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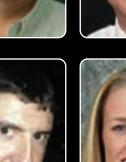








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played a highly visible role in promoting Ireland as the prime European site for U.S. companies.

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 grand-mother, 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 talk-ing 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 Àidan (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. Čavan, 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. Watch-

ing 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'Řeilly 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 Foot-ball 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 clincial 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-halfmonth-old Liam. The motto that she lives by is, "Anything worth having is worth fighting for . . . often, literally.



### Brian E. Rattery

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, Brigid Flynn Raftery (8); Megan Fleming Raftery (6); and Erin P. Raftery (4). **Irish roots:** Grand-

parents on my mother's side, and great-great grandpar-ents 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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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, Kilcun, 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 Fam-ily 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 appreciation 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 in 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. Roscom-

mon; 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