



**Name**

Michael Bressan

**Year of Graduation**

1997

**What have you done since graduating from Port Allegany High School?**

I received a bachelor's degree in Finance, with honors, from Gannon University with minors in Philosophy and Pre-Law. I also played Division II football at Gannon and was an Academic All-American. I attended my first year of law school at Pepperdine University and then detoured to earn a Master's Degree in Dispute Resolution and Negotiation from Pepperdine. I finished my law degree, with honors, from the University of Florida.

I was one of the youngest Partners in the history of my law firm, *Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP*, which has about 240 attorneys and is ranked as a top 200 law firm. I am a litigator with focus on business disputes in the financial industry.

I am married to my lovely wife Jaime and we are the proud parents of Olivia our 9 month old daughter.

**Where do you currently live?**

Sarasota, Florida

**Who was your favorite teacher in high school? Why were they your favorite?**

It is impossible to narrow it down to one. Mr. Kriner toughened me up as a wrestler and gave me a love of history. Mr. Van Gorden and Mr. Daisley were great math teachers that gave me the knowledge to be ahead of the rest of my college class in math. Mr. Finn

inspired within me a love of science and experimentation. Mr. Bodamer and Mr. Caskey also held students to a high standard that served me well in college. Mr. Myers for his tireless dedication to music and presenting it to the town. The teachers at PAHS were great and I was very well prepared for college by following their instruction and advice.

**What is your fondest memory of Port Allegany High School?**

My favorite memories revolve around the camaraderie and school spirit related to both athletic events and other events like theatre and musical productions. The teachers and students rallied around every event. The memories of the electric-excitement in the air around pep rally time still make my spine tingle. Meeting many people in my travels since high school has really made me appreciate growing up in a small town with the dedicated teachers at PAHS. Go Gators!