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Forty Under Forty: Tops for 2009

The world has gone through some quite startling changes in the last twelve months and since the Irish Echo presented the first of its now annual Forty Under Forty Awards.

But one thing remains a constant and that is the ability of that fusion of the United States and Ireland we know as Irish America to give to the world extraordinary men and women

whose talent, industry and energy are outstanding examples of the broader foundation needed for a return to more prosperous times.

At the end of day, the best stimulus we can give ourselves is to be found in ourselves and this is never more the case than with those who are forging their paths through the hectic years that are their twenties and thirties.

Not that life exactly slows down once you hit forty. Quite the contrary. But the world, rightly or wrongly, tends to have certain expectations based on age.

So certain things are anticipated of people under forty that might not come into play down the road a bit. Those certain things are in full evidence, and then some, in the group of forty that has been selected for our 2009 awards.

As was the case last year, we received many more nominations than the forty that have been chosen. Yet again, it is a case of an embarrassment of riches.

None among the award winners are being acknowledged for simply being under forty, but rather for what they have accomplished, and continue to promise, in their less than four score years.

As such, we can expect all will continue to make their positive mark when forty, the number that, thankfully, furrows the brow a little less than it once did, begins to slip

astern.

So there's no resting on any laurels here. These awards are a marker along the way. Ah, but an Irish marker.

To the forty who have been named to the awards list for 2009, we at the Irish Echo are delighted, as are our sponsors, Mutual of America, Kalikow, The Pres-

idents Club and Cavan Crystal, to honor you, your work and your achievements and we wish all of you the very best in all your years yet to be.



Ray O'Hanlon
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

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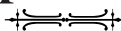
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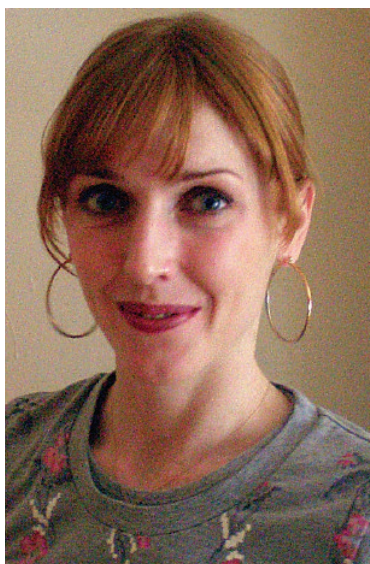
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Paul Keary

In top 40, talent meets determination

When Oscar Wilde commented that youth was wasted on the young, he clearly hadn't heard of the Irish Echo's Top 40 Under 40.

Indeed, the bright young things gathered for the Irish Echo's annual celebration of the next generation of Irish American leaders are truly an awe-inspiring bunch.

And we're not only talking about their undoubted talent and genius — that speaks for itself in the breadth of their achievements and the depth of their commitment — but also about their resolve to improve the world around them.

Whether as a psychologist or a pugilist, an investor or an investigator, the 2009 Top 40 Under 40 are ambassadors for the American philosophy of giving back.

In fact, for some of them, helping their fellow man and woman is their primary motivating factor. That's certainly the case with Matthew Flannery, founder of the global microfinance company, Kiva.org, which last year alone distributed over \$750,000 to fledgling enterprises in the developing world.

The Irish have always been prominent in aid organizations so it's refreshing to see that an Irish American — who is tuned into his heritage — is a leading force in the new global movement which believes that loans, not handouts, to low-income entrepreneurs are the best building block for the world's most



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Not everyone can launch a new social movement, but the pragmatism and can-do attitude of Flannery can be seen again and again in our top 40.

Guided by the Noah Principle: "No more prizes for predicting rain; you only get a prize if you build an ark" — our Top 40 are deeply involved in life's challenges.

Check them out: we have a social worker — Ruth O'Sullivan — at the Brooklyn Health Court who also happens to pack the hardest Irish American punch in women's boxing. We have Brian C. Meagher, Jr., a Senior Assistant District Attorney who is also one of America's most famed band pipers.

This is a band of battlers who don't waste time bemoaning problems, but instead focus their energies on finding solutions. Paul Keary is an excellent example of that. As a key force with Financial Dynamics, he helped guide the multi-million dollar, Irish-led, buyout of their parent company in 2003, before going on to become one of the most influential young figures on the New York business scene.

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All are globetrotters and go-getters, some serving the public good in politics — including Michael Cusick, who has just been elected to head the Irish Amer-

ican legislators group in Albany — or in the military. Thomas Roughneen and Sean Michael Flynn served with distinction in Iraq. Indeed, Flynn put pen to paper on his return to record a riveting bestselling account of his adventures with the legendary Irish American Fighting 69th.

To name all our 40, to trumpet all their triumphs — and each undoubtedly has a unique and exemplary story to tell — would undermine the sterling work of our supplement editor, Eileen Murphy, who has put together this tribute to our honorees.

It is fitting, however, to thank the lead sponsors of the business Top 40 Under 40: Kalikow and Mutual of America, whose dollars underpin these annual accolades.

This we can say: with the class of 2009, honored in New York this week, the future of Irish America has never been in safer hands.

Let's raise a glass to their continued success: Saol agus sláinte.

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Congratulations



Sean Michael Flynn

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Katie Beirne

Age: 33 **Place of birth:** Cleveland, OH **First job:** Investment banking associate, Lehman Brothers, NYC **What it taught me:** How to function with three hours of sleep. **Family:** Second eldest of eight siblings: Erin, John, Brian, Patrick, Mary, Colleen and Michael. **Irish roots:** Grandfather Jack Beirne from Loughlynn, Co. Roscommon; Grandmother Marie Conway from Newport, Co. Mayo. **Best advice anyone ever gave me:** Look back, but don't stare. **Best advice I could give someone starting out:** You don't get things that you don't ask for.

Katie Beirne, Legislative Director for U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY), was born on the West Side of Cleveland, Ohio, where she was raised and Catholic-schooled with her seven brothers and sisters. She graduated from the University of Notre Dame, where she majored in Government and International Studies. While at Notre Dame, Katie was awarded a Truman and Marshall Scholarship. With the Marshall, Katie pursued a M.Sc. from the London School of Economics in Comparative Politics and an M.A. from Queens University Belfast in Ethnic Conflict Regulation.

After graduate school, Beirne worked as an investment banking associate at Lehman Brothers in New York City. In 2002, she relocated to Washington, D.C., to venture into politics and public policy. Beirne worked as a vice president for the economic consulting firm, Competition Policy Associates, Inc. (a subsidiary of FTI Consulting). In 2005, she entered the campaign world, serving as Policy Director for the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee chaired by Senator Schumer. After the 2006 Senate elections, she was brought on to Senator Schumer's Senate staff, where she now serves as Schumer's Legislative Director working on policy and legislative strategy.



Julia Bell

Age: 34 **Place of birth:** Pittsburgh, PA **First job:** Babysitter. **What it taught me:** That I really love working with children. **Family:** Husband Brian Lopresti; sons Patrick (3) and Owen (4 months). **Irish roots:** My mother's grandparents were from counties Kerry and Clare. **Best advice anyone ever gave me:** You get as much out of things as you put into them. **Best advice I could give someone starting out:** Don't be afraid to put everything you have into something you are passionate about.

Julia Bell has been involved in Irish dancing since the age of five, when her mother, Sheila, enrolled her and her sister Eileen in classes with Theresa Burke. Bell evolved into a highly competitive dancer, consistently placing among the top three regionally and the top 15 nationally.

Although a seasoned performer and competitor, Bell's passion is for teaching dance. After graduating from Penn State in 1996, she became a certified Irish dance teacher (T.C.R.G) and began teaching with the Burke School. In 1999, Bell founded the Bell School of Irish Dance, teaching on weekends around her full-time job. She soon quit her day job to give her growing school her full attention.

"I knew I would be taking a big risk, but at some point I just had to go for it," Bell would later explain. It proved to be the right decision. Since then, the Bell School has become the largest Irish dance school in the area, with over 350 students who compete at all levels and perform locally. The Bell School has already produced several world championship qualifiers -- no small feat for such a young school. However, the size and competitiveness of her school is secondary to the personal relationship Bell builds with her students. She strives to provide all of her dancers with a rewarding and character-building experience regardless of their competitive interests.

In 2004, Bell took the grueling exam to become a certified adjudicator of Irish dance (A.D.C.R.G) just months after her 30th birthday, the minimum age requirement. She was the only candidate in North America to pass that year, earning a credential shared by only 100 other Americans.



Michael K. Breen

Age: 39 **Place of birth:** Rockville Centre, NY **My first job, and what it taught me:** The summer prior to my freshman year at the College of the Holy Cross, I worked for a construction company building single-family homes and small office buildings. Most of the first 25 years of my life

were to be focused not on manual labor, but on school and academics. Since completing my education, I have been a practicing lawyer, a decidedly different career than construction worker. Accordingly, that summer was a unique experience for me, an opportunity to leave books and classrooms and computers behind, and spend the days instead with dry-wall, power tools, and lumber, and with men for whom college was not in the plans. I value the perspective the experience provided me, the broadening of my understanding of the diversity of the American workplace. Working in construction industry also gave me valuable knowledge in my chosen area of law: real estate development. **Family:** Sheri (spouse); Conor, Shannon and Alanna (children). **Irish roots:** Dual citizen, U.S. and Éire. Maternal grandmother from Roscommon; paternal grandfather from Kerry. **Best advice anyone ever gave me:** "Téip (failure) is the foreigner's concept. We Irish set sail with hope." **Best advice I could give someone starting out:** "Building a network is like buying an option on a future opportunity."

Michael K. Breen has put into action his passion for the preservation of the Irish language. Last year, Michael founded Mary's Gift Irish Language Foundation, Inc., a U.S.-based public charity supporting Irish language education for the children of northeastern Ireland. When launched in the spring of 2009, Mary's Gift will collect and manage a charitable fund providing financial support to Irish language schools in northeastern Ireland. Similar in concept to U.S.-based college endowment funds, Mary's Gift will invest the donations it receives and distribute earnings to schools that teach through the medium of Irish. The foundation's roots are in Ireland, as the website and digital media programs were developed by Mitchell Kane Associates, a West Belfast-based media company. Mary's Gift is named in honor of Breen's grandmother, Mary Clifford, who hails from Co. Roscommon.

