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Douglas G. Houser was appointed General Fraternity President of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity at the 172<sup>nd</sup> General Convention of 2011. Houser serves as the Senior Counsel with Bullivant, Houser, Bailey Attorneys at Law. Houser's practice focuses on large "bet the company" type major disputes where his years of experience, practical common sense and negotiating skills can be maximized to obtain effective and imaginative solutions to complex problems. His practice areas include alternative dispute resolution, insurance coverage and litigation, commercial litigation, intellectual property, international matters and product liability.

The *National Law Journal* named Houser as one of the outstanding defense lawyers in the United States. He has tried 140 punitive damages and/or extra-contractual claims cases. *Chambers USA* named Houser an outstanding commercial litigator in Oregon. He has been repeatedly selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2007* as a "Super Lawyer". Houser also served as arbitrator in the Boston "Big Dig" dispute.

Houser is a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers and the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and a Senior Arbitrator with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (London) (Commercial Arbitration, International and Domestic). Houser served as NIKE, Inc.'s General Counsel for 12 years and continues to serve on NIKE's Board of Directors. He also served, for many years, on the Board of Overseers of the RAND Institute for Civil Justice, the well-known "think tank" in



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Santa Monica, California. Houser is also a member of the Advisory Council of the National Judicial College.

A 1957 graduate of Willamette University, Houser earned his Juris Doctorate degree from Stanford University School of Law in 1960. He was admitted to the Oregon Bar in 1960, the U.S. Supreme Court in 1974 and the U.S. Court of International Trade in 1980.