

NICHOLAS V. MIDEY  
Class of 1968



Nick was a starting guard on the Mynderse varsity basketball team in his junior and senior years and was co-captain in his senior year. He led the team to the 1967 Norwich Christmas Tournament as Mynderse defeated Oxford 61-50 in the finals. Nick was named tournament MVP.

Nick played varsity lacrosse in his sophomore, junior, and senior years and was the team's leading scorer in his sophomore campaign. In his final two seasons, he was the team's leader in face-offs and ground balls.

Away from athletics, Nick was class president in his freshman, sophomore, and junior years and was student government president as a senior. He was a member of the National Honor Society and attended Boys' State. At graduation, Nick received the Anna M. Gould Award and was a finalist for the Aldo "Ollie" Beatini Award presented to an athlete who is in good academic standing and has demonstrated the greatest amount of advancement in interscholastic athletics.

After graduation from Georgetown University in 1972 with his A.B. degree and Syracuse University in 1976 (Juris Doctor degree), Nick returned to Seneca Falls where was appointed Assistant Seneca County Public Defender and served in this position from 1978 to 1992. He also served in capacity of town attorney from 1980-1992. In 1995, Nick was appointed to the New York Court of Claims in 1995 by Governor George Pataki and served in this position until 2019.

Nick still serves the public as member of the Committee on Character & Fitness and has served as a member of the Gender Fairness Committee, Appellate Division, 4<sup>th</sup> Department from 1990-1998. He is a member of the NYS Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Nick has been awarded the NYS Trial Lawyer's Association Judicial Excellence Award and the Judicial Excellence Distinction by the Board of Trial Advocates. He is president of the Central New York Georgetown Alumni Committee and was honored as "Gael of the Year" in the 2016 Syracuse St. Patrick's Day Parade for his work behind the scenes to improve the lives of people in the community and his support of the Syracuse St. Patrick's Hunger Project.

Nick has served on the Republican Committee for Seneca Falls and Seneca County and is a member of the Rotary Club, a former chair of the St. Patrick's Church Thanksgiving Appeal, a former co-chair of the Seneca County Heart Association Campaign, a Seneca County Cancer Society fund solicitor, and has received an award from the Syracuse Families of South Sudan for outstanding contributions to their cause.

March 11, 2016 was designated "Nicholas Midey Day" by the mayor of Syracuse and the County Executive of Onondaga County.