Breen serves on the national Board of Directors for the Irish-American Unity Conference. He is the treasurer for his local chapter in northern New Jersey, and writes the chapter's monthly newsletter. Breen is also a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

When not engaged in Irish pursuits, Michael practices law in New Jersey and New York, and is the youngest lawyer ever to be made partner at his firm, Price, Meese, Shulman, and D'Arminio, P.C. As an accomplished lawyer and public speaker, he is frequently tapped to present lectures and seminars in his area of law.

Breen also devotes time to a number of other volunteer positions. He is a member of the Board of Trustees for Dominican College in Orangeburg, New York. Michael is also a trustee for the College of the Holy Cross Alumni Association of New Jersey. An Eagle Scout, he serves on the Legal and Administration Group for the Northern New Jersey Council, Boy Scouts of America.



Brendan Burke

Age: 26 **Place of birth:** Mamaroneck, NY **First job:** Deli clerk at Youngfellas Delicatessen, and receptionist at St. Vito's rectory. I was 14 and had 2 part time jobs. **What it taught me:** Working at an early age taught me responsibility, accountability and the value of working to earn what I

want. **Family:** My parents, Thomas and Kathleen Burke, have been married for 43 years. They met at an Irish dance hall in Rockaway. I have a brother, Tommy and a sister, Laura. **Irish roots:** My mother is from

Arigna, Co. Roscommon. My father was born and raised in the Bronx. His great-grandfather on his father's side, Edmund Francis Burke, came from Tipperary. His grandmother on his mother's side came from Cork, and her last name was Murphy. **Best advice anyone ever gave me:** Make yourself valuable, either to your employer or employees. **Best advice I could give someone starting out:** If you have a vision, pursue it with reckless abandonment, and make it happen.

Brendan Burke is the founder of Wild Rover Clothing. He comes from a large working class Irish and Irish-American family, and has nearly 40 first cousins in the tri-state area & Ireland.

Burke attended Rye Neck High School, graduating in 2000. He started his undergraduate studies in management at Hartwick College in Oneonta, N.Y., and later transferred to SUNY Oneonta, where he earned a degree in Communication Studies in May 2005. He currently works as an Account Manager at Security Services & Technologies (now ADT-Advanced Integration). There he provides direct support for senior management and their Fortune 500 clients, while focusing on business development and building his own book of business.

Burke has been inspired by his roots. He has visited the West of Ireland several times to stay with family, and it still leaves him awestruck to think his life in NYC originated from the small coal mining town in the hills. He uses this evolution, and Irish music, as the inspiration for Wild Rover. The line aims to capture the spirit of the two cultures that Brendan has been immersed in since birth, using the elegant designs and words of those who established Irish identity through the centuries.



Nollaig Cleary

Age: 39 **Place of birth:** Killesher, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh **First job:** Waitressing at a restaurant in Bundoran, Co. Donegal. **What it taught me:** Nothing in life is handed to you. You have to work hard to get it. **Irish roots:** My father, James Cleary, is from Killesher, Co. Fermanagh. My mother, Margaret (Babs) Lynch, is from Drumeela, Co. Leitrim. **Best advice anyone ever gave me:** What is meant for you will not pass you. **Best advice I could give someone starting out:** The same.

Nollaig Cleary is the second youngest of seven children. She received her early education at St Mary's P.S. Killesher and Convent Grammar School Enniskillen. She graduated from UCD in 1993 with a Bachelor's Degree in Physiotherapy. She emigrated to the U.S. in 1993, to take a Physical Therapy position at Our Lady of Mercy Medical Center in the Bronx. She is currently employed at the Montefiore North Division.

Cleary comes from a strong GAA background, and upon her arrival in New York, she found herself involved in the GAA through her work. Nollaig joined Fermanagh GFC in 1995, and became club secretary in 1996. In November 2004, she was elected president of the Co. Fermanagh Association and has been to the fore in reviving the organization. Over the past few years the association's membership has increased, and Cleary has been instrumental in bridging the gap between the Gaelic Football club and the association.

Cleary was instrumental in starting Fermanagh Ladies GFC in 2000 and is the current club chairperson. In 2003, she was elected as chairperson of Cumann Peil Gael Na mBan Nua Eabhrac, a position she still holds today. One of her first initiatives as chairperson was starting Gaelic 4 Girls, which offers instruction in Gaelic football skills to underage girls in New York. The program is coached by New York Ladies team members and has steadily grown with teams at every age group participating in games here in the U.S. and in Feile Peil Na n-Og in Ireland. While at the reins of Cumann Peil Gael Na mBan she has hosted the TG4/O'Neill's Ladies All-stars, TG4 Underdogs and numerous other teams from Ireland.

Cleary is an active board member of the Aisling Irish Community Center and has also been involved with the Irish Lobby for Immigration Reform as they push for a comprehensive immigration reform bill. She has traveled to Washington D.C. to lobby on behalf of the organizations she represents. Cleary has been actively involved in fundraising for both organizations and for many other benefits and causes throughout the Irish community.

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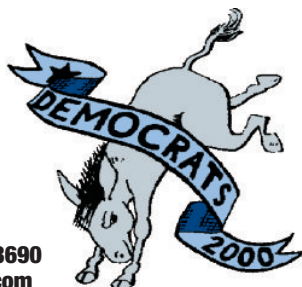
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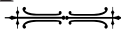
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Gavan Corr

Age: 36 **Place of birth:** Ballyhegan, Co. Armagh. **First job:** Working on my grandfather's dairy farm. **What it taught me:** Just how much work you can get done before most people are up. **Family:** My lovely wife Aveen and our two sons, Matthew and Dara. **Irish roots:** My entire

family was born and bred in Armagh, and my wife and her family are from Castlewellan, Co. Down. **Best advice anyone ever gave me:** "It's easier to apologize after the fact than to ask for permission in advance." To protect the innocent, I'll not attribute those words. **Best advice I could give someone starting out:** The words of Benjamin Franklin: "By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail."

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— Gavan Corr

Gavan Corr is a Director of NYSE Technologies, the commercial technology division of NYSE Euronext, which is the world's leading provider of end-to-end electronic trading solutions. Corr works closely with New York Stock Exchange colleagues, other exchanges, as well as many financial institutions ensuring that they have the best technology in the trading technology arena, from single trading positions to complete exchange platforms.

With over 12 years experience within the industry, Corr has lived and worked in Vienna, Stockholm, Frankfurt, Paris, Palo Alto and London before moving to New York full-time in 2003.

He started his career with Newry-based First Derivatives working with Morgan Stanley, JPMC and Bank of America amongst others. This was followed by a three-year stint at Gemstone Systems before moving to NYSE Euronext.

Corr travels frequently to Belfast, where the firm has a substantial core engineering center serving the global needs of NYSE Technologies. He is a strong advocate of American companies setting up operations in Ireland, where a skilled labor pool and low-cost environment make a very attractive investment decision.

Corr spends as much time as possible with his young family. He misses going to Gaelic Football games, and says that he is trying to fill the gap by playing very poor golf.



Michael J. Cusick

Age: 39 **Place of birth:** Staten Island, NY **First job:** Custodian **What it taught me:** It taught me hard work and the value of money. **Family:** Parents, Miriam and Peter; brothers, John and Peter. **Irish roots:** Great-grandparents from counties Cork and

Roscommon. **Best advice anyone ever gave me:** "Be yourself." — My father. **Best advice I could give someone starting out:** "It costs nothing to be nice."

Michael J. Cusick, State Assemblyman for New York's 63rd District, is a lifelong resident of Staten Island, NY. His parents, Miriam Cusick and the late New York Supreme Court Justice Peter P. Cusick, instilled in Michael and his two brothers a strong commitment to their community. Before taking office in 2003, Cusick served as Director of Constituent Service for U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer and as Chief of Staff to former Staten Island Assemblyman Eric N. Vitaliano.

Shortly after graduating from Villanova University in 1991, Cusick began his career in public service as Special Assistant to former President of the City Council Andrew J. Stein. Since that time, Cusick has been an active member of many civic organizations, including the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and serves on the Staten Island Board of Directors of the Catholic Youth Organization. Recently, Cusick was named President of the New York State American-Irish Legislators Society. He is currently the senior member of the State Delegation.



J. P. Delaney

Age: 38 **Place of birth:** New York City **First job:** Delivering the *New York Daily News*. **What it taught me:** That people like their newspaper with breakfast, not dinner. **Family:** Married to Melissa Delaney (nee Clare), since 2001. Two daughters, Saoirse Marie and Rory Clare. **Irish**

roots: Mother: Agnes Delaney (nee Connelly), of Tuam, Co. Galway. Father: Austin Delaney, of Irishtown, Co. Mayo. **Best advice anyone ever gave me:** You will learn more by listening than by talking. **Best advice I could give someone starting out:** Always be closing.

J.P. Delaney, the senior litigating attorney at O'Dwyer & Bernstien LLP, was born in New York City. He grew up in the Bainbridge and Woodlawn sections of the Bronx, where he attended St. Philip Neri (for which he organized a fundraiser at Rosie O'Grady's when the church burned down) and St. Barnabas elementary schools. He moved to Bronxville at the start of high school, and graduated from Bronxville High School.

While attending the University of Richmond and Brooklyn Law School, he worked as a bartender and waiter at Harbour Lights Restaurant and Ashton's in Manhattan. At this time, he also started his legal career as a law clerk at O'Dwyer & Bernstien, where he learned from the late Paul O'Dwyer and Frank Durkan, as well as from Brian O'Dwyer. Delaney continues to work as a litigator at O'Dwyer & Bernstien to date.

In addition to his law practice, Delaney is also a partner in various bar/restaurants in Manhattan, (The Full Shilling and River), and in Dublin (Peader Kearney's and Coffey's). With his partners, he is currently building a new restaurant in the West Village.

On Sept. 15, 2001, Delaney married the former Melissa Clare. The couple now has two daughters, Saoirse and Rory, who are both under the age of two. The family resides in Manhattan. While growing up, Delaney and his family, including his sister Ann Marie and his brother Dermot, spent every summer at the homes and farms of their parents and extended family in Mayo and Galway, a practice that continues to date, as Saoirse has already been to Ireland, and Rory will be making her first trip soon.

