



**Robert J. Tribeck, Class of 1991**

### **Biographical Sketch**

Rob Tribeck is Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer at Post Acute Medical, LLC, a Central Pennsylvania-based health care provider which owns and operates hospitals throughout the United States. He is also a Of Counsel to the law firm of Barley Snyder, LLP.

Rob received a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from Pennsylvania State University in 1991. Following graduation, he was awarded a Judicial Scholarship to the Ohio Northern University Pettit College of Law, where he received his Juris Doctor degree, with highest distinction, in 1994. While in law school, he served as Editor-in-Chief of the Law Review, was a member of the Moot Court, and was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi honor society. Upon graduation, Rob was appointed to, and served a federal judicial clerkship with, the Honorable William W. Caldwell of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania from 1994 to 1996.

Rob has served on local on-profit boards, volunteered as a youth sports coach in football, lacrosse, and basketball, and was a founder of the Pennsylvania e-Commerce Association. He is also a member of the Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, and Federal Bar Associations, as well as the Penn State Alumni Association and many other professional and civic organizations. Rob currently serves as President of the Middle District Chapter of the Federal Bar Association.

From 2011 through 2015, Rob served as legal counsel for Penn Staters for Responsible Stewardship (“PS4RS”). In that role, Rob spearheaded several initiatives aimed at reforming and restructuring the Board of Trustees. He also authored the PS4RS Review of the so-called Freeh Report, published in September 2012, which was the first scholarly article to critically examine, and highlight the numerous flaws and inaccuracies in, the Freeh Report.

In May 2015, Rob was elected by the alumni to the Penn State Board of Trustees. He has served on the Legal and Compliance Committee since 2015 and, in 2017, became the first alumni-elected trustee to be appointed to serve as a member of the Legal Subcommittee. Rob also serves as a trustee representative on the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Penn State.

## **Position Statement**

As a Trustee, I have repeatedly stated that it is the students, faculty, employees, and alumni, and not the Board, who are the most important assets of Penn State.

Upon election in 2015, my goals included controlling tuition, seeking novel ideas for stemming tuition escalation and student debt, greater transparency, board and governance reform, restoring confidence in University leadership, bridging the divide created by the Board, repairing the reputation of the University and others, protecting student and faculty rights, advancing Commonwealth Campuses and the World Campus, and stopping a movement away from the core values upon which the University was built.

Those goals remain at the forefront of my efforts. While Penn State is, and always has been, an elite institution, we must adapt to the changing realities of higher education. We must find leaders who share that vision as we move forward. Penn State is the economic and educational backbone of Pennsylvania, and we must take that role very seriously.

Our University, like all others, stands at a crossroads as it relates to the future of higher education. The students of the future, and the way in which we educate those students, will look far different than today. We must be prepared to adapt to the ever-changing realities of higher education. Penn State, as a University, is not broken. In fact, we are leaders in the world of higher education – in science, in technology, in business, and in healthcare. We employ world-class researchers and have undertaken innovative approaches to education, through public-private partnership, online

teaching, and hands-on training. But we cannot sit back and rest on our laurels. Higher education is evolving at a record pace, and so must we.

While we have made some advancements in the two and one-half years that I have been on the Board, including one year of no tuition increase and two years of the smallest increases in 50 years, much work remains to be done. Our governance model remains flawed and must be repaired, either internally or through legislative efforts. We must undertake serious cost-cutting measures, while at the same time not allow even a shred of negative impact to the quality of our education. Once we implement real change, and insure we are operating in the most efficient and effective manner possible, we will be in a far better position to convince our Legislature and our Governor as to the value of the investment of sufficient public dollars in our mission.

We are in need of true leaders. My experience, both professionally and in my short time on the Board, renders me well-equipped to represent the Alumni in those efforts, and I remain confident in my ability to effect change.

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