



SEAN RAQUET PROFILED IN TODAY'S NJCPA

Volunteer Spotlight: Sean Raquet

Sean Raquet joined NJSCPA in 1991 a few years into his CPA career. He became an active member of the Young CPAs Committee which led to his first Society leadership position as Committee Chair in 1998. Soon after, he was appointed to the NJSCPA Board of Trustees. He also served as a NJ-CPA-PAC Trustee. Since 2004, he has been a member of the Scholars Institute Advisory Board.

What's kept him involved for the last 15 years? Raquet's involvement has helped him develop and hone his soft skills. "I've expanded my network of professionals to turn to for discussions of best practices and I am able to gauge my own knowledge base," says Raquet. And his work with Scholars Institute allows him to do something for the accounting profession and the NJSCPA. Janice Amatucci, NJSCPA NextGen Manager, agrees. "Since the formation of the Scholars Institute Advisory Board, Sean continues to one of the Scholars Institute's most dedicated champions and is committed to maintaining its highest quality."



A forensic accountant, Raquet, specializes in insolvency and litigation support services. "It can best be described as being charged with assembling a 1000-piece jigsaw puzzle after being given 10,000, pieces to do it with. " What's the first step? "It requires sifting through thousands of pieces of data to find the relevant facts to solve the puzzle. I have to rely on my past experiences in diverse disciplines of accounting such as auditing, tax and computer consulting. As a result I can see the right pieces quickly and be creative in solving the puzzle that is put before me every day. "

With all these puzzles, Raquet seems to have it pretty together. He grew up in Mahwah, NJ and enjoyed playing first baseman on a little league team *this* close to the state championships. "What I really enjoyed was power of working as a team to reach a goal," Raquet explains. College summers, he was part of team that grew and cared for 20,000 chrysanthemums. "That required me to spend six days each week from June through August watering these plants that became beautiful flowers." Raquet's team values and hard work paid off in his CPA career too. Today, he is a Partner at Bederson & Company LLP – a top regional bankruptcy firm.

The Inside Scoop on Sean Raquet:

- **Last book you read or are currently reading?** The Split Second, Daniel Baldaci

- **Last place you shopped?** Trader Joe's

- **Last website you visited?** NDNation.com



- **Last Restaurant you went to?** The River Palm

- **Last gadget you bought for yourself?** Playstation 2

- **Five cds, dvds, or mp3s you can't live without:** Bruce Springsteen Greatest Hits, Steely Dan, Field of Dreams, The Godfather, The Best of Chicago

- **What is one thing you are passionate about?** Sitting in Notre Dame Stadium singing and dancing to the Notre Dame fight song after they score a winning touchdown. My world stops when ND plays a football game.

- **Who do you text?** My friends and my kids. My favorite texting abbreviation is "omg."

- **Favorite Vacation Destination:** Walt Disney World

- **Someplace you've always wanted to go?** The Grand Canyon

- **If they made a movie of your life, what would it be about and which actor would you want to play you?** Me and my kids and our time together. John Cusack