Delaney serves on the board of the Emerald Isle Immigration Center, the Aisling Irish Community Center, and the associate boards of the Irish Repertory Theatre and Musicians On Call. He also serves as an officer of the Emerald Association of Long Island, and has been a longtime member of the Brehon Law Society. He was a member of the Omagh New York Relief Fund Committee, which raised over \$180,000 for the victims of the bombing.



Craig Finn

Age: 37 **Place of birth:** Brighton, MA **First job:** Working behind the counter at a Dairy Queen. **What it taught me:** There is such a thing as too much ice cream. **Irish roots:** My father, grandparents, and all relatives on his side of the family are Irish. Mostly around Northampton

MA. **Best advice anyone ever gave me:** The truth will set you free. **Best advice I could give someone starting out:** Stay positive! Persistence is everything.

Craig Finn is the front man and lyricist for the rock band The Hold Steady. He was raised in Minneapolis, MN, and graduated from Boston College in 1993. After returning to Minneapolis, he took a job in Wealth Management at American Express Financial Advisors.

Always a music fan, Finn moonlighted as a singer in a rock and roll band called Lifter Puller, which gained a cult audience. After moving to Brooklyn in 2000, he formed The Hold Steady, which found immediate critical success. The Hold Steady have released four acclaimed albums, most recently 2008's "Stay Positive." Of "Stay Positive," *Rolling Stone* magazine said: "Right now, no band displays the ranting soul, haunted heart or diseased liver of the American rock myth with more truth and empathy than the Hold Steady." Craig has been profiled in the *New Yorker*, appeared on the cover of the *Village Voice*, played on the David Letterman Show, performed with Bruce

Springsteen, and opened for the Rolling Stones at Slane Castle in Ireland. Finn and The Hold Steady just returned from a successful tour of Australia, and will perform throughout the U.S. and Europe in the Spring of 2009. He is currently expanding his writing resume, contributing occasional music writing to *The Guardian* newspaper and working (slowly) on a novel.



Matt Flannery

Age: 31 **Place of birth:** Connecticut **First job:** Delivering computer parts at a factory. **What it taught me:** To get an education. **Irish roots:** My grandfather's grandfather emigrated from Co. Cork. **Best advice anyone ever gave me:** Dedicate your work to a cause greater

than you. **Best advice I could give someone starting out:** Make sure you are not living your life according to someone else's notion of what you should be.

Matt Flannery is the co-founder and CEO of Kiva (www.kiva.org), the world's first person-to-person microlending website. Kiva empowers individuals to lend funds directly to unique entrepreneurs in the developing world.

Flannery began developing Kiva in late 2004 as a side project while working as a computer programmer at TiVo, Inc. In December 2005, he left his job to devote himself to Kiva full time. As CEO, Flannery has led Kiva's growth from a pilot project to an established online service, with partnerships across the globe and millions in dollars loaned to low-income entrepreneurs.

A Draper Richards Fellow, Flannery is also a featured blogger on the Skoll Foundation's Social Edge website. He graduated with a BS in Symbolic Systems and a Masters in Analytical Philosophy from Stanford University. Read Matt's blog, "The Kiva Chronicles," on Social Edge.



Sean Michael Flynn

Age: 36 **Place of birth:** Rhinebeck, NY **First job:** Newspaper delivery boy. **What it taught me:** The news that's least fit to print is often the news most likely to be read. **Family:** Wife, Lori Ann; children: Hudson and Lucia **Irish roots:** Great-grandfather hailed from Newtowncashel, Co.

Longford, and moved to New York in 1898. Grandfather hailed from the Bleecker Street tenements. Father and mother hail from Flushing and Bayside, Queens, respectively. **Best advice anyone ever gave me:** Stay frosty. **Best advice I could give someone starting out:** "Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more, you should never wish to do less." It worked for Robert E. Lee.

Major Sean Michael Flynn is the chief of operations at the 42nd Infantry Division in Troy, NY, and is the author of "The Fighting 69th: One Remarkable National Guard Unit's Journey from Ground Zero to Baghdad" (Viking 2008), an award-winning history about New York's legendary 69th Infantry Regiment in the Global War on Terrorism.

Flynn joined the Fighting 69th in 2000, and responded with the unit to the World Trade Center attack the following year. He took command of his first infantry company in the shadow of Ground Zero and went on to lead his part-time soldiers through the Regiment's 2004-2005 tour of duty in Iraq. Flynn earned the Bronze Star Medal for his combat service in Iraq and was decorated with the Military Order of Saint Louis for capturing the latest chapter of the unit's history in The Fighting 69th.

Prior to his mobilizations in support of the Global War on Terrorism, Flynn balanced his military duty with a civilian career as a financial and public relations consultant in New York with Gavin Anderson & Company from 1998-2000 and TSI Communications from 1997-1998. Flynn began his career in communications as a public affairs officer for the U.S. Air Force from 1994-1997, a tour of duty that sparked Flynn's first book, "Land of the Radioactive Midnight Sun" (St. Martins Press 2003).

Flynn holds a B.A. in Journalism from the University of Maryland at College Park.

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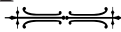
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Dr. Tracy French

Place of Birth: New Rochelle, NY
First Job: Crisis counselor **What it taught me:** To expect the unexpected. **Family:** Parents, Mary and Pat; siblings, Elaine and Patrick. **Irish Roots:** My mother is from Bantry, Co. Cork. My father is from Dunganarvan, Co. Waterford. **Best advice anyone has ever given me:** Trust your instincts. **Best advice I could give someone starting out:** Don't sweat the small stuff.

Dr. Tracy French grew up in Sag Harbor, NY. She has always had a strong connection to her family in the U.S., as well as in Ireland. This experience of spending time in both cultures as a young child fostered French's natural curiosity about dynamics that govern relationships. It was her work as a crisis counselor in an adolescent group home that convinced French that she wanted to pursue a career in psychology.

French completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Scranton, and at University College Cork. After working in a variety of direct care positions, she embarked on graduate studies at Argosy University in San Francisco, where she earned her masters and doctorate in clinical psychology. Her dissertation examined the neuropsychological impact of Chiari Malformations. Upon completion of her doctorate, French was contracted by the prestigious Chiari Institute to further investigate the neuropsychological consequences of this structural brain malformation.

Currently, French is a licensed clinical psychologist employed at the Northport VA Medical Center and at Terrap Psychological Associates in Long Island, N.Y.



Dave Greaney

Age: 33 **Place of birth:** Limerick, Ireland **First job:** Bartender **What it taught me:** Listening is better than talking. **Family:** Wife Kathy; children David (20 months), and Conor (6 Months). **Irish roots:** One hundred percent Irish. **Best advice anyone ever gave me:** Surround yourself with talented, motivated people. **Best advice I could give someone starting out:** Work hard, think big, value your relationships.

David Greaney is founder and president of Synergy Investment & Development, a Boston-based real estate investment and development firm. Synergy's portfolio has grown to approximately one million square feet, and now provides office and retail space to over 120 companies.

Born in Limerick, Greaney is a graduate of University College Dublin and a Certified Public Accountant in Massachusetts. He has previously held positions in the investment management groups of Harvard University and PriceWaterhouseCoopers. Prior to founding Synergy, he served as the Chief Financial Officer of The Mayo Group.

Greaney is active in the Irish-American business community, and has received the Entrepreneurial Award from the Irish Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, he has been recognized in Irish America Magazine's "Business 100," and named one of Business & Finance Magazine's "Most Influential U.S.-Irish Business Leaders."

Greaney is a member of National Association of Industrial and Office Properties, the Greater Boston Real Estate Board and the Real Estate Finance Association. He is a Trustee and Director of the New England Chapter of the Irish Chamber of Commerce and also serves on the building committee of the Special Olympics of Massachusetts. He volunteers for the Lymphoma and Leukemia Society and actively supports a number of other causes including the American Ireland Fund.

David and his wife Kathy currently reside in Cohasset, MA, with their sons David and Conor.

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Matthew Haney

Age: 26 **Place of birth:** Santa Cruz, CA **First job:** Docent, Museum of Tolerance. **What it taught me:** The power of simply asking people, especially young people, to care about others. **Irish roots:** Father **Best advice anyone ever gave me:** "Be authentic. That's the most important thing you have." **Best advice I could give someone starting out:** "Seek out as many interesting and exciting experiences as you can. That is the best way to learn."

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Matt Haney lives in San Francisco and is enrolled as a joint JD/MA in Education student at Stanford University. He graduated in 2004 from UC Berkeley as a valedictorian finalist in Political Science and Urban Development. He received a Senator George Mitchell Scholarship and studied for an LLM in International Human Rights Law at National University Ireland, Galway.

Haney served as a California State Senate Fellow, working for a State Senator on legislation relating to public safety, consumer protection, and education. He also worked for the War Crimes Chamber in Sarajevo, Bosnia, helping to write the Chamber's five-year plan to transition from an international court to a fully national institution. He recently worked for over a year for the Obama for America campaign as a youth and student organizer in California and Texas, and as the Youth Vote Director for New Mexico.

Haney is also a New Leaders Council Fellow and Humanity in Action Senior Fellow. He is very proud of his Irish-American heritage and hopes to return for a visit to Ireland sometime very soon.



Gary Hanley

Age: 37 **Place of birth:** Cork, Ireland **First job:** Construction for my father in Boston in 1987. **What it taught me:** Stay in school. I wasn't going to be a good carpenter. **Family:** My wife Theresa and I have two little girls, Ava and Emily. **Irish roots:** All my family are from Cork, and most still reside there. I have some family here in Boston and some now in Spain. **Best advice anyone ever gave me:** Keep your eye on the ball — even when it is in the referee's pocket. (We played a lot of hurling in Cork, so I needed this advice.) **Best advice I could give someone starting out:** Read the lines, don't read between them. Someone much smarter than I am advised me to do that, and it works.

Gary Hanley is SVP of Invest Northern Ireland. He has over twelve years' experience in the ICT industry in the US. Hanley has held positions of leadership in software development, IT, sales and marketing for companies such as Sun Microsystems, GTE (now Verizon) and EMC.

