Charles Franklin Bio (February 2024)

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 80 polls of Wisconsin, providing insight into the dynamics of elections, 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 concerning the US Supreme Court, and a variety of other national issues.

The Marquette Law School poll was ranked 3rd of 539 pollsters nationally by the website FiveThirtyEight.com in February 2024, and the only poll with a perfect 10 score for transparency in reporting methodology and results.

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.

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.