



## **MARK MYLES: The People's Attorney.**

### **Growing Up Overseas**

Mark Myles was born in Nuremberg, Germany and is the oldest of four children. He was an Army brat, the son of Major Maurice Myles, USA, (Ret.), who served the United States for over 30 years as a career artillery officer, touring Germany, Vietnam, and Korea. Mark's mother, Dolores Myles, was a junior high school science teacher for over 30 years, working hard to provide for the family and holding down the fort while her husband was on active duty halfway around the world. Dolores was a community builder, an active member of the Officers' Wives Auxiliary and Toastmasters International, and always shepherded all her children to and from church when Maurice was away.

### **Finding Home in Oklahoma**

Mark and his family moved from Germany to Fort Mead, Maryland in 1958, where two sisters, Yvonne and Shirley were born. After their father's tour of Korea, they moved to Washington DC to New Jersey, and then back to Schwabach Germany, where Mark attended a nearby American elementary school. They returned to America about five years later, living at Schilling Air Force Base in Salina, Kansas while he was shipped off to Vietnam and then Germany, and finally settling in the late 60s in Oklahoma, the place Mark calls home. While Dolores is no longer with us today, as she passed away in 2015, Maurice still resides in the Mark's childhood home in Lawton.

### **Proud Public School System Grad**

A proud product of the Lawton public school system, Mark thrived in both academics and sports in Lawton Elementary and Lawton's Eisenhower High School, earning more letters than anyone in his graduating class for track, football, and basketball. He developed strong leadership skills as president of the National Honor Society, a charter member of the Fellow of Christian Athletes, and co-captain of the track team. These years were formative in honing Mark's skills as a keen orator and writer too: Mark was co-copy editor of Talon, the high school yearbook staff, and head sports writer for The Lawton Constitution, Lawton's daily newspaper. All of this would, of course, prepare Mark for his future career at IBM and later on, as a lawyer.

### **High Marks at OSU**

In his first year at Oklahoma State University, Mark was voted Top 10 Freshmen Men due to his leadership, GPA, and lively engagement in student activities. He was a President's Leadership

Scholar, and went on to become the proud president of several organizations, including president of leadership class, president of Phi Eta Sigma, a national freshman honor society, and the president of the 7,000-member Residence Halls Association, and a proud member of the OSU Ambassadors.

### **Leadership & Community**

Mark was a driving force in organizing the very first OSU International Student Olympics at OSU, encouraging sporting and cultural interactions among students from the U.S. and myriad other countries represented at the university as a way to foster closer friendships and kinships among students of different cultures and backgrounds. Mark served as a member of the university's fitness facility expansion committee, whose work which resulted in the construction of the Colvin Center Annex. Mark went on to become a basketball referee, officiating every level of basketball from junior high to NCAA Division 1 over a 31 year career, including 12 high school state championship games. He was also the Oklahoma District Representative for the United States Cycling Federation in the early 2000s. Mark's a strong believer in the unifying aspects of athletics to this day.

### **A Successful Business Career at IBM Spanning Two Decades**

Straight out of undergrad, Mark went to work for the IBM Corporation for the next 21 years, providing business solutions to small, medium, and large businesses, and earning many accolades and awards for his leadership. While there, he also served as a Junior Achievement consultant to inner city and suburban students in the Oklahoma City metropolitan area, teaching principles of economics and free enterprise.

### **Law School at OU**

The 1995 Oklahoma City bombing spurred Mark's decision to become a lawyer. After the attack, Mark served as a Red Cross volunteer for two months, helping first responders and firefighters in the aftermath of the attack. It was during this critical time that Mark aligned his personal with professional values in protecting and advocating for others. In 2005, he began law school at the University of Oklahoma, when his daughter Katherine was 10 years old, Elizabeth just 7. He frequently cycled 50 miles round trip from Oklahoma City to OU in Norman for his classes, balancing work, health, and school, while providing for his family.

### **Studying at Oxford**

A busy time in his life to say the least, Mark still found the time to serve as Chair of the Graduate Student Senate, to work as a licensed legal intern in the law school's criminal defense clinic, and perform pro bono work in New Orleans. He even attended the summer law program at Brasenose College at the University of Oxford in England, where he earned a certification in English Legal Systems by the Oxford Centre for International Law and Justice.

Mark's high engagement and high marks at the University of Oklahoma earned him the J.R. Morris Campus Life Award for outstanding leadership and service and the Kelly Beardslee Criminal Defense Award for his advocacy in the Law Center's Criminal Defense Clinic. Mark

won the Best Oral Advocate and Best Petitioner's Brief awards in the 2007-2008 Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition. After graduating from law school in May 2008, he was admitted to practice before the Oklahoma Supreme Court in September that same year, along with the United States Court of International Trade, the United States Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States District Courts for the Western, Northern, and Eastern Districts of Oklahoma.

### **Law Practice in OKC**

Mark is an independent attorney practicing administrative, criminal, family, and civil law in Oklahoma City. He is a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association, Oklahoma County Bar Association, Oklahoma Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, and McClain County Bar Association, and a former member of ABA, NBA, and Logan County Bar Associations.

### **Family and Community**

Since 1987, Mark's been in the Mesta Park neighborhood of Oklahoma City. His wife Eva is a former pediatrician turned attorney who specializes in civil, immigration, personal injury, and family law. Eva's daughter Nina graduated from the University of Oklahoma last year, and Ramy, her son, is currently a student there. Mark's daughter Elizabeth attends the University of Chicago and in 2017, his daughter Katherine graduated from Oklahoma State University. In his free time, you can catch Mark riding his bike, running, playing basketball, and golfing. He also loves to photography and travel. He's also been a member of the Crown Heights Christian Church and the First Christian Church of Oklahoma City.