

Taoiseach Award Recipients



Daniel J. Keating, III
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*Principal Owner and Chief Executive Officer
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Daniel J. Keating, III is a well-known, successful businessman whose career spans four decades. Having grown up in the construction industry, he envisioned and soon formed companies that reflected every aspect of real estate---construction, development, environmental management & project consulting and management. Through his leadership, the businesses grew and prospered, including a construction company that was often ranked as one of the largest in America.

With his transition from the construction industry, Mr. Keating has focused his energy on a new business model: development advising and project management. It is a new type of project management, founded on the experience and lessons learned from forty some years of project development and construction. And it is coupled to the skills of a talented staff that has worked with him for decades.

Mr. Keating's career has been defined by achievements that merge construction and development skills, including projects like the redevelopment of the United States Postal Service property at 30th Street in Philadelphia, a public private partnership that addressed the needs of the University of Pennsylvania in the expansion of their campus while creating a new home for the Internal Revenue Service and it's 5,000 employees. Mr. Keating's team was also responsible for the construction of the Pennsylvania Convention Center and many other ventures including: Lincoln Financial Field, The Phoenix Condominiums, mixed-use residential development, thousands of residential units, the Hilton Philadelphia at Penn's Landing, and a wide variety of casino projects. Present day value of these projects exceeds \$15 billion. Mr. Keating's career is also defined by unique ideas that have transformed the way construction development projects are delivered. In his earlier years, it was the formation of teams that created new opportunities for disadvantaged businesses. Later, it was streamlining the construction process through the integration of design and construction services; and today is clearly focused on the formation of public private partnerships that create new value for all parties involved. Throughout his career, Mr. Keating has steadfastly believed that successful projects are the product of strong and enduring relationships.

Since graduating from Villanova University in the early seventies, he has served on the boards of many regional institutions and actively participates in numerous philanthropic activities. Mr. Keating served as Chairman of the Abramson Cancer Center Director's Leadership Council and continues to support the tremendous work in research and medicine as a Board Member at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Dan and his wife, Sarah, are recipients of the American Association for Cancer Research Humanitarian Award. Keating teaches a course on entrepreneurialism at Cardinal O'Hara High School in Springfield, PA. He is a former board member of Rosemont College and also Holy Child School at Rosemont. Currently, Mr. Keating serves as Executive Vice President of Gilbane Building Company.

Sarah P. Keating, Esq. is the Principal Owner and Chief Executive Officer of Keating Environmental Management, a consulting company which provides comprehensive environmental services to its clients (both public and private sector) including engineering, geology, hydrogeology, asbestos, indoor air quality, health and safety, construction, regulatory compliance, and risk management services. In this capacity, she directly oversees and manages all aspects of the business including financial, business development and marketing, proposal preparation, human resources, risk management and project performance.

Sarah has over 15 years of experience as legal counsel within Region III of the United States Environmental Protection Agency. She served as Assistant Regional Counsel for 11 years and as Senior Regional Criminal Enforcement Counsel for 4 years. She handled a complex civil enforcement caseload, and prosecuted a wide array of environmental criminal cases during her tenure at the EPA. She was also appointed as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney (SAUSA) for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

As Assistant Regional Counsel for the USEPA, she provided legal counsel to the Regional Superfund Program office and handled all aspects of a civil enforcement caseload. She provided litigation support to the Department of Justice in federal hazardous waste enforcement actions under Superfund and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). She negotiated settlements in multi-party Superfund cases with Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) numbering in the hundreds. She also handled several multi-party CERCLA cost recovery actions, leading the litigation team or facilitating settlement of the cases. Within USEPA Region III, she served as a regional expert on Institutional Controls and Brownfield's issues, providing support and advice to other regional staff. She handled complex RCRA enforcement matters and administrative cases, including appeals to the Environmental Appeals Board in Washington, D.C.

Sarah served as legal counsel to the EPA Region III Criminal Investigation Division (CID). She assisted in the investigation of federal environmental and Title 18 crimes, including: air, water, pesticides, hazardous waste, asbestos, vessel pollution, mail fraud, wire fraud, and federal false statements. As an attorney in private practice prior to her government career, Sarah performed in-depth analyses of the RCRA "land ban" regulations, organized and presented summaries of pending court challenges to the EPA "land ban" rulemakings, and drafted federal appellate briefs. She wrote and published articles on the applicability of federal procurement law to Superfund mixed funding agreements. She evaluated various Superfund consent decrees and liability issues, developed factual support for use in CERCLA cost recovery actions, and submitted one of the first "Petitions to Cancel" a pesticide registration under FIFRA.

Sarah also served as General Counsel to an environmental consulting firm specializing in engineering, subsurface evaluations, underground storage tank management and closures, environmental compliance audits, Phase I and II site assessments, permitting, and environmental remediation. She provided advice to clients on federal, state, and local regulatory requirements, and assisted in the firm's marketing efforts.

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- Founder, Women Empowering Women, a non-profit committee focused on homeless women and children in the City of Philadelphia.
- Board Member, Children's Medical Foundation of Central and Eastern Europe.
Member, University of Pennsylvania Abramson Cancer Center, Director's Leadership Council.
- Board Member, Calcutta House, a non-profit group in Philadelphia that provides housing and supportive care to end-stage AIDS patients.
- Contributor, City of HOPE Cancer Center, Events Committee.