Hanley has managed global development projects while at Sun and GTE. As part of Baltimore Technology's entry into the U.S. market, he was responsible for managing IT and then advanced to managing strategic account relationships with companies such as Wells Fargo, Cigna and ABN Amro. Most recently, he was responsible for developing and implementing EMC's Go-To-Market strategy in the U.S. and EMEA.

Residing in Boston, Massachusetts, Hanley holds a Bachelor of Business Studies from the University of Limerick as well as a Master of Business Studies from the National University of Ireland at Galway.



Michael J. Hogan

Age: 39 **Place of Birth:** New York City **First Job:** American Red Cross, Disaster Relief Specialist. **What it taught me:** And you think you have problems? **Family:** Michael resides in Our Lady of Victory parish in Floral Park Village, NY with his wife of 12 years, Michele, and children, Sean and Lindsay. His father, Robert, is a retired NYPD captain; his mother, Rosemary, an RN, is an emergency room nurse. He has two sisters: Grace Kathleen Hogan

and Colleen Mary Mansfield. **Irish roots:** His ancestors hail from Donaguile, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny. **Best advice ever given to me:** My father stressed early in life that the choices you make set the stage for your future. Some choices close doors while others create opportunity. Always bring your best effort and make use of your time, because time waits for no man. **Best advice I could give:** When presented with choices in life, you instinctively know what the right one is; don't make the wrong choice because the right one seems too hard. Set your own expectations, don't fall victim to complacency, and never stop learning.

Michael J. Hogan's musical career began at age 12 as a piper with the Manhattan College Pipes & Drums, where he has maintained membership for 27 years. He served as pipe major and bandmaster while a resident student. As a teenager, he spent summers in Mt. Merrion, Dublin, and performed at the music festivals in Kilkenny City and numerous other venues in Ireland.

In 1995, while pipe major, Hogan organized the band's travel to Ireland to participate in the Dublin St. Patrick's Day Parade. While in Ireland, he co-hosted the Kingdom Ceoli broadcast on Radio Kerry, orchestrated visits to the Dail and Mansion House in Dublin and performed on board the U.S.S. frigate Antrim.

Michael succeeded his father as director of the pipe band in 1997 and has maintained responsibility for all aspects of the band's performance. Under his direction, the band has performed in the Bunker Hill Day parade held in Boston, opened for the Mighty Mighty Bostonians in the Roseland Ballroom in New York City, played the "Holiday Express Benefit Concert Christmas Spectacular" at the Continental Airlines Arena, and performed consecutive years in Frank Patterson's annual show held at Carnegie Hall. The band's repertoire and training regimen include the history of the tunes, the composers and their significance in Irish history.

Hogan is the product of 20 years in New York City Catholic schools, having attended grade school at St. Kevin's in Flushing, high school at Archbishop Molloy in Briarwood, received his B.S. from Manhattan College in Riverdale and his M.B.A. from Fordham University at Lincoln Center. Through his formative years, there was a constant and clear message in the home: family, faith, education, Irish culture, and responsibility.

Hogan is currently vice-president and treasurer of Fiduciary Trust Company International, a private bank and asset management firm that is a wholly owned subsidiary of Franklin Templeton Investments, where he has worked for ten years and is responsible for asset/liability management and controlling risks associated with liquidity, funding, interest rate exposure, and the firm's principal investments.



Paul Keary

Age: 34 **Place of birth:** Galway, Ireland **First job:** Working on my uncle's farm when I was 11. **What it taught me:** The benefits of hard work, and the folly of pay negotiation after the job was complete. **Family:** Wonderful girlfriend Melissa. **Irish roots:** Parents Martin and Dymna from

Loughrea, Co. Galway. Three brothers: Declan, Kenneth and Robert. **Best advice anyone ever gave me:** Travel the world with your mind open; learn from every experience, understand your strengths and don't ignore your weaknesses. **Best advice I could give someone starting out:** Understanding one's abilities and building on these strengths is key. Also, identify and work with mentors, people who will invest their time and intellect in helping you succeed.

Paul Keary is a Senior Managing Director of NYSE listed FTI Consulting, the world's leading event driven consultancy, highly regarded for corporate finance and restructuring, economic consulting, E-discovery services, litigation consulting, communications and transaction advisory.

Born in Loughrea, Co. Galway, Keary moved to the U.S. in 2004 and has over 13 years experience, on both sides of the Atlantic, advising Fortune 500 corporations, governments and industry organizations on corporate and financial communications, brand strategy, business integration strategy and crisis management. Keary has

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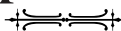
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recently undertaken a new role in FTI's management team, having moved from Financial Dynamics, FTI's strategic communications division.

A marketing and communications graduate, Keary has twice been awarded by the Public Relations Consultants Association, for "Excellence in Financial Communications" and "Excellence in Corporate Communications."

Keary is also very active across a range of Irish American organizations, and is currently a director of the U.S. Foundation Board for National University of Ireland, Galway and board director of IN-NYC, the highly successful business network for young professionals in New York. He is also very involved with the American Ireland Fund and was one of the key members of Irish Americans for Hillary, a group which worked with Secretary Clinton's presidential campaign in 2007 and 2008.

The son of Martin and Dymphna Keary, Paul is the youngest of four boys. His brothers Declan, Kenneth and Robert work together with their father in the Keary Auctioneering and Financial Services family business in Loughrea.



Steve Lenox

Age: 32 **Place of birth:** East Hanover, N.J. **Family:** Wife Aoife, sons Conor, 5 and Cian, 2 currently residing in Cork. **First job:** Shovel-ing driveways, mowing lawns, raking leaves. **What it taught me:** A job worth doing is worth doing well. **Irish Roots:** Though Steve's ancestors arrived from Ireland in time to fight in the American Civil War, he has reconnected to his lineage through his marriage to Aoife Brosnan of Cork and his own Irish citizenship. **Best advice anyone gave me:** I've had the opportunity to work with candidates running for office at every level and have seen firsthand that "all politics is local." **Best advice I could give someone starting out:** Different opportunities await all of us, but as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "Everybody can be great because anybody can serve."

Albert Einstein once theorized that "politics is more difficult than physics," but despite the long weeks, and even longer weekends, Steve Lenox has made it look easy.

An alumni of Rutgers University, Lenox began his career as an aide to Mayor James Cahill in New Brunswick and subsequently served as Chief of Staff for Assemblywoman Linda Greenstein.

Following these, Lenox went to work as Legislative Affairs Coordinator for the New Jersey State AFL-CIO, where he gained a unique appreciation for the everyday trials faced by New Jersey's working families. While he believes that "We have come to so greatly undervalue all of those that make our country work," he is confident that "through the labor movement, workers will once again earn the respect they deserve."

In late 2007, just as Senator Frank Lautenberg embarked on his campaign for an historic fifth term, Lenox accepted the position of State Director. Calling him a "committed public servant and true statesman," Lenox continues to proudly serve in this position, where he leads a team of more than 20 responsible for bringing the legislative accomplishments of the Senator directly to his nearly 9 million constituents.

Lenox counts himself lucky to have worked under so many great leaders and is sure he will take the values each has instilled in him as he progresses through his career. While he is quick to share experiences and pictures of time spent with notables such as President Barack Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Steve gets the most joy out of telling stories about Conor's most recent GAA accomplishment and Cian's latest words.



Liam Lynch

Age: 32 **Place of birth:** New Jersey **First job:** Paperboy at age 13. **What it taught me:** The values of hard work, working smartly and perseverance. **Irish roots:** My great-grandfather, John Patrick McCarron, was a native of Belfast.

He came to Philadelphia as a teenager around 1890, and became a carpenter. The Lynch side of the family emigrated from Cork to Connecticut in the latter part of the 19th century. **Best advice anyone ever gave me:** My father: always told me: stick to what you are doing. **Best advice I could give someone starting out:** Find something you are passionate about and then get paid to do it.

Liam Lynch, born in New Jersey, is honored to receive this distinguished award and be affiliated with such a premier publication as the Irish Echo.

Lynch is the CFO of Key Brand Entertainment, which under the name of its largest asset, Broadway Across America, is the leading developer, producer, and distributor of live theater in North America. When shows such as "Riverdance," leave Broadway in New York to tour local cities, Liam's company puts them on. Additionally, they operate a number of theaters and co-produce shows on Broadway, including such hits as "Irving Berlin's White Christmas," "West Side Story," "In the Heights" and "Dora the Explorer."

Prior to his current role, Lynch was with Broadway Across America's former owner, Live Nation, the largest concert promoter in the U.S., and other entertainment businesses. He earned an MBA in International Finance from the Monterey Institute of International Studies, and a B.A. from Rhodes.

Lynch is the son of Edmund and Aud Lynch and a proud Irish/Norwegian American, crediting his heritage and family as driving forces in his success. One of his chief aims is to bring more exposure to Irish and Irish American culture in the arts.

He is also the proud uncle of a great niece and nephew.

BEST ADVICE I COULD GIVE SOMEONE STARTING OUT: "Find something you are passionate about and then get paid to do it."

— Liam Lynch



Shane Malone

Age: 39 **Place of birth:** Kildare, Ireland **First job:** Stable lad **What it taught me:** What hard work really is. **Family:** Kathleen, Dara, and Murphy **Irish roots:** Born and raised. **Best advice anyone ever gave me:** Always forgive your enemies, nothing annoys them more. **Best advice I could give:** Don't look down on someone unless you're helping them up.

Shane Malone, like many of his Irish contemporaries, started out in the bar business in New York City. Several years later, he moved to Connecticut and joined the South District Fire Department.

Malone was accepted into a training program run by the Department of Homeland Security for responding to terrorist incidents, and as an instructor for the prevention of, and response to, suicide bomber incidents. He studied in both New Mexico and Alabama, working closely with FEMA and Homeland Security experts.

Since becoming a firefighter/EMT, Malone has been actively involved in community service. Through the Adopt-a-Firefighter program, he teaches fire safety to children at inner city schools. Malone recently completed a program qualifying him to counsel juvenile fire setters.

