

## MICHAEL WARREN '90 B.A.

For Michael Warren, Yale's dedication "to improving the world today and for future generations" is more than an institutional mission statement — it's a way of life. In the two decades since his graduation, he has built a career as a leader in financial services, international business, and government policy, but he also has kept his sights firmly on public service.

As global managing director of Albright Stonebridge Group — a business strategy firm he co-founded in 2009 after working at McKinsey & Company — Warren advises clients "at the intersection of the public, private, and social sectors." Throughout this work, Warren sees an underlying thread that resonates with his values, describing the firm's "mission-oriented focus on making the world a better place, on driving commercial and public policy changes that improve people's lives."

Warren, a longtime resident of Washington, D.C., is known for his engagement in local and national service. In the Clinton administration, he was executive director of the National Economic Council at the White House and served in the Office of the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor. During the first term of Barack Obama's presidency, he became senior advisor in the White House Presidential Personnel Office, overseeing appointments for government economic agencies. He also was appointed by President Obama to the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) Board of Directors, and currently is chair of the OPIC Audit Committee. Among his most meaningful accomplishments, he cites his work as a trustee of the District of Columbia Retirement Board (the district's public pension fund), whose investment committee he chairs. "Our pensions—for our district's police, teachers, firefighters—are fully funded," he says, further explaining that Washington, D.C.'s public pension fund is one of a few in the United States to have achieved this goal.

Warren also finds ample time to give back to the alma mater that, he says, "gave so much to me and inspired me to make a difference in the world." He is a member of the University Council, the President's Council on International Activities, and the School of Management Board of Advisors. He finds inspiration in collaborating with fellow alumni, members of the faculty, and Yale's leadership. And he takes energy from "being able to contribute to the forward progress of the university" — from the conviction that, Yale's success notwithstanding, "our best work is ahead of us." Of the Yale Corporation, he remarked, "I'm excited to jump in and be helpful—to faithfully represent Yale's alumni in supporting the mission and aspirations of the university."

In his student days, Warren soaked up every facet of the undergraduate experience, majoring in history, captaining the men's track team, and volunteering as a tutor at Wilbur Cross High School. He went on to be a Rhodes Scholar at the University of Oxford. Today, his passion for Yale has become a family affair: his wife, Lynn Taliento, is a fellow member of the Class of 1990, although the couple did not meet until eight years after graduation. Warren and Taliento, who founded McKinsey's philanthropy practice and is also a senior advisor at the Obama

Foundation, have also instilled a love of the university in their two children, Amelia, age fourteen, and Noah, age eleven: “They can hear the excitement in our voices when we talk about the place, and we learn new things about campus together every time we visit.”

That, Warren maintains, is “one of the best parts about Yale: discovery and learning.” Simply put, “you don’t run out of discovering Yale.”