



John T. Neighbours

I was a practicing lawyer with a very large law firm, Baker Daniels, in Indianapolis for most of my career. I focused on labor and employment law, but also served much as a consultant for not for profits. Later in my 60s, I left the law firm and spent six years working with a quasi private equity group out of Houston. It was a diversification effort by a billionaire. I was secretary of the board and an advisor on a variety of issues. The group owned six food specialty businesses, principally, focusing on co-manufacturing and military K-rations. That ended two years ago. Also, from my mid 60s until two years ago, I served on the board of the First Financial Bank Corporation headquartered in Cincinnati.

During my life in Indianapolis, I was on the board of and had leadership positions of numerous civic, educational and cultural organizations. What follows is the readers digest version. Most notable to Champions is my involvement with Indiana's first charter high school which is now a three school system with a primary, middle and high school, The Charles A Tindley Schools. In 2004 when Tindley opened I was the founding board chair working with educators who had the idea of bringing an accelerated learning high school to Indianapolis. I retired from board service in 2023 leaving a legacy board 80% whom I recruited to the board.

In Indianapolis, I also served as the board chair of the Indianapolis zoological society in the late 1980s and early 90s, while we built a new zoo in downtown Indianapolis. Following that I served as the chair of the United Way of Central Indiana after having been the committee chair for their education initiative, Ready to Learn Ready to Earn. Following that I was chair of the Indianapolis Chamber of commerce which also had a focus on facilitating educational initiatives in central Indiana. I also served on the boards of the Christian theological seminary, the Indianapolis symphony, Indianapolis Museum of art, Indiana sports corporation, our central Indiana sports initiative, and others.

In Naples, in addition to RP activities, I have served as a panel member for Citizens Foster Care Review Board of Collier County, an organization dedicated to reviewing foster care situations under the auspices of the juvenile court judge, with the goal of returning children to their natural parents.

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