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### **Times Facts**

Paul joined the *Times* in the fall of 1978 as a local news reporter. He has worked at the *Times* as a Tallahassee reporter, city editor, metropolitan editor and Washington bureau chief. From 1990-91, Paul was the editor and publisher of *Florida Trend*, a statewide business magazine owned by the Times Publishing Company. He was named executive editor in 1992, deputy chairman in 1997, editor and president in 2000, and succeeded Andy Barnes as chairman and CEO in 2004.

### **Talking Points**

- Times history • Newspaper business • Political Debates
- Investigative Journalism • Ethics • Freedom of information

Paul has been a frequent panelist and speaker on newspaper related topics. He is an authority on freedom of information and expression, serving in state, national and international organizations devoted to press freedom.

### **Education**

Paul graduated *summa cum laude* from Indiana University in 1976 with a degree in Journalism and Political Science. He received a Marshall Scholarship and graduated with a bachelor of laws degree from Edinburgh University in Scotland in 1978.

### **Background**

Paul is a native of South Bend, Indiana. In 1975, while serving as editor of the Indiana University college newspaper, he was awarded the prestigious Poynter scholarship/internship from IU's School of Journalism which won him a year's tuition and a summer job at the *St. Petersburg Times*. His return to the paper in 1978 as a local news reporter was the start of his long career with the *Times*. Paul is active in First Amendment issues, as chairman of the Florida First Amendment Foundation and a director of the Committee to Protect Journalists. He serves on the board of the Newspaper Association of America and the Michigan Journalism Fellows. He has also been a judge in various journalism contests, including the Pulitzer prizes. Paul remains an avid Hoosier basketball fan. He is married to Karyn and they have two daughters.

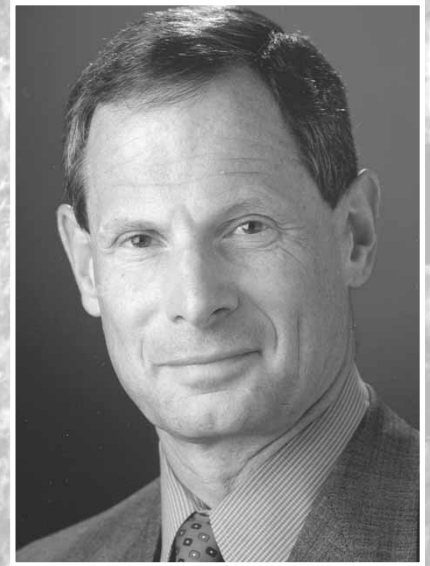
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