In his spare time, Malone trains local bars and restaurants on how to serve alcohol responsibly and reduce drunk driving accidents. He is a certified TIPs trainer, and has trained over 1500 people in this program. Malone is also a State of Connecticut Public Fire Education Specialist. He lives in Connecticut with his wife Kathleen (Kathy) and his two sons, Dara and Murphy.



Colleen McCollum

Age: 37 **Place of birth:** Philadelphia, PA **First job:** The Jigger Shop, Mt. Gretna, PA. **First job out of College:** The Ritz-Carlton New York, NYC. **What it taught me:** That we are all "Ladies and gentleman serving ladies and gentleman," no matter what your background. And we can

all succeed in life with hard work and dedication. **Irish roots:** Paternal great-grandparents John and Hanna (O'Doherty) McCollum from Donegal. Maternal great-grandmother, Sarah Crawford (Donahue) of Famine Irish, who settled in West Philadelphia. **Best advice anyone ever gave me:** "Just make it happen!" **Best advice I could give someone starting out:** Do what you love for a living as it will take you places that you have never thought you would have been. Plus, your passion for what you do will influence the people around you to make this world a better place.

Colleen McCollum was recently promoted to the role of Vice President, sales for Carino Hotels and Resorts Worldwide, a sales and customer information company dedicated to assisting luxury hotels.

A charter employee of the company, McCollum joined the organization as Director of Sales in 2002 and her immediate contributions to the Carino Collection consisted of building a global sales team and overseeing sales/revenue to member hotels. Additionally, McCollum is responsible for the process of data-mining the revenue stream and is responsible for direct selling (B2B) to the corporate transient market.

McCollum has a strong background in the hospitality industry. Working at global hotel chains such as Ritz-Carlton, Loews Hotels, and Preferred Hotels/IndeCorp has given her the foundation to build upon. After achieving year-over-year growth, it is quite clear why the Carino Collection, now Carino Hotels and Resorts Worldwide, was compelled to promote her to Executive Director of Sales in just three short years and to Vice President, Sales two years later.

McCollum is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University, with a Bachelor of Science in Hotel & Restaurant Recreational Management. She has served as a member of Hospitality Sales and Marketing International (HSMIA); Chairman of Special Events and is serving as the President of New York City Business Travel Association (NYCBTA). Additional posts include Director of Membership and Vice President of NYCBTA. McCollum continues to hold membership positions in NBTA, NJBTA and ACTE.

A native of Central Pennsylvania, she regards her roots as a central part of her upbringing. McCollum still has family in Ireland, which she visits often. She currently resides in New York City -- however, she considers Florida her home where her parents, brother, sister-in-law and two nephews reside.



Karen Boyce McCollum

Age: 30 (as of February 17) **Place of birth:** Upper Darby, PA **First job:** Busgirl at O'Malley's Restaurant. I think almost everyone in my family worked there at some point. **What it taught me:** Hard work, a positive

attitude and smile can go a long way in the workforce (Fresh rolls don't hurt, either). **Family:** Husband, Brian; daughter, Sarah Carmel. Youngest of six children -- my siblings, Brian, John, Jimmy, Colleen & Michael are my best friends. I also have seven nieces and seven nephews whom I love dearly. I could keep this list going -- my family is everything to me. **Irish roots:** I have wonderful parents. My Mom, Carmel (nee Crossan) is from a lovely place called Trentagh, just outside of Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. Dad, Barney, is from an equally lovely place called Mallymore, outside of Milford, Co. Donegal. Both grew up there and took us there every year for summer holidays. It is my favorite place on Earth. **Best advice anyone ever gave me:** The best advice I ever received was from my Mom. She told me to "be myself" when I was 13. Another good one I learned during my 12 years of Catholic education and perhaps the golden rule

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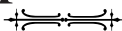
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of life is to "treat others as you would like to be treated." **Best advice I could give someone starting out:** Listen and be open to taking advice from others. It may not always be relevant or in line with your point of view, but good advice can be hard to come by and can help you in many ways. I also think it's critically important to live a life of balance and make time for the important things — family & friends.

A performer. A communicator. A budding reporter. A new mother. Just some of the terms that describe **Karen Boyce McCollum**. Just a few days into her 30s and this young woman has made quite an impression on the Philadelphia Irish community. With a decade of healthcare communications experience, McCollum is Associate Director of Corporate Communications at Cephalon, a Philadelphia-based biopharmaceutical company.

The youngest of a musical family, McCollum is a well-known Irish singer and stepdancer who has been the front woman for a few popular Irish bands in Philly. She frequents the stage with her brothers' band, Blackthorn, performs at many local events and ceremonies, and also dabbles in sean-nós singing.

In 2005, McCollum placed first in the ladies singing competition at the Mid-Atlantic region Fleadh Cheoil and spent a week touring Ireland as the Philadelphia Rose of Tralee representative. She has been a guest street reporter for the Philadelphia St. Patrick's Day Parade on the Philadelphia CBS affiliate since 2007.

McCollum has also donated time for many charitable efforts. At 20, she chaired a successful benefit for Kosovo relief. As part of her communications degree program at Drexel University, McCollum helped start Ceili for Kayleigh, an organization dedicated to raising awareness and research funds for a rare disorder, methylmalonic academia. Their annual ceilis have since raised many thousands of dollars for the cause.

She and her husband, Brian, are looking forward to bringing their daughter, Sarah Carmel, to Ireland for the first time this summer.



Brendan McGinn

Age: 39 **Place of birth:** Belfast **First job:** Selling newspapers. **What it taught me:** The importance of customer service and strategy. My first day selling newspapers I made a loss, as every street corner in city centre belonged to someone else. **Family:** Wife, Nicola; sons, Ruairi, Eoin, and

Conall. **Best advice anyone ever gave me:** Get educated. **Best advice I could give someone starting out:** Don't believe in glass ceilings and choose your circle of influence with care.

Belfast native **Brendan McGinn** is a father of three, a founder of companies, and a runner of companies. He is also a marathon runner whose long distance exploits have benefited worthy causes on both sides of the Atlantic.

McGinn was founder, at 25, of BJM Chartered Accountants of Belfast and Dublin, a company that advises on inward investment from North America and has provided services to both the Irish Tourist Board and Tourism Ireland in North America. In 2008, McGinn stepped down as managing partner of BJM to concentrate on a new venture, New Ireland Capital Partners, a fund for the northern and border counties that invests in private equity and group capital opportunities.

McGinn's charitable work is wide-ranging. He is founder and chairman of Special Provision for the Education of Autistic Children, or SPEAC. The organization's committee consists of parents of autistic children committed to improving the lives of their children.

McGinn has raised funds to open the first SPEAC school in Northern Ireland and has funded the opening of the CEAT clinic (Center for Early Autism Treatment). Both projects have imported the specialist techniques of Applied Behavioral Analysis, or ABA, from the U.S. McGinn has sponsored the relocation of U.S.-trained specialists in this area to Ireland and has completed the New York marathon four times on behalf of the charity.

McGinn is a member of the international board of Co-Operation Ireland and is one of four trustees of, and a special adviser to, the George Best Foundation.



John McKenzie

Age: 38 **Place of birth:** Roscommon **First Job:** University of Limerick job placement with Aer Lingus in New York. **What it taught me:** It taught me the importance of travel and the value of experiencing diverse cultures, while at the same time appreciating the uniqueness of being Irish.

Family: Married to Mary; father of Shauna 9, Ella 6, and Shane 4. **Best advice anyone gave you:** My parents said you should always work hard, listen to your conscience and do what's right. **Best advice I could give anybody starting out:** Embrace change, suggest solutions and how you'd implement them. Invest ten percent of your pay check.

John McKenzie is the eldest of four children born to Johnny and Annie McKenzie. In 1988, he completed his leaving certificate at St. Nathy's college, Ballaghaderreen.

McKenzie earned a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration in 1992, and a Graduate Diploma in Applied Computing in 1993, from the University of Limerick. After working in Dublin for two years, John secured a Morrison Visa, and emigrated to New York in September, 1995.

A week after landing in the Big Apple, McKenzie started work for Australia New Zealand Bank (ANZ) in midtown Manhattan. Two and a half years later, he found himself working at Morgan Stanley as a consultant. After successfully managing the IT infrastructure for two facilities, McKenzie became a Morgan Stanley employee in 2000.

In 2002, McKenzie joined Morgan Stanley Investment Management (MSIM) where he managed the global support team. In 2005, he implemented MSIM's QA practice, managing more than 40 consultants in NYC and Pune, India. He was promoted to Vice President in 2006.

On Sept. 21, 2008, McKenzie learned the tragic news that his friend, Catherine McShane, had lost her battle with cancer, leaving her husband Jerome a widower with five children to raise. Friends of the couple gathered on an October night last year to discuss running a benefit in support of the McShane family. McKenzie found himself at the helm of a committee that ran a very successful benefit on Jan. 24, 2009.



Connell McShane

Age: 31 **Place of birth:** Queens, NY **First job:** Caddy at a golf course. **What it taught me:** How to read a green — but not how to make a put. **Family:** Wife Renee and three children: Jack, Lucy, and Caroline. **Irish roots:** My dad is from Kilcar in Co. Donegal. My mom is from

New York. Her mother was from Kerry and her father came from Leitrim. **Best advice anyone ever gave me:** Always be on time. In TV and radio, if you're not on time, there's dead air. **Best advice I could give someone starting out:** Always be prepared. The only way to be successful in our business is to be confident, and the only way to have confidence is to always be prepared.

Connell McShane joined FOX Business Network (FBN) as a reporter in September 2007.

Before joining FBN, McShane worked at Bloomberg Television where he served as a news reporter and an anchor working on *Evening Edition*, *On the Markets*, and *Marketweek*. He also reported live from the New York Stock Exchange and NASDAQ.

Before Bloomberg Television, McShane co-anchored the syndicated morning show *The First Word* on Bloomberg Radio. As a studio anchor, McShane reported on major events such as the Iraq invasion, the capture of Saddam Hussein, the 2004 Presidential Election, and the aftermath of the September 11th terrorist attacks.

McShane began his career as a radio play-by-play announcer for a minor league baseball team in Pittsfield, MA. He was also a play-by-play announcer and talk show host on WFUV-FM in New York.

