



President Paul J. McNulty '80

Paul J. McNulty '80 is Grove City College's ninth President. His new calling follows a long and distinguished career as an attorney in public service and private practice and valuable experience in higher education.

President McNulty is a former U.S. Deputy Attorney General and was a partner in the global law firm Baker & McKenzie. He oversaw the prosecution of terrorists in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks, set policy for prosecuting corporate fraud and is considered a leading expert on business ethics, corporate governance and internal investigations.

McNulty is the fourth alumnus to serve as President of the College, where he studied history and met his wife, Brenda (Millican '80).

At Baker & McKenzie, McNulty organized and led the firm's global corporate compliance and investigations practice. He has been recognized by the National Law Journal as one of the top 50 "Trailblazers and Pioneers in Corporate Governance and Compliance," selected as the sole recipient of Ethisphere magazine's "Hall of Fame" designation in its 2014 "Attorneys Who Matter" rankings and listed as one of "2014's Most Influential People in Business Ethics." He is currently Of Counsel with the firm.

He is widely known for his leadership at the U.S. Department of Justice, where he served as the Deputy Attorney General, the second highest-ranking official in the Justice Department and the chief operating officer leading more than 100,000 employees. He chaired President George W. Bush's Corporate Fraud Task Force, successfully argued a police conduct case before the U.S. Supreme Court, organized the U.S. rule of law efforts in Iraq, and authored the so-called "McNulty Memo," which served as a milestone statement on the federal prosecution of business organizations.

McNulty was confirmed by the Senate as U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia three days after the Sept. 11 attacks and, as the chief law enforcement authority in one of the country's most important federal districts, was subsequently entrusted with many high-profile terrorist prosecutions. He held other positions at the Department of Justice and received the Edmund J. Randolph Award, the Department's highest honor.

McNulty's career includes 11 years as a senior lawyer on Capitol Hill where he served as Counsel for the House Ethics Committee, the Chief Counsel and Director of Legislative Operations for the Majority Leader of the House of Representatives, and Chief Counsel for the House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Crime.

McNulty served on the Grove City College Board of Trustees from 2004 to 2014, chairing the Enrollment and Student Affairs Committee for six years. Following his Commencement Address in 2007, he received an honorary doctorate from his alma mater and the Jack Kennedy Memorial Alumni Achievement Award in 1998. He also served the College as an adjunct instructor in the Political Science Department from 1994 to 2001. He was awarded an honorary LLD in 2003 from Capital University School of Law where he received his juris doctorate in 1983. He also served as a Presbyterian elder for 28 years and as a youth basketball coach. He sits on the Board of Directors of the Ethics Resource Center.

The McNultys have three daughters and two sons-in-law, Katy McNulty '07 and Jonathan Hittinger, Anni and Hub Blankenship, and Corrie McNulty '14. Their son, Joseph, died of cancer in 2012 at the age of 26 while attending law school. They have one grandchild, Henry Tilghman Hittinger.