Ken Gormley

President, Duquesne University

Ken Gormley is the 13th president of Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, where he previously served as professor of law before being named dean of the Duquesne University School of Law. He joined the faculty in 1994 following a career teaching at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law; working in private practice at the firm of Cindrich & Titus; and clerking for U.S. District Judge Donald E. Ziegler and Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Ralph J. Cappy.

Gormley earned his B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh, summa cum laude, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He received his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1980, serving as a teaching assistant in constitutional law to Professor Archibald Cox, the special prosecutor during the Watergate scandal.

Gormley’s work has earned him a reputation as a highly-respected constitutional scholar; and his books, which include a New York Times bestseller, have won multiple awards. A past president of the Allegheny County Bar Association, he was the first academic to hold that position in the organization’s history.

He and his wife, Laura, have four children and live in Forest Hills, Pa., where he served as mayor from 1998-2001.