

# Eric McDonough

From the first time Eric played in the San Ramon Valley High School gym as a skinny seventh grader, it was readily apparent there were great things ahead. In four years, he never missed a practice, lifting or early morning workout. Eric was one of the most dedicated players to wear the SRV uniform!

Eric was a three-year starter and graduated as the leading scorer in the history of SRV. During his junior season, Eric was named the player of the year in the EBAL, while leading the Wolves to their first league championship in 15 years. He was named the MVP of the Independence Tournament in San Jose, while scoring a career high 49 points (without benefit of the three-point line) in a win over Overfelt High School.

In his senior season, Eric was named First Team All-League, leading the Wolves to their second straight EBAL championship. He averaged over 21 points, 14 rebounds, 3 assists and 2 blocked shots per game. Eric was named the MVP of the Irvine World News Classic by averaging over 25 points per game in leading the Wolves to the championship of the 16-team tournament that featured Adam Keefe, who later played at Stanford and in the NBA. Eric's Wolves defeated Keefe's team in a head-to-head matchup in the second round, an upset the event's hosts did not think possible! San Ramon was a North Coast Section semifinalist that season.

He was named to the Long Beach Press-Telegram's prestigious "Best In the West" poll and was an Honorable Mention McDonald's All-American in 1987. Eric received scholarship offers from dozens of major schools, before accepting a full scholarship to the University of California-Berkeley. He played three seasons at Cal, where he was a regular contributor and occasional starter, before an injury cut short his career.

Eric graduated from Cal in 1992 with a BA in Political Science. He attended law school at Santa Clara University, from where he obtained his JD in 1997. Eric has been a practicing attorney for 22 years. Just recently, Eric joined Vedder Price, another Chicago-based firm, where he practices civil litigation. Eric has been happily married to another Cal grad, Sarretta, for 16 years. Sarretta is also an attorney, practicing at Intel Corporation in San Jose. They have two children, Lauren, 13, a freshman at Brentwood School in Los Angeles, where she plays volleyball, soccer (which she chose over basketball!) and runs track, and Kellen, 9, a third grader who is an all-around athlete at Franklin Elementary in Santa Monica.

Eric coach's youth basketball in Pacific Palisades (Lauren's teams) and Santa Monica (Kellen's teams) and stays involved in Cal Basketball in various ways.