

## Good Morning, Vietnam, 1987 Adrian Cronauer

**Portrayed by: ROBIN WILLIAMS**  
**Nominated for: Best Actor**  
**(Williams)**

"*Good Morning, Vietnam* has opened a lot of doors for me," says Adrian Cronauer, who is nevertheless quick to point out that "only about 43 percent" of the film chronicling his 1965-1966 stint as an Armed Forces Radio deejay in Saigon "was based on real life." The money he received, along with fellow vet Ben Moses, when they sold their story to Robin Williams's manager in 1982 helped Cronauer put himself through the University of Pennsylvania Law School (Class of '89). Now 62 and

"People expect me to be like Robin Williams was in the movie," says Cronauer (in his office). "They'll say, 'We don't want some nutcase like that as our lawyer.' I have to explain, 'That's not me!'"

a telecommunications lawyer in Washington, D.C., he travels the nation speaking on veterans' issues. "He's even more fun in person than he was over the radio," says Sammy L. Davis, a longtime friend and Vietnam vet. Cronauer, who was a vice

chairman of Veterans for Bush-Cheney, wasn't invited to the 1988 Oscars, but three years later he and his wife, Jeane, attended Williams's 40th birthday party. "I danced with Joan Baez," he recalls. "And Bette Midler asked for my autograph!"

