

# High-Five

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## Wedding Photographers

The wedding day is one of the most special and exciting days in a woman's life. She'll cherish these memories for the rest of her days, so it's important for her to choose a photographer who will preserve these magical moments in a personal way for her to look back on forever.

Because there are so many photographers available with a variety of styles, features and skills, it may be overwhelming having to narrow the field to choose just one. This year, to help brides with this difficult decision, *Executive Meeting Planner* is highlighting some of West Virginia's best wedding photographers. We asked for submissions of photographs of West Virginia-based weddings and receptions from photographers whose businesses are located in the state, and our staff voted on the top five.

Although these five photographers won our votes, we were impressed with all the photos we received, and we decided to share the extra photos on our Web site. To view these beautiful pictures from additional wedding photographers, visit [www.wvexecutive.com/high-five-wedding-photographers](http://www.wvexecutive.com/high-five-wedding-photographers).



### Michele Coleman

**Michele Coleman Photography**  
Parkersburg, WV  
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**My Favorite Place to Shoot a Wedding:**  
Blackwater Falls State Park in October  
**Type of Camera I Use:** Nikon D4 and Nikon D700  
**How Long I've Been Shooting Weddings:** Since 2001

Michele Coleman is a wedding and portrait photographer who specializes in capturing personality and beautiful moments with colorful and energetic imagery. Coleman has photographed weddings for 12 years and admits that wedding photography was her first love in the craft, even though she is now a full-time portrait studio owner. Running a client-friendly, service-oriented business, she recognizes that great creativity is often the result of team effort, and she values working closely with her clients.



### Kelli Carrico

**Kelli Carrico Photography**  
Beckley, WV  
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**My Favorite Place to Shoot a Wedding:**  
A small, old country church in Garland, WV  
**Type of Camera I Use:** Canon 50D  
**How Long I've Been Shooting Weddings:** Since 1999

Kelli Carrico's career as a photographer began when she was a senior in high school. Her father, Rick Lane, who is also a photographer, sent her to Whitesville, WV, to shoot a wedding, and she has been shooting weddings ever since. In 2005, when she graduated from college, she began shooting professionally. In 2012, she left her full-time job as an English teacher to devote her energy to photography. Carrico is always amazed by the opportunity to capture the true emotion of one moment, and she works passionately for each bride to make her special day easy, enjoyable and complete with memories in photographs.



### Sarah Garland

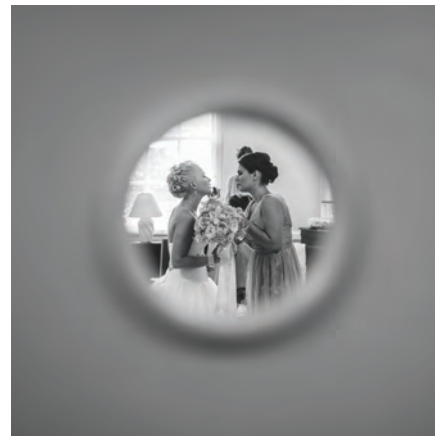
**Sarah Garland Photography**  
Summersville, WV  
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**My Favorite Place to Shoot a Wedding:** In the fresh air and sunshine  
**Type of Camera I Use:** Canon 5D Mark II  
**How Long I've Been Shooting Weddings:** Since 2001

Sarah Garland got her start in photography in 1998 as a sports photographer, and in 2003, she began doing portrait work. She soon discovered that weddings were both her favorite to shoot and the niche in which she does her best work. Garland's goal as a wedding photographer is to showcase the wedding so that the couple's photos are even better than their memories of that day, and she accomplishes this by focusing on moments and small details rather than poses and schedules. Sometimes, Garland says, it's those little moments that mean the most and tell the best stories.







### Emily Porter & Bobby Oberlander

Emily Porter Photography  
Charleston, WV  
(304) 546-9508  
www.emilyporterphoto.com/blog

**My Favorite Place to Shoot a Wedding:** Rieti, Italy  
**Type of Camera I Use:** Nikon D3S  
**How Long I've Been Shooting Weddings:** Since 2009

Emily Porter and Bobby Oberlander, also known as "The Oberports," are married lifestyle and wedding photographers who specialize in a blend of fine art and journalism. Porter is a graduate of Ohio University where she majored in visual communications, and Oberlander attended West Virginia University Institute of Technology where he studied business and marketing. The two met while working together in 2006 and married in 2011. Oberlander has been shooting weddings with Porter since 2010, and Porter has shot more than 100 weddings. The married couple shoots every wedding as a team and typically works with 30 couples a year. Both have won international wedding photography awards and are available to shoot worldwide.



### Tim Ray

Tim Ray Photography  
Fairmont, WV  
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www.timrayphoto.com

**My Favorite Place to Shoot a Wedding:** Stonewall Resort in Roanoke, WV  
**Type of Camera I Use:** Canon 5D Mark II  
**How Long I've Been Shooting Weddings:** Since 1991

Tim Ray has been photographing weddings and portraits full-time since 1991—and loving every minute of it. Ever since receiving his first camera as a child from his grandfather, he has been in love with photography. Ray has had the honor of photographing weddings for many couples from all over the country, and each and every wedding he's photographed has given him the opportunity to play a part in one of the greatest days in a couple's life together. He is overwhelmed to think of all the great moments he's been blessed to capture and how those photographs will be cherished for generations. Ray and Stefanie, his wife of 14 years, work together full-time in what he calls a labor of love.



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