A graduate of Fordham University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication and Media Studies, McShane was named a finalist in both the New York Metro Achievement in Radio Awards and the New York State Associated Press Broadcasters' Association.



Brian C. Meagher, Jr.

Age: 39 **Place of birth:** New York City **First job:** Paperboy **What it taught me:** Sunday is a heavy day. **Family:** Single **Irish roots:** Grandmother from Sligo; all great-grandparents from Ireland. **Best advice anyone ever gave me:** Look right before crossing the street in Ireland.

Best advice I could give someone starting out: Practice, practice, practice!

Brian C. Meagher, Jr. is an attorney and world class bagpiper. Raised in Rockland County, NY, he was born into a family of distinguished bagpipers. Brian is a fourth generation player, and has graduated through all of the steps to become an Open Class competitor, specializing in the "Opera of Piping" known as piobaireachd. During his career, he has played with leading world competition bands, including City of Washington D.C.; Scottish Power of Glasgow, Scotland and the St. Laurence O'Toole pipe band from Dublin.

Meagher graduated from Iona College, where he served as the Pipe Major of the bagpipe band. Brian helped establish the New York University Bagpipe Band and has served as their only Pipe Major since its founding in 1991. Additionally, he serves as an Adjunct Professor of Music at NYU, teaching an accredited music course. Brian holds a Masters Degree in Public Administration from NYU and a Juris Doctor degree from Brooklyn Law School.

Meagher is a Senior Assistant District Attorney in Kings County and has recently completed an assignment as a Special Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York.

In helping to keep the tradition alive, he has instructed numerous individual players and has served as instructor for the following bands over the years: NYC Fire Dept., NYC Housing and Transit Police, Port Authority of NY & NJ Police, Eastern Long Island Police, NYPD, Local 1 Elevator Constructors Union and the Rockland County AOH Pipes & Drums.

Meagher has piped on *Saturday Night Live* multiple times and has also been featured as a bagpiper on television shows including *Sex and the City* and *Law and Order* as well as on Meatloaf's "Bat out of Hell II" album. He was also a soloist at Carnegie Hall in Sir Peter Maxwell Davies' "An Orkney Wedding, with Sunrise."



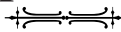
Margaret Molloy

Age: 38 **Place of birth:** Offaly **First job:** Summer job as a "Bean an Ti" or housekeeper in the Gaeltacht. **What it taught me:** When you have passion for your mission, in this case the Irish language, your work can be enormously fulfilling beyond the economic rewards.

Family: Husband, James O'Sullivan; sons, Finn and Emmet **Irish roots:** Born in Ireland. **Best advice anyone ever gave me:** Always respect the dignity of others. This is my father's mantra and it is as powerful in professional relationships as it is in personal interactions. **Best advice I could give someone starting out:** Build and nurture your professional network, and do so with authenticity. Referrals are enormously valuable. Make time to keep in touch with former colleagues, classmates, and friends. Maintain a genuine interest in others. After all, we Irish have a special gift for matchmaking. Put it to use.

Margaret Molloy is Vice President of Marketing at Gerson Lehrman Group (GLG). Headquartered in New York, the information services company connects institutional decision makers with a global network of experts across a wide range of disciplines. Clients include leading professional services firms and corporations. GLG launched an operation in Dublin in January of 2009.

Before GLG, Molloy spent six years in marketing leadership roles at Siebel Systems (acquired by Oracle). She came to New York in 1993 to work for Enterprise Ireland. In the 1990s, she served four years as VP of Marketing at Telecom Ireland (Eircom) where she



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played a highly visible role in promoting Ireland as the prime European site for U.S. companies.

Molloy holds a BA from the University of Ulster and the Universidad de Valladolid (Spain). She earned an MBA from Harvard Business School.

Molloy hails from Tubber in Co. Offaly. She is a consistent supporter of many Irish philanthropic causes in New York. She lives in Manhattan with her husband, James O'Sullivan, and two sons, Finn and Emmet.



Sean P. Moynihan

Age: 38 **Place of birth:** Worcester, MA **First job:** Newspaper delivery boy for the *Worcester Telegram & Gazette*. **What it taught me:** A job well done results in good tips! **Family:** Parents, Francis X. (deceased) and Margaret M. Moynihan; younger brother Kevin Moynihan.

Married to Lynn (Manning) Moynihan. One daughter, Maeve Mary Moynihan. **Irish roots:** Maternal grandmother, Mary (O'Rourke) O'Connell of Inagh, Co. Clare; maternal great-grandfather, John O'Connell of Killarney, Co. Kerry. Paternal great-grandparents: Cornelius and Johanna Moynihan of Barraduff, Co. Kerry, and Timothy and Abigail Shea of Ennis, Co. Clare. **Best advice anyone ever gave me:** My mother taught me at a young age to treat others the way you wish to be treated. **Best advice I could give someone starting out:** Stay true to who you are, cherish what you have learned -- it will help you in ways you cannot imagine -- and never let anyone discourage you from your goals.

Sean P. Moynihan, the founder and Principal of the Moynihan Group, LLC, was born in Worcester, Massachusetts and is the eldest son of Francis X. and Margaret M. Moynihan. Moynihan is a 1992 graduate of Providence College in Providence, RI and a 2001 graduate of Suffolk University Law School's evening division program in Boston, MA.

Moynihan began his professional career as a fundraiser for the United Way of Central Massachusetts. Thereafter, he worked in the insurance and financial industries before entering public service. Moynihan served 11 years in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, beginning in 1995 as a Legislative Aide. As an attorney, he had the honor of serving as Legal Counsel to the House Ways and Means Committee and Counsel to the House Majority Leader during which time he worked on a myriad of public policy issues. In 2007, Moynihan made the bold decision to establish his own legal and consulting firm in Boston — The Moynihan Group, LLC.

Moynihan served as a special assistant to a legislative trade mission to Dublin and Derry in 2001. In 2002, he traveled to Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh, to develop and co-author the goals and objectives of the William J. Clinton Centre. Moynihan has also worked on behalf of both Mary Immaculate College (MIC) in Limerick and Fermanagh College in Fermanagh. He has provided a forum by which MIC has promoted its mission to interested parties in the U.S., and he has successfully raised funds for the college's endowment.

Moynihan has served as a volunteer member of the Irish Immigration Center's annual Solas Award Dinner Committee, and is an active member of both the Ireland Chamber of Commerce United States (ICCUSA) and the Irish Cultural Center of New England. He lives in South Boston with his wife Lynn and their daughter, Maeve.



Michael P. Murphy

Age: 35 **Place of birth:** Phoenix, AZ **First job:** Paper boy **What it taught me:** Working for yourself is my ideal job. **Family:** Single and looking! **Irish roots:** Paternal grandparents. **Best advice anyone ever gave me:** Always look the person you are talking to directly in the eye. **Best advice**

I could give someone starting out: Never give up on your dreams.

Michael P. Murphy has an extensive education and background, coupled with an ongoing, perpetually

developing sphere of presidential, princely, governmental and ministerial contacts.

Murphy is an honors graduate of The Citadel and served a tour of duty as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army. These experiences led him to a career focused on infrastructure development internationally.

In 2003, he launched Global Building Solutions, (www.globalbuilding.net) a manufacturer of Structural Insulated Panels (SIPs). Since then, GBS has grown from a regional manufacturer to an international design/build firm with manufacturing, design/build and construction interests in the United States, Caribbean, Gabon and Liberia, West Africa. GBS projects range in scope from the hundreds of thousands to the hundreds of millions of dollars. The company has over 300 employees on two continents and offices in Charleston, SC, Monrovia, Liberia and Libreville, Gabon.

Murphy serves on the Board of The Fermoy Group, Security Resources Limited, Gozump, Inc., The Haile Selassie Fund for Ethiopian Children and The Citadel Catholic Endowment Board.

A Papal Knight, he is also a member of the AOH, KOFC and a past president of the South Carolina Irish Historical Society. Murphy maintains his heart and home in Charleston, SC.



Tony Murphy

Age: 40 **Place of birth:** Cullyhanna, Co. Armagh **First job:** Apple picker **What it taught me:** Don't stop until you get to the top. **Family:** Wife, Siobhan; son Aidan (11 months). **Best advice anyone ever gave me:** A bend in the road is not the end of the road. **Best advice I**

could give someone starting out: You can do anything you set your mind to.

Tony Murphy, a real estate broker with Prudential Rand Realty, is originally from a great little village in South Armagh called Cullyhanna. He grew up with three younger sisters in a close-knit community surrounded by all things Irish — except for the watch towers — from music and song, to Gaelic football and Irish dancing.

Murphy attended University in London, and then made the big move to New York. After several years of bartending in different locations in the Bronx, Yonkers and Manhattan, Tony entered the world of real estate. He joined the area's premier real estate company, Prudential Rand Realty, with 20 offices and over 750 agents. Murphy quickly rose through the ranks and soon became one of the top award-winning brokers in the company. He is presently the #1 Prudential agent in Yonkers and one of the top realtors in all of Westchester County, working with many of the Irish who are moving in and out of Westchester and the Bronx.

Married to his wonderful wife of five years, Siobhan from Sligo, they have an 11-month-old son named Aidan and reside in Yonkers, N.Y. Like many people, Murphy came to New York in 1990 on vacation to visit family in the Bronx, met up with some new-found cousins and a few old friends, fell in love with the city — and here he is 19 years later, a move he has never regretted.



Rosie O'Reilly

Age: 39 **Birth Place:** Co. Cavan, Ireland **First Job:** At the age of 12, worked as a waitress at Aunties Hotel serving and cleaning up after weddings. **What it taught me:** My mother worked in the same place while raising six children. Watching her taught me how to be a hard worker. **Family:** Proud mother of 20-year-old Natasha, who is studying law and politics in university. **Irish roots:** Mom, dad and grandparents are Irish. **Best advice given to me:** Confidence is half the battle. **Best advice I could give:** Work hard, play fair, live every day like it's your last. Also, make exercise part of daily routine. It's great for the mind and body.

Rosie O'Reilly emigrated to the U.S. in 1986, after completing her leaving cert in Cavan Vocational School. Upon her arrival in New York, she quickly

picked up where she left off and got involved in the New York Irish sports community.

