



Edward G. Williams graduated from Kingston High School in 1960. His father, Walter Williams, who owned the Williams Lake Hotel in Rosendale, New York, rigged up a rope tow on a hill on the property and taught Ed how to ski when he was five. During his high school years, Kingston High School did not have a varsity skiing program. Skiing did not become a varsity sport until 1967; but this did not deter Ed who skied extensively at Belleayre and was president of the high school ski club.

After graduating high school, Mr. Williams continued his education at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire. There he skied for “the Big Green” under the tutelage of Al Merrill, who coached the U.S. Nordic team at the 1954 World Ski Championships and the 1956 Winter Olympics. Coach Merrill told the eager freshman, who up to then had primarily done downhill skiing, that he could teach him how to cross-country ski. By his sophomore year, Ed was skiing on the varsity Winter Carnival Team. During his senior year, he won every Eastern Collegiate race in which he competed. Also, in 1963, he

captured the US National Cross-Country Championship in the 30 km (12 ½ mile) event. Mr. Williams was a two-time All-American earning that distinction in both 1962 and 1964. In 1984, he was inducted as an inaugural member of the “Wearers of Green” (the Dartmouth College Athletics Hall of Fame).

After college, Ed continued racing in both the cross country and biathlon events and represented the United States in the 1966 World Biathlon Championships, finishing in 30th place (best American) and in the 1968 Winter Olympics in Grenoble, France competing in both the individual biathlon and relay events (the latter, finishing 8th). Some of his other athletic accomplishments include winning the Equinox Marathon in Alaska in 1965 (shattering the 26 plus mile prior course record by over 24 minutes) and also winning the Mt Marathon competition in Seward Alaska, also in 1965 (only one of three individuals to ever break the 50 minute barrier since the inception of the annual 4th of July competition in 1915) The Mt Marathon competition is one of the oldest continuously competed competitions in the United States and is also widely regarded as one of the most difficult competitions in the world. Essentially, it comprises a three-and-a-half-mile course up and back a snow-capped 3,022-foot mountain, starting just outside a saloon on main street in Seward, Alaska. Williams has also competed in the Boston Marathon twice, as well as the New York Marathon, each time finishing under 3 hours. Mr. Williams served in the United States Army as an infantry officer assigned to a special biathlon (skiing and shooting) unit in Alaska during the Viet Nam era.

Following service in the Army, Ed returned to Dartmouth where he earned an MBA, followed by a law degree from the Columbia Law School. Following law school and several years in private practice on Wall Street, he was appointed an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York where he served as lead counsel representing various Federal government agencies and officials with respect to alleged Watergate- type misconduct. See, *e.g.*, *Socialist Workers Party, et al vs. Attorney General of the United States, et al.*, reported at 642 F. Supp. 1357 (USDC, SDNY Aug.1986). Since leaving Government service, he has concentrated his practice on civil litigation, including trials and appeals, principally in Federal courts. His specialty in sports law focuses primarily on Olympic, Pan American, and Paralympic sports matters arising under a Federal statute The Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act and the Bylaws of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee. Mr. Williams continues to practice law and is presently Of Counsel to the New York law firm Lynn Occhipinti, LLP.

Mr. Williams was a founding member of the USOC’s Athletes’ Advisory Council (the “AAC”) and succeeded Micki King, the Olympic diver, as chair the AAC for four years, during

which time the Amateur Sports Act of 1978 became law and the United States boycotted the Moscow Olympics in 1980. He served as a member of the Board of Directors of the United States Olympic Committee for 12 years and was appointed by three successive Presidents of the USOC to serve as chairperson of the USOC's Legislation Committee. Mr. Williams was one of the principal drafters of the "Athletes' Rights" section of the Amateur Sports Act of 1978, now known, as amended in 1998, as The Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act. This section of the Sports Act mandates that the National Governing Bodies of sports on the Olympic program provide due process (notice and an opportunity for a hearing) before declaring an athlete ineligible to compete. For his entire legal career, Mr. Williams has been an unwavering advocate of athletes' rights, and has been a staunch advocate for the due process protections for athletes and others in the adjudication of disputes concerning the eligibility of individuals to participate in amateur athletic competition.

Mr. Williams has successfully represented numerous Olympic, Pan American, and other athletes over the years before the American Arbitration Association (the "AAA") and the international Court of Arbitration for Sport ("CAS"). Mr. Williams also has counseled National Governing Bodies with respect to USOC compliance issues and has been called upon by the USOC to represent it and athletes in Federal court and before CAS. Mr. Williams' sports practice has also involved the representation of athletes accused of alleged "doping" offenses, including before a Federal grand jury in San Francisco convened to investigate BALCO, as well as in Federal court and in arbitrations before the AAA. Mr. Williams has also successfully represented athletes and NGBs before USOC Hearing Panels and in Federal and state courts in connection with issues arising under the Sports Act.

Most recently, in February 2018, in connection with the disclosures of the emotional and physical / sexual abuse of athletes in USA Gymnastics by Dr. Larry Nassar, and the failure of the USOPC to provide legally - mandated oversight of its member Sport Governing Bodies, such as USAG, to protect athletes from such abuses, Mr. Williams founded and presently serves as co-chair of The Committee to Restore Integrity to the USOPC. "Team Integrity" presently has over 450 members, most of whom are Olympic other world class athletes, including victims of abuse by coaches. The mission of Team Integrity is to continue to identify and shine the spotlight on the abuse of athletes, particularly at the Olympic level, and to urge steps to be taken to prevent such abuse.

Mr. Williams has a home in New Jersey but owns a cabin on Williams Lake, in Rosendale, built by his grandfather, Gustave Jalonen, an immigrant from Finland, where he enjoys splitting wood for the fireplace, rebuilding ancient stone walls and continues to hike and ski cross country on the very same logging roads he trained on some sixty years ago.