

## Edward Whelan III

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### Education

In 1981 Mr. Whelan graduated with honors from Harvard College and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. He received his J.D. *magna cum laude* in 1985 from Harvard Law School, where he was a member of the Board of Editors of the Harvard Law Review.