O'Reilly spent a couple of years waitressing in Manhattan before finally settling into her current job, which she has held since 1989, as a bartender in the Riverdale Steakhouse with her dear friends Terry and Ann Connaughton. Because of her love of sport and fitness, she decided to go back to school and become a personal trainer. She was certified in 2006 by the National Personal Training Institute (NPTI) and works at the Medina Fitness Studio in Riverdale early morning and Saturdays.

O'Reilly resides in Woodlawn, close to her two sisters, Breda and Angela, and her brother Dessie. O'Reilly has had a very busy sporting career. In 1991, she was one of the founding members of the New York Ladies Football Association. The same year, she founded the Cavan Ladies Club, which is the most successful ladies team in the U.S., having won thirteen out of the last sixteen Ladies Championships. O'Reilly is currently the chairperson of the Cavan Gaelic Football and Social Club of New York, which governs both men's and ladies teams. In her spare time, Rosie coaches in the under age Gaelic for girls program.



Ruth O'Sullivan

Age: 32 **Place of birth:** Dublin **First job:** Doing research for a study on the health habits of injecting drug addicts. **What it taught me:** The gaping inequalities that exist in society. **Family:** Just myself and my son Liam (22-and-a-half-months old)

Irish roots: Everyone — parents, grandparents, etc. I am first-generation Irish. **Best advice anyone ever gave me:** "If somethings worth having," it's worth working for." **Best advice I could give someone starting out:** Believe in yourself. There will be many obstacles along the way, but they are only insurmountable if you allow them to be.

Ruth O'Sullivan was born in Dublin, Ireland in 1976. She is currently a licensed social worker and works as a resource co-ordinator for the Brooklyn Mental Health Court. She holds a Masters degree in Social Work from Hunter College and an M.A. in Sociology and Social Policy from the University of Glasgow. O'Sullivan moved to New York in 2000 on an H-1 visa.

While on a J-1 visa in New York in 1996, O'Sullivan learned that women could compete in the esteemed New York Golden Gloves amateur boxing tournament. Captivated by the idea, she joined a boxing gym, and began an unlikely love affair with the sport. She is currently a competitive amateur boxer. Her career highlights are winning the New York Golden Gloves at the 106 lb. division in 2005 and 2006, the Empire State Games in 2004, 2005 and 2006, and the Metropolitan Games in 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008. She also got a Silver Gloves in 2004 and again in 2008.

O'Sullivan works in Brooklyn Mental Health Court on a clinical team set up to get mentally ill adults out of jail and into monitored treatment as an alternative to incarceration. She is a single mother to 22-and-a-half-month-old Liam. The motto that she lives by is, "Anything worth having is worth fighting for . . . often, literally."



Brian E. Raftery

Age: 39 **Place of birth:** Brooklyn, New York **First job:** Newspaper carrier, age 11. **What it taught me:** Make sure you get paid each week, because, if you don't, you'll get stiffed on the tip. **Family:** Wife, Ruth Ann Flynn Raftery; children, Bridget Flynn Raftery (8); Megan Fleming Raftery (6); and Erin P. Raftery (4). **Irish roots:** Grandparents on my mother's side, and great-great grandparents on my father's side. **Best advice anyone ever gave me:** "Marry that girl," referring to Ruth Ann Flynn, who is now my wife. **Best advice I could give someone starting out:** Listen, learn, be positive, and adapt.

Brian E. Raftery, a trusts & estates attorney and certified public accountant, is one of the youngest partners

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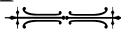
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of Herrick, Feinstein LLP, a 175 attorney full-service law firm with offices in New York and New Jersey. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Irish Business Association, a business networking group of Irish-American and Irish business people.

Raftery graduated from Msgr. Farrell High School in Staten Island in 1987. He earned his undergraduate degree in Accounting, with minors in Political Science and History, at the University of Scranton in 1991. He earned his law degree from Seton Hall University School of Law in 1997, where he was the Business Editor of the Seton Hall Constitutional Law Journal. Raftery also obtained a Masters of Law degree in Taxation at New York University Law School in 1999.

Most significantly, Raftery married Ruth Ann Flynn, also an attorney and certified public accountant, in 1994. The couple and their three daughters, Brigid (8), Megan (6) and Erin (4), reside in Westfield, New Jersey. The family visits Ireland every two years, and, this summer, will be visiting the Raftery ancestral home in Tuam, Co. Galway.



Maureen J. Reidy

Age: 38 **Place of birth:** Queens, NY **First job:** As soon as I was eligible to work at 16 years old, I found a job in a bakery. **What it taught me:** The importance of an alarm clock, since the bakery opened at 5 a.m!

Family: Father, Stephen Reidy, NYC Firefighter, Engine 302 Queens, NYC; mother, Barbara Reidy, high school Math teacher, Sachem H.S. Long Island; sister, Diane Reidy-Lagunes, Oncologist, Memorial Sloan Kettering. **Irish roots:** Paternal grandparents: Felix Reidy, born in New Rochelle, NY, son of George Reidy from Tipperary and Anne Dolan from Glangevlin, Co. Cavan, and Isabel McIntosh, born in Ossining, NY, daughter of Anna Dwyer from Dundrum, Co. Tipperary and Ronald McIntosh from Isle of Skye, Scotland. **Best advice anyone ever gave me:** Never forget where you come from, be kind and treat all people with respect. **Best advice I could give someone starting out:** Work harder than anyone else.

Maureen J. Reidy is the Founder and CEO of The Reidy Group, a consulting firm which provides business advisory and marketing services. Previously, she served as Chief Operating Officer of IMG Fashion, a division of Forstmann Little/IMG, the world's premier sports, entertainment and media company. There she was responsible for the day-to-day operational and management functions of many of the world's top fashion events, several fashion publications and oversaw the development of various fashion-themed media programming and content.

In 2002, she was selected by Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg to serve in his administration as President & CEO of NYC Big Events, Inc., the organization responsible for attracting major, blockbuster events of national and international importance to New York City and later also served as New York City's Chief Marketing Officer overseeing all marketing, sponsorship, branding and licensing for the City. During her tenure, Reidy supervised the hosting of the 2004 Republican National Convention, The GRAMMY Awards, the Country Music Association Awards, the 2008 Major League Baseball All-Star Game, the Latin GRAMMY Awards, the MTV Video Music Awards, the NFL Draft and many other high-profile events — all efforts that contributed to attracting a record of over 44 million visitors to NYC in 2007.

At the age of 26, Reidy was handpicked by Donald Trump to be President of the Miss Universe Organization where she successfully led a complete corporate restructuring and re-branding of the organization and transformed the live, telecast specials into hip, sophisticated first-class productions — leading many to often refer to her as the original "Apprentice."

She started her career as a CPA at Price Waterhouse after graduating from the University of Maryland, College Park. Reidy resides in Manhattan and can often be found jogging in Central Park with her Labrador Retriever, Madison.



Thomas Roughneen, Esq.

Age: 39 **Place of birth:** Irvington, NJ **First job:** At 13, delivering New Jersey's *Star-Ledger* newspaper. **What it taught me:** The great feeling a bit of financial independence provides. **Family:** Alice Tzeng,

M.D. (Baby on the way in July, with God's help.) **Irish roots:** Parents are Bridget (Ross) Roughneen, Corrick, Drumlish, Co. Longford, born to Mary Ann (Mulleady) and James Ross; and Joe Roughneen, Kilmun, Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo, born to Delia (Jordan) and Thomas Roughneen. **Best advice anyone ever gave me:** A legally blind judge explained to me that, "You cannot just do great things, you must dare to be great." **Best advice I could give someone starting out:** Identify the people you admire. Get their advice early and often.

Thomas Roughneen enlisted in the N.J. Army National Guard 21 years ago, which was the second best decision he ever made. His marriage two years ago was his finest hour. Prior to that, Thomas' Irish immigrant parents guided his three military aviator brothers, his sister and him to graduate from Rutgers University. He completed his law degree at Seton Hall University and graduated with a Master's Degree in International Public Policy from SAIS - Johns Hopkins University in 2006. His private practice of law is in South Orange, N.J.

Roughneen also serves as a United States Army Reserve Major as a Senior Defense Counsel. Previously, he served in the Office of Military Commissions in Washington, D.C. and in Iraq during 2003 & 2004. As an Assistant Prosecutor in Newark, New Jersey, and as a JAG lawyer, he has been responsible for trials involving homicide, fraud, child sexual abuse and other crimes.

In 2004, Roughneen co-founded the NJ Guard Family Readiness Council, which has raised over \$1,000,000 to help deployed reserve soldiers and their families in need. He has also served in positions in the Newark and Union County St. Patrick's Day parades and plays Irish traditional violin.



Alfie Tucker

Age: 39 **Place of birth:** Dublin **First job:** Bartender at Casper & Gambini's in Dublin. **What it taught me:** To be nice to people. **Family:** Colleen Tucker **Irish roots:** Parents, Mary Smith and Frederick Tucker. **Best advice anyone ever gave me:** Say nothing till you hear more. **Best advice I could give someone starting out:** Whatever you work at, do it with pride and to the best of your ability.

Born in Dublin, Ireland to Mary (May) Smith and Frederick Tucker, Aloysius (Alfie) Tucker was the youngest of five: two sisters, Marie and Irene, and two brothers, Frederick and Kenneth, who all currently reside in Ireland. After finishing secondary school in Castleknock, Tucker completed his studies at the Dublin Institute of Technology.

Entering the family business at an early age, Tucker was well trained in the hospitality services industries before he took on the role as manager of Lillie's Bordello nightclub in Dublin, from 1992 - 1997. Prior to this role, he gained valuable experience through a series of opportunities throughout Europe, including Sweden, Portugal and London, where he launched a successful tenancy in Piccadilly Circus, at the early age of 20.

In January 1997, Tucker was lured to New York after being hired in Dublin by Tom Moran, Chairman of Mutual of America, with the opportunity of utilizing his hospitality experience in the corporate environment through management of the companies' event space and corporate meetings. Tucker continues to enjoy his role in the Corporate Communications/Marketing Department, working closely with senior management, the board of directors and key clients, gaining him exposure to the valuable services extended by the not-for-profit sector, as represented by many of the companies' clients, as well an appreci-

ation for the impact of corporate support of these valuable initiatives.

