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## WINCHESTER'S GOLDEN GRADUATES GREGORY F. HAHN – FROM CLASSMATE TO CLASS ACT!

**By Pat Knasinski**

Trump Entertainment is a gaming and hospitality company that owned and operated the Trump Taj Mahal Hotel and Casino, the Trump Plaza Hotel and Casino, the Trump Marina located in Atlantic City, New Jersey, and Trump Indiana Casino on Lake Michigan. Formerly known as Trump Hotels & Casino Resorts, it was founded in 1995 by now 45th President of the United States Donald J. Trump. It has been a subsidiary of Icahn Enterprises since 2016.

Legal counsel for Trump Entertainment, Inc. and Icahn Enterprises is Gregory F. Hahn, Winchester Community High School, Graduating Class of 1967. Hahn is a principal of Bose Public Affairs Group and a partner in Bose, McKinney & Evans, Attorneys at Law, headquartered on Monument Circle in Indianapolis. Bose, McKinney & Evans serve both publicly-held and privately-held businesses, governmental entities and high-growth industries. A 2017 Top Star Media Workplace, their clients include Fortune 100 companies, international manufacturers, national and regional financial institutions, agribusinesses, sports teams, university-incubated start-ups, media, utilities, cities and schools, to name a few. Hahn concentrates his practice in all areas of corporate law and business litigation as well as insurance law, real estate law, gaming and state and federal lobbying. He also coordinates their affiliate offices around the world in sixty countries.

Born to Don and Wilma Hahn, Greg grew up in an imposing brick farmhouse on Stockyard Road, just outside of Winchester. He was introduced to reading at a very young age. It became a passion for him. Most of the books provided by his parents were about the leaders of our country, books which he devoured wondering how those people got to where they were. A commonality that he discovered was that most of those leaders had law degrees, and for Greg to understand how our government works, he would need a law degree as well.

That, however, would have to wait. Growing up on a farm, along with his brother and sister, Randall and Leighanne, there was always more work to do than could ever be finished. In high school, Greg played on the WCHS basketball, football, baseball, and track teams. He, along with Jay Hoover, were named All-State in Football and also named to the Indiana All-Star Football Team. He got involved in student government by serving on the Student Council and as Student Council President. During the summers, he hauled farm commodities, including flour for Wick's Pies, and also hired out to clean out commercial chicken hatcheries. Now cleaning chicken hatcheries sounds like a fun job! Well, it certainly was a sure incentive to keep him going to school and to eventually graduate from college and law school!

Hahn describes himself in high school as a C+ average student. He nearly lost his opportunity to be admitted to college, because he let athletics trump his academics. But the University of Evansville admitted him on an athletic scholarship to pursue a degree in History and Political Science. At the end of his freshman year, he was ecstatic that he held a 2.5 GPA. However, his athletic counselor advised him that he wouldn't be able to get into law school with those grades and pushed him to raise them. He had to work extremely hard to arrive at his 3.38 GPA by the time he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree. Fortunately, he was admitted into the Indiana University – Robert McKinney School of Law and graduated in 1974 with a Juris Doctorate. And his success began.

Hahn spent his earlier career at Tabbart Hahn and then merged his firm into Bose, McKinney, and Evans, in part specializing in the gaming and hospitality industries. Besides representing President Donald Trump, Trump Entertainment, Inc. and Carl Icahn of Icahn Enterprises—Tropicana Inc., he has also represented William Boyd, one of the largest casino owners in the world including Michigan City Indiana Blue Chip Casino, Sam's Town Hotel and Gambling Hall, Gold Coast Hotel and Casino, Fremont Hotel and Casino, Suncoast Hotel and Casino, the Orleans Hotel and Casino, and Borgata Casino, as well as Jack Binion of Horseshoe Casinos nationwide.

Hahn represented many widely-known individuals and firms during his career. Among his clients are Blackwater International Security Firm, Adnan Khashoggi (a Saudi Arabian billionaire/international business man), George Steinbrenner and family, and GasAmerica nationwide. He has also represented Mel Tillis (country singer and movie star), Burt Bacharach (singer and writer of many top 10 songs), the Beach Boys, Frank Zappa, and numerous other music, theater and movie personalities. Moreover, he has represented many governmental entities including countries, states, and municipalities. These include: the countries of Greece, Grenada, Spain, and Belize, the State of Indiana, as well as these Hoosier cities: Indianapolis, Hammond, East Chicago, Gary, Fort Wayne, and yes, his hometown of Winchester, just to name a few.

