

Edward J. Caron



Ed Caron, Consulting Vice President, brings to the firm extensive experience in strategic communications, strategic planning, public policy, and partnership development.

Prior to joining GG+A, Ed served Providence College for 20 years as Vice President, College Relations & Planning. There, he held cabinet-level responsibilities for strategic planning, strategic communications, and public affairs. He also served as the College's first secretariat, providing senior staff support to the Providence College Board of Trustees.

While at Providence, Ed directed a team that secured a \$5 million competitive grant to establish the nation's first undergraduate degree in public and community service. He also secured for Providence College, in collaboration with the University of Notre Dame, teaching and service fellowships for graduate education majors to serve as faculty in disadvantaged, urban schools throughout New England.

In addition, Ed has provided consultation services to a number of Providence College partners in the private and quasi-public sector, including the Board of Directors and staff of the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce, Rhode Island Foundation, Providence Foundation, Pawtucket Foundation, and Leadership Rhode Island. He has provided similar consulting assistance for board and senior staff retreats for Rhode Island government agencies, law firms, public relations and marketing agencies, and national tourism organizations.

Ed is founder and president of the Changing Minds and Hearts Education Foundation, which provides financial support for TalkWorks, a character education initiative established in 2001 to combat bullying and teasing in Rhode Island and Massachusetts elementary and middle schools.

Prior to his appointment at Providence College, Ed worked as a managing consultant with Telesis, Inc., an international business strategy and public policy consulting firm. He also served as vice president for public affairs at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Rhode Island and chief of staff to two Rhode Island attorneys general.

Among his community affiliations, Ed is a member of the board of directors of the San Miguel School, the original Christian Brother model middle school for disadvantaged immigrant students now replicated in 15 states nationally. He is a trustee of two economic development councils.

Ed earned his undergraduate degree at Providence College and completed studies at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education Institute for Educational Leadership.

During his tenure with GG+A, Ed Caron has provided counsel to the following client institutions:

University of Calgary

The University of Chicago

*The University of Chicago Booth School
of Business*

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

Carnegie Mellon University

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Concordia University, Montréal

Curtis Institute of Music

Drexel University

Georgia State University

The Johns Hopkins University

La Salle University

The Loomis Chaffee School

Louisiana Tech University

Mercy Corps

University of Nevada, Reno

New Mexico State University

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Nova Southeastern University

Pennsylvania Horticultural Society

Philadelphia Museum of Art

Rush University Medical Center

Saint Joseph's University

University of San Diego

Seton Hall University

University of Southampton

Temple University Health System

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Villanova University

Wichita State University