Tucker met his wife Colleen McKenna while both were employed at Mutual of America. In 2002, they were married in Cavan, the meeting point between Dublin and Clones, Co. Monaghan, where Colleen's mother, Rosetta McKenna, was born and where their extended family, lead by Ellen Moore, age 92, still reside.

Tucker is a running enthusiast, and has completed several New York City Marathons with the Concern Worldwide marathon team. He also participates the Multiple Sclerosis walk and the America Cancer Society walk in New York City.



Josephine Tully

Place of birth: Dublin, Ireland **First job:** College internship with *The Maury Povich Show*.

What it taught me: Hard work and a positive attitude are the keys to success in any industry. **Family:** Married to William Roza. **Irish roots:** Joseph Tully, father, Co. Roscommon; Dympna Tully, mother, Co. Cavan. **Best advice anyone ever gave me:** People who cease to grow can't inspire others. **Best advice I could give someone starting out:** Never underestimate your abilities

Josephine Tully, born in Dublin, is the co-owner of Tully Travel & Tours, Inc., a family-owned and operated company with significant experience in the worldwide travel and tourism industry. Since joining the company founded by her mother, Dympna Tully, Josephine has used her extensive travel knowledge in tourism and hospitality to provide first-class service and advice to Tully Travel clients. The company maintains an excellent reputation in serving the travel needs of the community, whether helping to plan a family trip to Ireland, setting up a dream vacation in Eastern Europe or overseeing destination weddings and honeymoons in the Caribbean.

Recently, Tully spearheaded Tully Travel's successful entry into the corporate travel service market. Tully Travel has expanded its breadth of operations and can act as a "trusted vendor" for small to mid-size companies that require a dedicated service for their domestic or international business travel needs.

Tully attended Iona College in New Rochelle, NY, where she studied Marketing/ Corporate Communications. She is an avid runner, and completed the New York City Marathon in 2007. She is active in several community charitable organizations.



Mathew B. Tully, Esq.

Age: 35 **Place of birth:** Mineola, NY **First job:** Newspaper delivery boy for *Newsday*. **What it taught me:** Each role in a company is important. While I may have only delivered the paper, the company's product would not have reached its customers if I hadn't been there. **Family:** Wife, Kimberly

and two year-old son, Kevin Timothy. **Irish roots:** I had a strong Irish-American upbringing based on traditions and ideals from my parents' and grandparents' Irish heritage. My paternal grandfather was from Galway and my paternal grandmother was Shannon. **Best advice anyone ever gave me:** Treat clients as you expect and want to be treated. This piece of advice came from my father when I first entered law and I've formed my entire business structure around it. As a client seeking legal services, I would expect to receive personal, professional, and affordable service. My own firm's clients receive nothing less. **Best advice I could give someone starting out:** Remember those later that are helping you now. When I first started my firm, my only clients were family and friends who served with me in law enforcement or in the military. It's this base that really propelled the firm's fast growth. It's because of this that I now serve as General Counsel for the Emerald Society of Federal Law Enforcement Agencies, which allows me to provide legal assistance to Irish law enforcement officers on a pro bono basis.

Mathew B. Tully is the founding partner of Tully Rinckey PLLC, one of the fastest-growing law firms in

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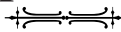
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Tully

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Albany, NY. He has dedicated his career to fighting for the rights afforded to members of the armed forces and veterans. A veteran himself, he has served as a Major in the United States Army National Guard, and has completed tours in Iraq, Egypt, and South Korea.

His professional, personal and affordable service quickly allowed him to grow his practice through positive word of mouth recognition. Just five years after starting his own law firm out of the back bedroom of his ski home, Tully's spirit and entrepreneurial vision have led Tully Rinckey PLLC to become one of the top 10 largest law firms in New York State's Capital Region. His leadership in military law is reflected through his position as the legal columnist for the nationally syndicated Military Times.

In addition to his legal practice, Tully is actively involved in the community. He serves as General Counsel for the Emerald Society of Federal Law Enforcement Agencies, which is the only national organization representing law enforcement, military and support personnel of Irish and Gaelic descent. He is also the Chief of the Schenectady County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, an organization he began to protect animals from harm and ensure that animal cruelty laws are being enforced under their jurisdiction.

Tully currently resides in Niskayuna, NY, with his wife, Kimberly, son, Kevin, and dog, Oslo.



Brendan Tuohy

Age: 34 **Place of birth:** Washington, DC **First job:** Professional basketball player in Ireland. **What it taught me:** A successful playing career was not in my future and I needed to get a new profession. **Family:** Wife Jody; daughters Anna (8) and Maeve (4), son Joseph (1.5). **Irish roots:** Brendan's great grandparents hail from Tipperary and Galway. His father, Mark, was the grand marshal for last year's St. Patrick's Day Parade in Washington and is the Board Chair of Cooperation Ireland USA. **Best advice anyone ever gave me:** Be nice. **Best advice I could give someone starting out:** Relationships are key.

Brendan Tuohy is Executive Director of PeacePlayers International (PPI). Touhey and his brother Sean founded PPI in 2001. PPI is a Washington DC-based organization that uses basketball to unite and educate young people in divided communities. The organization has worked with over 45,000 children in Northern Ireland, South Africa, Cyprus, New Orleans and the Middle East. PPI has been featured by many media outlets, including *The Today Show*,

CNN, and BBC. In July 2007, two PeacePlayers International - Northern Ireland leaders were awarded the prestigious Arthur Ashe Courage Award at the 2007 ESPY Awards.

In 2008, Tuohy and his brother Sean were awarded the Laureus Sport for Good Award, which recognizes individuals who make a contribution to society through sport, at the ninth annual Laureus World Sports Awards in St. Petersburg, Russia.

In October 2007, Brendan was recognized as one of "The 100 Most Influential Sports Educators in America" by the Institute of International Sport.

In December 2004, Brendan was named Top 100 Irish-Americans by *Irish America* magazine. In December 2005, the Tuohy brothers were recognized as "Washingtonians of the Year" by *Washingtonian* magazine. In 2008, President Clinton cited the work of PeacePlayers International in "Giving: How Each of Us Can Change the World."

Tuohey is a 1996 graduate of Colgate University, where he majored in Philosophy and Religion and played basketball. After college, he spent a year playing basketball for a professional team in Dublin and served as Head Men's and Women's Basketball Coach at Dublin City University. His work with PPI enables him to come to Ireland two or three times a year.



Robert J. Walsh

Age: 36 **Place of birth:** Born in Dublin, Ireland; raised in Kildare. **First job:** I worked for Intel in Leixlip, Co. Kildare. In New York, my first job was in construction. **What it taught me:** Different values, responsibility, etc. **Family:** Parents, Joey and Liz Walsh; brothers, Kevin and Glenn; Nephew, Joey. **Best advice anyone ever**

gave me: Just when things look bad they could always be worse. **Best advice I could give someone starting out:** Work hard, and never give up.

Dublin-born, Kildare-raised **Robert Walsh** is the coach of New York Shamrock FC, whose teams play in the Cos-

opolitan Soccer League. In Ireland, Walsh played for Intel Celtic, Straffan AFC, Leixlip United and Salesian College. He joined Shamrock in 1997, winning league honors in 1997-1998, and the league cup in 1999 and 2000. He was appointed coach in 2004 and led the club's first team to the Metro League title in 2005-6.

Walsh is known for his tireless work and commitment to Shamrock. The Kildare man played a vital role in keeping the organization active, particularly at a time when it faced an uncertain future because of the flow of people returning to Ireland. The club has long served as a social, cultural and sporting focus for the Irish immigrant community centered in Sunnyside, Queens. The fact that the club is in a position to plan for its 50th anniversary celebrations next year is in no small part due to Walsh's inspiring leadership.



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Annual Irish Echo Index Top 30, New York, April 30

India House, Wall Street, New York City. The Irish Echo Index Top 30 Luncheon paying tribute to 30 publicly-traded companies with significant operations in Ireland and the US. Last year, in association with KPMG, we honored global giant Bemis and were addressed by New York Stock Exchange CEO Duncan Niederauer. A special supplement tracks the progress of our Irish Echo Index Top 30.

Texas Irish American Leaders 2009 San Antonio, June 5

At San Antonio's revered Menger Hotel, the leaders of Irish America from across Texas will be honored in an unprecedented celebration in association with the Harp and Shamrock Society of Texas. Ireland and Irish Americans have left their mark on the Lone Star State and its connections with Ireland, both past and present, are legend. With this ceremony, the Irish Echo will shine a light on the achievements and ambition of Irish Americans in Texas.

The Black and the Green, New York, September 10

A special celebration of those of mixed African and Irish heritage as well as outstanding individuals from the African-American community who have made a major contribution to Irish America and vice versa. Guest speaker New York City Comptroller William Thompson. In association with the Amsterdam News, Harlem, New York. Venue, Cipriani's, New York.

Golden Bridges Luncheon, Boston, October 8

Last year, Massachusetts state treasurer Tim Cahill, Rep. Eugene O'Flaherty, and Chancellor Marty Meehan of UMass were among the special guests at the full-house Golden Bridges Luncheon in the JFK Library in Boston. Celebrating bridges of prosperity and friendship between Ireland and the US, the Golden Bridges event will be held this year in association with the Boston Irish Reporter.

A Call To Action Conference, Boston, October 8

A one-day conference in the Seaport Hotel & World Trade Center in Boston on the twin themes of conflict resolution and underpinning the peace with jobs. Prominent speakers will look at win-win propositions between Northern Ireland and the US in terms of investment and peacemaking with a special focus throughout on the Derry City region. Leading politicians from the US and Ireland as well as prominent business people will address the conference.

Best of Brooklyn Celebration, New York, December 3

Held at the Museum of the City of New York last year, to honor the Best of the Bronx and addressed by Bronx President Adolfo Carrión, Best of the Bronx raised a glass to the Irish American stalwarts, past and present, of the Bronx. This year we will be honoring the Best of Brooklyn. Coming from all walks of life our honorees represent the very best of Irish America and last year included police officers, teachers, business leaders, college presidents and Irish dance teachers.