

Comet Alumni Spotlight

Patrick Barkley Class of 1999



Educational Background: I attended K-8th grades at St. Thomas. I then went to Peoria Notre Dame High School from 1999 to 2003. I earned my bachelor's degree and law degree from Saint Louis University. I received my law degree in 2010.

Recent Achievements: I recently completed my 8th year with my current law firm, Tucker Ellis LLP. I am admitted to practice law in Illinois, Missouri, and New York. I am fortunate to work at a great law firm with excellent attorneys and support staff.

Family: I am the second oldest of four siblings who all attended St. Thomas. My nieces Lily and Chloe Tamburro are current students at St. Thomas, and my sister Sarah Tamburro is a teacher at St. Thomas. My wife Amanda and I live in New York City. We love the big city, but we cherish our trips back to Peoria and attending mass at St. Thomas with our family.

Favorite experience as a St. Thomas Comet: My favorite experience was having my Dad as one of my basketball coaches and my little brother Matt as our water/ball boy on our 8th grade basketball team. It was so fun riding to practices and games with my Dad and brother.

St. Thomas teacher who made an impact on you: All of my teachers at St. Thomas had a positive impact on me so it is tough to choose just one; however, Mrs. O'Toole and her Social Studies class provided the spark for my lifelong interest in history, economics, political science, and the law.

Piece of advice for current Comets: Every Comet has benefited from the incredible teachers, library, and reading program at St. Thomas. Continue to develop the passion for reading that St. Thomas has instilled in you. The more we read, the more knowledge we build and compound over time.

