

Mike E. O'Neal, J.D., CPA

When Dr. Mike E. O'Neal was named fifth President of Oklahoma Christian University on January 18, 2002, he told a gathering of more than 1,000 friends and alumni that he was coming "to serve to the best of his ability in the same model of service as Jesus Christ." He seeks to carry that same spirit into his work as President Emeritus and on numerous charitable and business boards and projects.

A native of Hugo and Antlers, OK, and an alumnus of Oklahoma Christian, Dr. O'Neal took office June 15, 2002, after a 26-year career with at Pepperdine University in Malibu, California. On May 1, 2012, he became President Emeritus.

Dr. O'Neal attended Oklahoma Christian from 1964-1966 before completing his degree in accounting and business at Harding University in 1968. He earned his juris doctorate from Stanford University in 1974.

Dr. O'Neal has extensive experience in Christian higher education, having served Pepperdine University from 1976 to 2002 as general counsel and vice president for finance and administration before being named vice chancellor in 1991. Over the years with Pepperdine, his office was instrumental in raising in excess of \$250 million.

Dr. O'Neal served on the faculty of Harding University from 1974-1976 as an assistant professor of business administration.

Dr. O'Neal has been a member of the California and Arkansas Bar Associations, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the Oklahoma and Arkansas Boards of Public Accountancy. He served on the board of directors of California Christian School, was of counsel to the African Christian Hospitals Foundation and is a frequent seminar speaker on the topics of fund-raising and estate planning. Since coming to Oklahoma he has served on the Rwanda Presidential Advisory Council, Advisory Board for the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, on the Boards of Bridge2Rwanda, Association Amicus (Baxter Institute-Honduras), Ohio Valley University, Sales and Marketing Executives International, the Last Frontier Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Mercy Hospital of Oklahoma City (Chairman), The Christian Chronicle, Shepherd's Hill International, Inc. (Give-a-Goat; Chairman), and the United Way of Greater Oklahoma City. He is a Paul Harris Fellow in the Oklahoma City Rotary Club 29, and on the Executive Committee of the Salt & Light Leadership Training program in Oklahoma City. He was inducted into the Pathmakers of Oklahoma County in 2013. He was recently named as Chancellor of the National University of Rwanda.

Dr. O'Neal served his country in the armed services, receiving the Bronze Star for Meritorious Service in Vietnam as an officer in the Navy. He also received Navy and Army Letters of Commendation. He has also received recognition from the Freedom's Foundation for speaking on issues of liberty and free enterprise.