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Mullaney received a BA in Political Science at the University of Florida (1973-1977), graduating Phi Beta Kappa and first in College of Arts and Sciences. He also graduated from law school at UF (1977-1980), serving on the Moot Court Team and as Executive Editor of the Law Review. After graduation, he worked as a business lawyer for Carlton, Fields, prosecutor, Mayoral Chief of Staff, and General Counsel for the City of Jacksonville. He has received the Prosecutor of the Year Award for the state of Florida and the Lawyer of the Year Award for the City of Jacksonville. He ran for Mayor of Jacksonville in 2011.

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