater Philadelphia (www.womenforgreaterphiladelphia.org) on numerous Constitution Programs over the years, begun at the suggestion of former Rawle & Henderson LLP attorney Lowell A. Reed, Jr. Reed was a partner at Rawle & Henderson from 1963 until 1988, when he was selected as a federal judge. He has been a strong supporter of Women for Greater Philadelphia dating back to the Bicentennial in 1976. Reed served as a federal judge on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He assumed senior status in 1999.

The land on which Laurel Hill Mansion stands was purchased in 1760 by Francis Rawle, William Rawle’s father. The house was erected in 1767. William Rawle, who founded Rawle & Henderson as “The Rawle Law Offices” in 1783, spent many summers with his family at Laurel Hill Mansion after inheriting the home in 1819. A portrait of William Rawle hangs in the Octagonal Room at the mansion.

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