

HON. PETER B. TEELEY

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Former US Ambassador to Canada and Press Secretary to Vice- President George H. W. Bush Peter Barry Teeley (born January 12, 1940) is an American political consultant and former US Ambassador to Canada. Teeley served as press secretary during 4 presidential campaigns and to two United States Senators (Javits and Griffin). He became press secretary to Vice-President George H.W. Bush from 1980 to 1985. Teeley then worked as a consultant in the private sector, eventually developing the prototype for a Washington government affairs office for Amgen. In addition to being named Ambassador to Canada in 1991, Teeley was appointed by President Bush to be US Representative to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) beginning in 1990.

Teeley was born in Barrow-in-Furness, England. He immigrated to the United States at age 7 with his parents. The imposing image of the Statue of Liberty as his ship sailed into New York Harbor remains a vivid memory, which sparked his interest in public service to his new country at a young age. He was raised in Detroit, Michigan and worked in public relations for the auto industry before joining the staff of Senator Robert Griffin and moving to Washington, D.C. He subsequently worked for Senator Jacob Javits of New York. In 1977, he directed communications for the Republican National Committee, where he met George H. W. Bush who selected Teeley to be the press secretary for his presidential bid in 1980.

In 1991, Mr. Teeley was diagnosed with stage 3 colon cancer and entered into a clinical trial at Georgetown University. After successful treatment, he co-wrote the Complete Cancer Survival Guide with Philip Bashe. Surviving cancer inspired Teeley to create the Children's Charities Foundation (CCF), joining together his contacts from politics, the press, sports, and the pharmaceutical industry. Since 1994, CCF has distributed over 10 million dollars to area charities, and has initiated a Coats for Kids program which has provided over 30,000 new winter coats to children in need.

Mr. Teeley has served on numerous foundation boards which support children's issues and cancer research. He has often been invited to comment as a media analyst on politics. He currently lives in Bethesda, Maryland with his wife Dr. Victoria Casey, a psychologist, and their daughter Rosa, where he is working on his golf game and closely follows Notre Dame Fighting Irish football.