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Senator Paul Newton

Following five years of private legal practice, Paul Newton worked for 25 years at Duke Energy and eventually earned the responsibility to lead the company as an executive. While serving as General Counsel of its utilities, Paul was recognized by NC Business Magazine as one of North Carolina's Legal Elite. He later retired in 2015 as North Carolina State President.



Paul's work experience included leading the state's largest private economic development organization. As a leader, he earned a reputation of integrity and gained respect for his down-to-earth concern for others.

Serving his community started years ago as an Advisory Board member with Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Cabarrus County. Paul also served on the CEO Advisory Council of the NC Center for Non-Profits, the Board of Directors of Leadership NC, and on the Executive Committee of the NC Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Paul graduated from UNC - Chapel Hill with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration and a Juris Doctor degree. He also completed the Harvard Advanced Management Program.

Paul and his wife Melanie have been married 29 years and have raised three daughters and one son. His wife Melanie runs a small business hosting weddings and special events at the family's farm in Mt. Pleasant. They attend The Refuge church in Kannapolis.