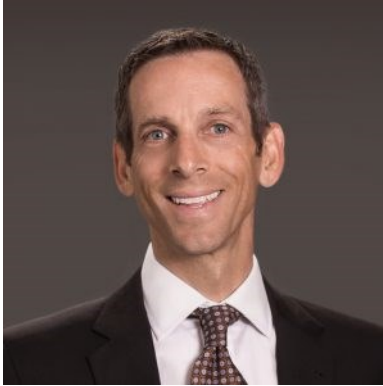


Get to know University Councillor David Pick, Artsci'89, Law'92



What is your most memorable moment as a student at Queen's?

My "most memorable" moment is not exactly my favorite moment, only because of the psychological damage it created and how it is now burned into my memory. Coming into first year, I thought economics would be an interesting field. It may still be – but economics was not for me! Coming into the final of Econ 101 I needed a 70% grade just to pass the course. I crammed harder for than final than I ever had before...72 hours straight. I must have aced the exam because I did pass the course, however, I immediately changed my medial the next week! Economics was not for me.

Please share a little bit about your current career

I consider myself a trial lawyer in the area of insurance law. I love being in the courtroom and have run many trials and appeals over the years on a variety of issues. Perhaps my most interesting trial involved a "foam party" (where they douse the bar dance floor in foamy suds). The party went sideways when my client, who operated the foam machine, switched chemical suppliers and the "non toxic" foam turned out to sting everyone's eyes for a few days to a few months. Luckily there was no permanent damage but a trial was still needed to sort out who was responsible.

What is the best career advice you've ever received?

Don't fear failure.

What is the career highlight you are most proud of?

I am responsible for a team of 20 lawyers in our Calgary office. When I joined the office 25 years ago there were only 3 lawyers on the team. I take great pride in the team that has been built and the level of expertise and accomplishments we have generated over the years. Mostly I enjoy working with the young students and associates and helping them develop into independent, successful lawyers.

How do you enjoy spending your free time?

I love road cycling. My passion is cycling in Europe where I try to take a trip into the high mountains every year. This keeps me motivated to train and stay in shape (mostly on the trainer in my basement) I have a bucket list of climbs that I would like to complete while I am still physically able.

What motivated you to stand for election for University Council?

My 14 year old daughter would love to attend Queen's (and I would be proud to have her follow my footsteps) so I decided I should become more engaged with the university. Also, my 19 year old son is legally blind and as a first year student at UVic he encountered some obstacles. I am involved with CNIB and would hope to provide some assistance or thoughts on how Queen's can better accommodate people with visual impairments.

What are your aspirations for being on University Council?

Nothing more than to volunteer my time and offer my expertise where appropriate. I look forward to collaborating with the exceptional people on Council to continue to make Queen's the best university we all know it is.

Is there anything else you would like to add or highlight?

I am excited to meet new people and hopefully make new friends.

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