

Mick

Michael Patrick Bates



Focused leader who balances concern for people with concern for results.

Skilled communicator who articulates a clear vision and strategy to inspire individuals and teams.

Catalyst with a proven ability to propel significant and lasting change.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

President, PRAXIS Corporation

1997 – present

Own and operate BODYWORKS, a 26 employee Health, Fitness & Rehabilitation Facility, supporting 500 clients per month in Raleigh County, West Virginia

Serve as: BODYWORKS' Chief Clinical Officer, Readiness Work Evaluator, and Case Manager (Certified by *Industrial Safety and Rehabilitation Institute* and *Commission for Case Manager Certification*, respectively)

Progressive Goal Attainment Program Instructor,
WV Institute for Occupational Health and Safety

Clinical Instructor,

WV University, Wheeling Jesuit University, Mountain State University

Work Safety/Rehabilitation Consultant,

Brickstreet Mutual Insurance Company, Massey Energy

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Raleigh County Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors (*Former Executive Committee/Treasurer*)
- WV Physical Therapy Association (*Former Board of Directors Member/Reimbursement Chairperson*)
- American Physical Therapy Association, Nat'l Advisory Panel on Reimbursement Policy and Planning
- Private Practice Physical Therapist Association
- International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals
- WV Safety Council
- WV A Vision Shared, Educational Committee Volunteer

HONORS

2005 Young Guns Award, West Virginia Executive Magazine

2006 Generation Next Honoree, West Virginia State Journal

EDUCATION

Bachelors of Applied Science (Physiotherapy), Curtin University of Technology, Perth, Australia, 1991
350+ post graduate and continuing education hours; 300+ hours presentation and teaching hours

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In 2008, I was a candidate for the WV House of Delegates. During my campaign to represent the 27th District, I had the privilege of talking with people in my community and asking them why they thought people should vote for me. Here's what they had to say.

Mick is a...

■ **Focused Leader**

He balances concern for people with concern for results. – Bob Kiss

■ **Skilled Communicator**

He articulates a clear vision and strategy to inspire individuals and teams. – Bill Baker

■ **Proven Performer**

Mick is a "Doer". He gets things done. He sees a challenge... looks for solutions and resources... then puts them to work. – Susan Landis

■ **Successful Business Owner**

As the owner of an innovative fitness and rehabilitation facility that supports hundreds of clients/members each month, Mick appreciates the demands of managing and growing a business in West Virginia. He's knowledgeable about regulation and taxation concerns. – Nancy Kissinger

■ **Health Care Professional**

Being a Physical Therapist and the Chief Clinical Officer for BODYWORKS, Mick recognizes the impact that disease and injury have on families, businesses, and communities. He also understands the complex issues like health care and insurance. – Brett Eckley

■ **Husband and Father**

With four children under the age of six, Mick and Pam (his wife of 15 years) are faced with decisions about health, education, balance of work and family, and planning for the future. Like many of their neighbors, he and Pam are both invested in making WV a place where *their* children will *want to stay* because they can find good work and live well. – Connie Higgins

■ **Community Builder**

Mick actively develops and supports programs that improve community. His leadership is well demonstrated with the Chamber of Commerce, his church, and professional organizations.
– Pete Torrico

■ **Committed Citizen**

Mick has a stake in the game. He owns and operates a business here and has a growing family. He wants Southern West Virginia to be an even better place to live for himself, for his family, his employees, his friends, his neighbors... and for you. – Emmett Pugh

■ **Believer**

Mick believes in West Virginia – its future and its people. He's passionate about WV becoming a top ten state... moving from the bottom of the bad lists... to the top of the good ones.
– Tony Kelly

■ **New Voice of Leadership**

Because he's the 3rd generation of an Australian mining family, Mick's right at home here. He could live anywhere, but he chooses to be here. This country and this community have given him so much... now he wants to give something back. He's picked West Virginia and now he asks West Virginia to Pick Mick. – Karen Bowling

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