Scott Keller has accomplished much since his time as a “Boilermaker” at Purdue University. He graduated with highest distinction from Purdue University in 2004 with a Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science and Philosophy.

While attending Purdue University, Scott Keller was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and was the G.A. Ross Award winner. Keller carried many experiences he gained from Purdue with him throughout his career. Keller stated, “Besides getting to rush the field at Ross Ade Stadium twice as Drew Brees took us to the Rose Bowl, at Purdue I learned how to write and think critically. Both of those are crucial skills for a lawyer, and I use these skills all the time. In Professor McLauchlan’s constitutional law course, I learned how to decipher legal decisions. At first, reading legal decisions can seem like a foreign language, but with practice you become comfortable wading through judicial opinions. This was a tremendous leg up when I got to law school, as many first-year law students have not dealt with legal decisions before.” Will McLauchlan, a Purdue Political Science professor, stated “Scott Keller was a focused, energetic, very intelligent student when he was here as an undergraduate. His subsequent career at law school at UT-Austin, his clerkships for Judge Kosinski and Justice Kennedy, and his work in the U.S. Solicitor General’s office clearly indicate his continued engagement and accomplishments. His current appellate advocacy practice is a reflection of his continued commitment and success. He is truly exceptional and he will excel in a wide variety of avenues in the future. What a Boilermaker!”

Scott Keller’s highlights, since Purdue, are remarkable. He attended law school at the University of Texas, Austin, graduating with highest honors. Keller clerked for Chief Judge Alex Kozinski of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 2007-08 and for Justice Anthony Kennedy of the United States Supreme Court during the 2009 Term. He was also a Bristow Fellow in the Office of the U.S. Solicitor General at the U.S. Department of Justice in 2008-09. Keller currently has an appellate advocacy practice in Austin, Texas.

Keller said, “My best experience was getting married. Number two would be my clerkship with Justice Kennedy. The competition for getting Supreme Court clerkships is intense, and I was very fortunate to have many people supporting me along the way. Justice Kennedy is an extremely gracious and intellectual person, so it was a fantastic year clerking for him.”

Regarding his time at Purdue, Keller also stated “The education I received, the experiences I gained, and the friendships I made at Purdue are all invaluable parts of my life today. I am extremely proud to be a Boilermaker, and I believe Purdue University truly provides a world-class education.”

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