

Richard J. Miller, Jr.

Class of 1982

Columbia High School

Richard J. Miller, Jr. is currently a practicing attorney with the law firm of McNamee, Lochner, Titus and Williams. Mr. Miller specializes in Trust and Estate law and is widely respected and admired for his knowledge and expertise in this particular field. His talents however are not limited to the practice of law. He is also known to have one of the finest lyric tenor voices in the Capital District Region. His life's work is the law but his life's love is music as anyone who has witnessed one of his performances will attest to. Richard graduated from Columbia in 1982. He did his undergraduate work at William's College, earning a B.A. with honors in American Studies. He spent his junior year at William's abroad studying Art and Music in Florence, Italy. It was then on to Albany Law School where he received his Juris Doctor degree, again with Honors in 1989.

Mr. Miller, not yet 40 years old has attained a level of experience and public recognition in both his vocational and avocational fields of endeavor that is truly enviable. While practicing his legal vocation he has appeared as a commentator on the Courtroom Television Network ("Court TV") in New York City, enlightening his audience on matters involving Trusts and Estates. He has since 1994, been an adjunct professor in Estate planning at Albany Law School. He has also worked with several other law firms from 1989 to the present as counsel and attorney in his area of specialization.

Mr. Miller currently serves as Chairperson of the Board of the Empire State Plaza Performing Arts Center ("The Egg") in Albany and served from 1996-1999 as Commissioner of New York State Canal Recreationway Commission, which provided oversight for the development of the Canal System. He has been admitted to the Bar in the District of Columbia as well as in Colorado, Connecticut, Florida and New York. At the Federal level he has been admitted to practice law before both the United States Supreme Court (1993) and US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (1995). Richard has found time within his busy professional schedule to devote his efforts as both board member and/or chairperson to over fifteen community organizations. Among them are the Albany Symphony Orchestra; Capital District YMCA; Lake George Opera Festival (Chair); Preservation League of New York State (Vice Chair); and Rensselaer County Historical Society to name just a few.

Mr. Miller has been recognized for his unselfish efforts and consummate skills by a number of sources. Among these awards/honors are the Capital District YMCA Leadership Award (2001); Outstanding Young Alumnus of Albany Law School (1992); Abelove Scholarship, Albany Law School (1988); and the Williams College, Arthur Judson Prize in Music (1986).

It is therefore with the utmost pleasure that the East Greenbush Education Foundation congratulates Richard J. Miller, Jr., upon his admission as a member of the Alumni Hall of Fame.