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Biographical Sketch

Casey Coyle is a litigation associate at Rhoads & Sinon LLP in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Prior to joining the firm, Coyle worked as a law clerk for the Honorable Thomas G. Saylor, Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

Coyle received a B.A., with distinction, in Journalism from The Pennsylvania State University in 2006. At Penn State, he participated in the Communication & Democracy Program in Washington, D.C., and interned for CNN’s Capital Gang. He was also selected to participate in the Communications Study Abroad Program in Manchester, England; worked as an intern for NBC’s Dateline (London, England) and Channel M News (Manchester, England); and was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. Following his undergraduate career, Coyle attended Temple University’s Beasley School of Law, graduating in 2009. While at Temple, he served as the Editor-in-Chief for the Temple Journal of Science, Technology & Environmental Law and as a full-time graduate assistant for the Fox School of Business. Coyle also interned for two federal judges, worked as a research assistant for two law school professors, and served as a certified legal intern for the Bucks County District Attorney’s Office.

Coyle currently serves as an advisory board member for Penn State’s Communication & Democracy Program. He is also a member of a number of professional organizations, including the Penn State Alumni Association, the Temple Law Alumni Association, and the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

Position Statement

As an alumni trustee, I will work to restore public confidence in the university. As part of this effort, I will lobby state legislators and fellow board members to amend Penn State’s Charter and governing documents to provide for greater accountability and transparency. I will be an advocate of stricter term limits for board members and will ensure that former trustees do not exercise undue influence over the business and legal affairs of Penn State University.

I will also work to prevent increases in tuition. Currently, Penn State is the one of most expensive four-year public universities in the nation. If immediate steps are not taken, it will soon become cost-prohibitive for many families to send their children to Penn State, thus depriving an untold number of talented, qualified young adults of a world-class education. I promise to work with university officials to implement cost-saving measures to ensure that tuition rates do not continue to climb at exponential rates.

In addition, I will work to strengthen the ties between the university and its alumni. In 2010, Penn State topped the Wall Street Journal’s ranking of schools that recruiters said produced the best graduates. If Penn State University hopes to maintain such a strong reputation, it needs to turn to those people who care about it most -- its alumni. Through enhanced student mentoring services and increased alumni involvement, Penn State can assure that its graduates continue to be regarded among the finest in the country.