



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI - 2023

MIKE ROONEY

CLASS 1988

Born in 1970 to Dick and Elaine Rooney in Albert Lea. Mike grew up hunting, fishing, and exploring everything outdoors with his lifelong friends he still spends time with. He was deeply involved with Boy Scouts and received the Eagle Scout Award.

In 1988 Mike graduated from Albert Lea High School and went on to attend Gustavus Adolphus college and graduated in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics. During an internship with Paine Webber Mike chose a career path in investments. Through the internship Mike began a career in investments in St. Paul Minnesota with Paine Webber that year.

After two years he accepted a role with Dain Bosworth in downtown Minneapolis working in investment management with individuals and various institutions. Next, Mike moved into a new role within Dain Bosworth working on the Nasdaq equity trading desk where he worked trading stocks for the firm. After two years Mike was offered a position to work with his old partner and continue growing the Dain Bosworth office in Des Moines.

In 2011 Mike was elected to his first term to the Ankeny Iowa School Board. He served as Board President and other leadership positions while serving on the Board for eight years. This experience was very rewarding, and he worked diligently to improve the district and focused to improve the educational experience and outcomes for the kids in the district while supporting the great teachers that worked in Ankeny.

Mike currently still works for the same company he moved to in 1994, RBC Wealth Management, which purchased Dain Bosworth in 2002. He is still in Des Moines, Iowa and works with his clients and manages the office and is deeply involved in various community groups. Mike lives in Polk City Iowa with his wife Sarah and daughters Olivia and Finley. He still loves the outdoors fishing, hunting, and golfing.