

ROBERT T. (BOB) GRAND ***WABASH '78***

Robert (Bob) T. Grand, *Wabash '78*, was born on November 6, 1955. He attended Wabash College and was initiated into the Tau Chapter of Beta Theta Pi on February 9, 1975, as Roll No. 1204. He earned his law degree from the Indiana University School of Law in 1982, and is currently admitted to practice in the state of Indiana.

Grand has a long and demonstrated history of service to Beta Theta Pi in the Hoosier State, formerly acting not only as a district chief, but a convener of the Central Indiana Beta Theta Pi Alumni Association. For his contributions to Betas statewide, the Indiana Beta Conclave established the Robert T. Grand Volunteer of the Year Award, which was presented first to Grand himself at the annual alumni banquet in 2010.

Of course, Grand's support for the Fraternity extends beyond his home state's borders and far across Beta's Broad Domain. A dedicated district chief throughout the '80s, from 1990-93 he served the Fraternity Board of Trustees as vice president. Then, in 1997, he moved his talents to the Beta Foundation Board of Directors, first as a member then as chairman. During this time, he helped make possible the culture-shaping programs born in the early years of the Men of Principle initiative by helping lay the groundwork for Beta's first capital campaign for educational programming. Launched publicly under his chairmanship in 2003, the Upon These Principles Campaign raised \$20.1 million in its quest to grow and endow Beta's hallmark leadership programs, an interfraternity record.

In 2012, Grand once again answered the Fraternity's call to serve, joining the cabinet and ultimately co-chairing The Promises to Keep Campaign. In no small part thanks to his expertise and talents as a leader, the Campaign went on to exceed its \$20 million goal and help secure the Beta experience for a new generation of young brothers.

Professionally, Grand is managing partner of Barnes & Thornburg LLP. He concentrates his practice in the areas of public finance and governmental regulation, counseling federal, state, county and city officials on financial and economic development initiatives. He has been listed among The Best Lawyers in America since 2005. Notably, Grand has been central to the teams of several prominent politicians, including former Indiana Governor Bob Orr, Senator Richard Lugar and Presidents George W. Bush and Donald Trump. He is currently on the Republican National Committee's finance leadership team.

Within his local and professional communities, Grand has been involved as a chairman or board member of the Indiana State Bar Association, William E. English Foundation, Wabash College, Robert H. McKinney School of Law, Indianapolis Urban League, Indiana Dollars for Scholars and the Capital Improvement Board of Marion County. He is also an elder at Second Presbyterian Church.

Bob and his wife, Melody, a sister of Gamma Phi Beta, reside in Indianapolis and have two sons, Ryan, *Wabash '08*, and Kyle, *Wabash '11*.