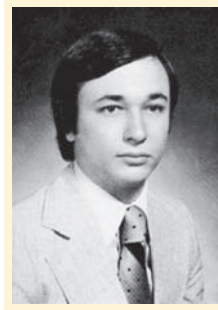


REILLY BUILDS FOUNDATION ON JESUIT EDUCATION



For attorney Vince Reilly, Esq. '80, his successful law career was built on the foundation of a Jesuit education.

“I had eight years of the Jesuits,” says Reilly, who graduated from Saint Joseph’s Preparatory School in Philadelphia before attending The University of Scranton. “The Jesuits taught me to think and to write.”

The Jesuits, and in particular The University of Scranton, taught him something more, according to law partner Tracey McDevitt Hagan, a 1993 graduate of the University.

“He is very loyal to Scranton and is very involved with the community,” she says.

After graduating from Scranton, where he majored in accounting, Reilly earned his law degree from the Villanova University School of Law in 1983. He began practicing with Deasey, Scanlan & Bender and is a former partner of Marks, O’Neill, Reilly, O’Brien & Courtney. In 2000, he founded the firm of Reilly, Janiczek & McDevitt, which employs 27 attorneys and 50 workers in offices in Philadelphia, New Jersey and Delaware.

At the office, Reilly is known as an exceptional businessman dedicated to his practice, clients and employees.

“He loves trying cases,” McDevitt Hagan says. “He’s fiercely loyal to the people who work for him.”

His passions extend beyond his offices and into the tough streets of north Philadelphia as well. Reilly is one of the driving forces behind the Saint Malachy Church and School, a thriving grammar school facility in the area.

A decade ago, Reilly and fellow attorney and friend Kevin O’Brien – also a 1980 Scranton graduate – founded Friends of Saint Malachy, a non-profit organization that raises more than \$200,000 a year for the school.

“If I wanted to call Vince and ask him for something, he would respond, however small, however large the request,” says the Rev. John P. McNamee, a former pastor at Saint Malachy, who received an honorary degree from Scranton in 2009. “And I don’t have a better friend.”

McNamee says Reilly’s generosity with his time is astonishing, whether it’s helping with fund-raisers, coaching at the school, or donating his services.

“The most rewarding part of my job is being able to provide legal services to someone who can’t afford a lawyer,” says Reilly.

Thinking back on his time at Scranton, Reilly recalls Rev. John Fitzpatrick, S.J., had a profound effect on him, adding, “He was just an engaging, personable guy.”

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Rev. Fitzpatrick later married Reilly and his wife, Eileen O’Neil Reilly – a 1982 graduate of Scranton – and baptized three of the couple’s five children.

A resident of Chestnut Hill, Reilly and his wife remain strong supporters of the University, and his firm routinely hires Scranton students as interns.

“He picked up my resume because it had Scranton on it,” says McDevitt Hagan, who started working for Reilly while in law school and is one of the founding partners of Reilly, Janiczek & McDevitt.

In addition, Reilly’s firm has eight lawyers and paralegals who have studied at Jesuit institutions.

When it came time for their children to attend college, the Reillys suggested they investigate Scranton, but consider other universities as well. Four of their five children elected to follow their parents’ footsteps. Daughters Brigid ’05 and Peggy ’08 are Scranton graduates, and sons Brendan ’11 and Colin ’14 are currently enrolled. A third son, Timothy, graduated from the University of Delaware in 2009.

Reilly credits the work of four presidents – the Revs. William J. Byron, S.J.; Joseph A. Panuska, S.J.; Joseph M. McShane, S.J.; and Scott R. Pilarz, S.J. – for providing “incredible leadership” and maintaining the University’s consistent growth.

“Each one has continued the progress the school has made and each has maintained the character of the school,” he says. “They are four tremendously talented and dedicated men.”

To current students, Reilly says, “the best advice I can give is to take advantage of the Jesuit education. Take advantage of the personal relationships” built with professors and advisors. “It’s an outstanding group of people.” ✚



Vincent Reilly, Esq. '80, founder of the firm Reilly, Janiczek & McDevitt, maintains active ties with the University three decades after his graduation. In May, Reilly – as well as his wife, Eileen '82 – spoke at a Pride, Passion, Promise Campaign reception at The Franklin Institute in Philadelphia. In his free time, Reilly is an avid runner, hitting the road at least twice a week.