In federal government service, he served as Clerk-Aid to Chief Justice Warren E. Burger of the United States Supreme Court, was appointed by President James Carter to the SALT Treaty Committee for negotiations between Egypt and Israel. He also served as Special Outside Counsel for the United States Attorney's Office from 1976-1980 and served as Staff Counsel to U.S. Senators Gary Hart of Colorado, Paul Simon of Illinois, and Ted Kennedy of Massachusetts, each in their bid for the presidency. He served as Special Counsel for the U.S. Senate Committee to Celebrate the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, was a member of the National Democrat Party Finance Committee, a member of the Bar of the United States Supreme Court, member of the Bar of the United States Court of Appeals Seventh Circuit, as well as the Indianapolis and Indiana State Bar Associations. Hahn made a highly significant contribution as he helped write and pass legislation in the State of Indiana and in Congress concerning the Uniform Reciprocal Support Act. This act mandated the recognition of every

state's support laws so that non-custodial parents had to pay support to the custodial parent in whatever state the parent was located. Prior to that time, many states would not enforce or recognize support orders from other states.

At home in Indiana, he has served as Chief Deputy Prosecutor for Marion County and also on the University of Evansville's Board of Directors; he was a mayor-appointee to the Indiana Sports Corporation Board of Directors and continues as the Indianapolis City Council appointee to the Indianapolis Public Transit Board. He was appointed by the Marion County Circuit Judge to the Board of Trustees of the Indianapolis Foundation and the Central Indiana Community Foundation, the second largest community foundation in the United States. In addition, he recovered millions of dollars in damages on behalf of the Indianapolis Public Library due to construction issues on the main downtown branch. Governor Evan Bayh awarded Hahn the Sagamore of the Wabash for the State of Indiana.

Outside the office, Hahn serves on many philanthropic boards, including the Athenaeum Foundation, the Catholic Community Foundation, the William E. English Foundation, and the Starfish Initiative, an effort to help lift inner-city kids from poverty by leading them through high school and eventually college graduation

Among his many honors, he has been inducted into the Litigation Counsel of America Trial Lawyers, Who's Who in America Politics (1985 to the present), Who's Who in America Lawyers since 1986, awarded the "Leadership in the Law by the Indiana Bar Association in 2016 and has been listed on the Best Lawyers List of the State of Indiana by the Indianapolis Business Journal for the past 20 years. He was named among The Best Lawyers in America (2013-2014) and has been deemed an Indiana Super Lawyer (2006 to 2017).

Earlier this year, Greg Hahn was featured in the Indianapolis Monthly *Faces of Indy*, as the face of Governmental Law in the Indianapolis area, an honor he also earned in 2015 and 2016. This publication is an annual collection of Indianapolis-based businesses that honor their employees and the specific markets they fill.

As Greg reflects on his education at Winchester Community High School, he says: "it prepared me for many, many things in my professional career. One of the primary things I learned was how to successfully deal with people and how to work very hard. Coming from a farm family and playing four sports in high school, I did not have time to do anything else but work, study and play sports. This helped me to organize my time, my energy and to focus. To this day, I virtually use all of those attributes as I continue to be blessed to represent many high profile companies and individuals."

Greg gives credit to Mr. Joseph Casey who he says took him from a struggling English student to someone who could formulate sentences and understand word structure in sentences, skills of great value to him in college, in law school and throughout his career.

To be very honest, Greg admits that when he first graduated from law school, he was somewhat intimidated by others who had graduated from more prestigious undergraduate institutions as well as prestigious law schools. But he found that his work ethic, learned on the farm in Randolph County and at Winchester Community High School, as well as his willingness to work harder and to do the extra things necessary, allowed him to persevere.

Today, Greg still has local ties. His brother, Randy Hahn owns the family farm in Winchester and his sister Leighanne lives in Richmond. His cousins Clayton and Doris Hahn Grow and other cousins live in the Winchester area. His parents, who continued to live on the farm, both passed away on Christmas Day 2016.

Greg has a wonderful family in addition to his brother and sister. He is married to Libby Quinn Hahn (one of thirteen children) and they have two wonderful sons, Trenton and Troy. Trenton, also an attorney with Bose, is married to Anna and they have two children, Jacob and Julia. Troy, his wife Leigh and daughter, Madison, reside in Orlando, Florida. Troy has been involved with the professional tennis tour as a player and coach since his graduation from college and is now with the United State Tennis Association. Libby and Greg enjoy spending time with their family and traveling. And Greg is still an avid reader of history, reading extensively about all areas of U.S. and world history.

Gregory Hahn has spent more than 40 years making a difference in his community, his state and his country. Whether it's serving on an organization's board, litigating for high-profile individuals and corporations, or launching a mentoring program for economically disadvantaged youth, Greg Hahn is a Winchester Golden Graduate.

Gregory F. Hahn has gone from classmate to class act!

Gregory F. Hahn today



Gregory Hahn in 1967

