

Alumnus Leads Baltimore Into the Next Century

Long before the polls closed in the city of Baltimore at 8 p.m. on Nov. 2, Democratic candidate Martin O'Malley '88 had already been declared the city's 47th mayor. O'Malley scored a landslide victory over Republican challenger David F. Tufaro.

O'Malley, a Baltimore City councilman since 1991, threw in his bid for candidacy shortly before July's deadline. Viewed by many as an underdog and squaring off against Baltimore City Council President Lawrence A. Bell III and former councilman Carl Stokes, O'Malley's campaign earned him 53 percent of the vote during the primary.

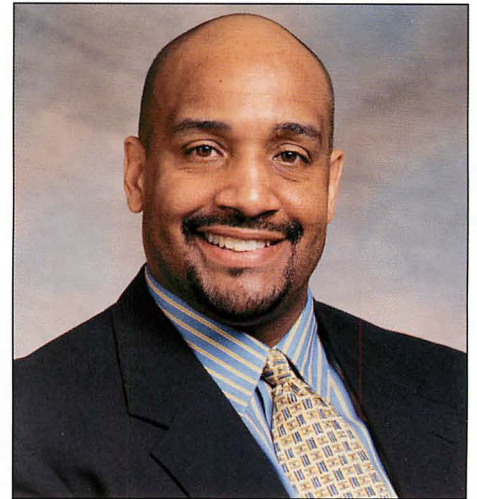
During the campaign O'Malley focused on the city's pressing issues such

as the dangerous open-air drug markets and its serious educational shortcomings.

Prior to his election, O'Malley had served on Baltimore's City Council for eight years. During that time, he was a strong advocate for a five-point policy designed to maximize the efficiency of Baltimore's legal system. Included in this plan was the restructuring of the city courts and a policy in which police officers were asked to issue tickets for minor crimes, rather than arrest perpetrators, which tied up the court's overcrowded dockets and contributed to overcrowded jails. In addition to his duties as a City Council member, O'Malley was also an attorney in private practice.

Other notable items on O'Malley's resume include assistant state's attorney for Baltimore City from 1988 to 1990; state field director for U.S. Sen. Barbara Mikulski's campaign; and state coordinator for Sen. Bob Kerrey's 1992 presidential campaign. Awards for O'Malley include

Best City Councilman (*Baltimore* magazine), Best Local Politician (*Baltimore City Paper*), Server to Humanity Award (Maryland Jaycees) and Profiles in Courage Award (Baltimore City Homeowners Coalition). O'Malley resides in



Thurman Zollicoffer '88

Baltimore's Beverly Hills community with wife Katie Curran O'Malley, daughters Grace and Tara, and son William.

Many have contributed to the O'Malley success story, including two other University of Maryland School of Law graduates: Richard Berndt '67 and Thurman Zollicoffer '88. Berndt was named co-chair of O'Malley's transition team, a committee designed to aid in selecting cabinet members and begin attacking pressing city issues. Berndt, a Baltimore attorney and managing partner in the firm of Gallagher, Evelius & Jones, helped raise more than \$1.3 million for the mayoral campaign. Three decades ago, Berndt worked alongside former Mayor William Donald Schaefer and was instrumental in helping to revitalize Baltimore's Inner Harbor. One of the results of Berndt's work on the O'Malley transition team was the appointment of Zollicoffer as Baltimore's city solicitor. Zollicoffer is a partner in the firm Whiteford, Taylor & Preston. In addition, he was a Baltimore City assistant state's attorney from 1989 until 1994. He has also taught business law at City Community College and volunteered in the Baltimore City schools as a teaching assistant and mock trial coach.

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