

CLELAN CORNER

Featuring Doug Clelan, Founder & Co-Owner



Please tell us a little about your career.

In August 2024, I will have completed 49 years serving families and businesses as a financial advisor. As you can imagine, a lot has changed in our industry, and I've been privileged to help our clients navigate many different financial climates. In 1989, my wife, Denise, and I founded Clelan and Company. We spent the next 32 years expanding our vision which is deeply rooted in our values of faith, family, service, and excellence. While I miss Denise's involvement, I feel especially blessed to now have an incredible partner in Andrew who shares our values and is an exceptional human being with a strong work ethic.

That's quite the accomplishment! What has kept you in this business for nearly 50 years?

It is simple, really – the people. I so enjoy the relationships we've built, and I still get energized seeing clients realize their dreams and goals. The past five years have probably been the most gratifying for me. Many of our clients have successfully transitioned into retirement, which is very rewarding. And we have an incredible team of dedicated people who support each other and our clients faithfully. It's a pleasure to come to work every day. I thank God for this opportunity and for all the people and relationships that have made such a difference in my life. When the time comes for me to retire, I will do so with a heart full of joy and career satisfaction, knowing that I worked diligently to make a difference in the lives of our clients and with full confidence in Andrew and our team to continue that tradition.

You are clearly passionate about your career. What else is important to you?

On a personal level, my passion is family – my wife, kids, and grandkids. Spending time watching our grandkids participate in sports and activities they enjoy is a lot of fun! I'm especially grateful to be able to watch the grandkids grow into young adults with their unique personalities and talents. We even have multiple grandsons who love playing golf as much as I do (on good days!). People ask what I will do in retirement - whenever that occurs – and I suspect more of the same. I'll play golf and pickle ball; travel to grandkids' games and tournaments; go to the gym. I have a stack of non-fiction books to read. Denise and I want to get to Yellowstone and surrounding parks and have plenty of other destinations on our bucket list including Jerusalem, Greece, and the Scandinavian countries.

We know you're quite a sports fan. What's your favorite?

Definitely baseball. My love for baseball started at a young age as my dad and I would watch games together on television. One of my favorite gifts as a little boy was a baseball uniform which I refused to take off. I have been a faithful Yankees fan since childhood and love those Phillies. Some people have told me that I'm a walking, talking baseball encyclopedia because I naturally absorb a ridiculous amount of data and stats on teams and players. Denise thinks I may have missed my calling as a baseball announcer. Who knows? Maybe that opportunity is still ahead of me!

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