Biographical Sketch

Ed is a shareholder at Kagen, MacDonald and France, P.C. in York, PA. Concentrating on labor/employment law and business litigation, he counsels numerous police officers’ associations, individuals, small businesses and large corporations, including one with 29 facilities worldwide. He has been named a Rising Star Super Lawyer by Law and Politics Magazine for 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2011 and 2012.

Born in Schuylkill County, Ed earned his B.A. (Phi Beta Kappa) in International Politics in 1994 and his J.D. in 1997 from Penn State. He began his career as an Assistant District Attorney for the York County, Pennsylvania District Attorney’s Office. He was eventually appointed First Deputy District Attorney, overseeing all specialized prosecution units, including crimes against children. Ed was assigned to a team that prosecuted two previously unsolved homicides that occurred during the 1969 York City Race Riots. Ed appeared in a documentary on CBS 48 Hours Mysteries, proudly wearing his Nittany Lion Club lapel pin. Ed later served as an Assistant Attorney General in the Public Protection Division of the Minnesota Attorney General’s Office, prosecuting complex financial crimes, narcotics offenses, and homicides.

Ed is President Elect of the Penn State Alumni Association, York County Chapter. He is a life member of the Penn State Alumni Association and the Nittany Lion Club. Ed serves as Vice President of the York Suburban Education Foundation and a member of the York County Youth Aide Panel. His prior board experience includes the York County Children’s Advocacy Center and York County Crime Stoppers.

Position Statement

As an Alumni Trustee, I will not hide behind expensive Washington, DC spokespersons/lawyers to defend or explain my decisions in University Park. I will not rely on orchestrated media interviews to answer questions about board actions. This is “your” Penn State. You deserve thorough responses and complete information about your university. Despite this candor, and the criticism that may come with it, I will be comfortable interacting with students, faculty, employees and alumni.

As the University has pledged to become a leader in the efforts against child abuse, I will apply all of my experience as a former child abuse prosecutor to achieve that goal. I will advocate for mandatory training for all University employees on reporting suspected child abuse. I will proudly sponsor/support any appropriate resolution to honor the true values, contributions and legacy of Coach Paterno.

As the University’s state funding decreases, the creation of new scholarships to limit student expenses will be essential in the future. While Penn State is known as one of the most expensive public universities, trustees must continue the fight to keep it affordable.

I consider the alumni trustee position to be a continuation of my public service and an expression of gratitude for all that Penn State has done for me. I will devote the time, energy, experience and skill to help restore the honor to, and preserve the glory of, Old State in the eyes of all alumni and the world. I will never take your support for granted.