



2020 Walks of Life Honoree
Patrick T. Murphy

It's easy to assume that someone with a name like Patrick Murphy would be Irish, but this Murphy affirms his ethnicity with his dedication to his Irish heritage. Pat, Executive Director Emeritus of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, provided the impetus for a coffee-table sized book on the 175-Year History of the Cleveland parade, *The Day We Celebrate*, and recruited the Irish American Archives Society to work in partnership with the Parade Committee to produce it. He also served as an officer and trustee of the West Side Irish American Club during the planning and construction of its Olmsted Township facility.

Pat was born in Polranny, County Mayo, and came to Cleveland with his family when he was a year old. After graduating from Lakewood High School, he received a degree in political science from Kent State University. He attended Cleveland Marshall College of Law where he was awarded his law degree in 1986.

As a partner in the Cleveland law firm of Dworken & Bernstein, he specializes in medical malpractice and nursing home abuse cases. He is a member of the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum for his efforts in achieving compensation for his clients. Pat has the distinction of being named one of the top 100 Trial Lawyers by the National Trial Lawyers Association and has been designated as an Ohio Super Lawyer by Thomson Reuters. In 2007 the Public Justice Foundation named Pat a finalist for Trial Lawyer of the Year for his part in winning a \$52 million class action judgement on behalf of injured workers. In 2015 Pat was selected as part of the Irish Legal 100 and was honored at the Irish Embassy in Washington D.C.

Pat is a founding member and officer of the Irish American Law Society of Cleveland. In August, Pat will travel to Ireland to chair the Society's Irish American Law Symposium, which will take place in both Dublin and Galway. The symposium focuses on legal issues facing both the United States and Ireland. He co-chaired a similar meeting in 2016. He has also served as a trustee of the American Heart Association in Cleveland.

He and his wife, Carlene, are the parents of Kelly & Kurt Tarkany, Timothy & Samantha McKenzie, and Daniel Murphy. They are also grandparents of Breck, Keegan and Madeline.

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