

Biographical Sketch

Edward J. Wren

Edward J. Wren is President of Wren and Associates, a public and governmental relations firm in Phoenix. His clients at the state and federal levels include University Physicians Health of Tucson, University Medical Center in Tucson, Earth Tech and Tyco Electronics.

Before starting his own firm in 1986, Wren was Vice President of Public Affairs at Southwest Forest Industries and responsible for directing the company's governmental, financial and public relations programs, including advertising and charitable contributions. As a member of the company's Management Executive Committee, he reported directly to CEO Bill Franke.

Wren joined Southwest in 1975 after serving for two years as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation at the federal government's then largest agency, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Wren was responsible for the agency's appropriations bills and directed a congressional liaison staff of 22 which handled all correspondence and inquiries from congressional offices.

Before that, Wren was Vice President of Public Affairs for GAC Properties, Inc. in Miami, Florida, a firm he joined in 1971. He was one of four special aides to Donald Rumsfeld, who was counselor to the President in 1970 and 1971. Dick Cheney was also one of Rumsfeld's four aides. Before joining Rumsfeld, Wren was Press and Legislative Assistant to U.S. Congressman Lou Frey, Jr. (R) of Florida.

A native of Syracuse, New York, he is a graduate of Florida State University and has taken graduate courses at Stanford University.

Since coming to Phoenix 33 years ago, he has served as a member of the Board of Directors and President of the Central Arizona Health Systems Agency and on the Boards of the Arizona Chamber of Commerce, the Arizona Association of Industries, KAET public television, the Arizona-Cactus Pine Girl Scout Council, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Phoenix Airport Board of Adjustment, and Phoenix Ad Hoc Committee on Capital Design and Construction. He was a founding member of the Board of Phoenix Children's Hospital and serves on the Fiesta Bowl Advisory Committee, the City of Phoenix's Citizens Bond Advisory Committee and the Public Affairs Committee of the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce.