

Don Cain, Jr.

Pampa High School Class of 1972



Donald Ezell Cain, Jr. was born in Pampa, Texas on November 25, 1953. He is the son of the late Don E. Cain, Sr., the former 223rd District Court Judge serving Gray County. His mother, Betty Anne Cain, is a Pampa native and a long-time school teacher in the Pampa Independent school district. Don is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Culberson of Pampa. Cain has two brothers, David and Randy, and a sister, Dale Husen.

Cain attended grade school at Stephen F. Austin elementary, junior high at Robert E. Lee Middle School and he graduated from Pampa High School in 1972. In high school, Don was elected vice-president of the Pampa High School student body, he was a member of the National Honor Society and was a starter on the basketball team his junior and senior years.

Following high school, Cain attended McMurry College in Abilene, Texas where he received a four-year basketball scholarship. He was elected Junior Class Favorite and served as the president of the McMurry Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in 1974-75. In 1975, Cain married his high school sweetheart from Pampa, Kathy Allen. He graduated from McMurry in 1976, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in history and psychology.

Following graduation, Cain proceeded to teach and coach basketball for three years. In 1977, his first teaching and coaching job was in Pampa, serving as the assistant high school basketball coach under then head coach, Robert McPherson. Cain decided to make a major career change in 1979, joining Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in

Dallas, Texas. Over the years, Southwestern Bell purchased a number of different telephone companies and is now known as AT&T. Don's career in the communications sector has spanned more than 30 years.

One of his more memorable and rewarding assignments began in 1977 when he was relocated to Johannesburg, South Africa to head up the company's legislative and regulatory initiatives. While there, he worked with the South African Parliament to establish new legislation that opened the country's telecommunications market to competition and brought first-time telephone service to more than 3,200 South African villages, included 20,000 hospitals, schools and community centers that had been ignored during the Apartheid regime.

Following his South Africa assignment, Cain was appointed Managing Director of Federal Regulatory Policy in Washington, D.C. Beginning in 2003, Cain served five years as AT&T's President-Oklahoma and in 2008 he served two years as AT&T's President-Texas. In those roles, Cain was responsible for AT&T's regulatory, legislative, governmental and external affairs activities statewide.

Cain is currently Senior Vice President, State Regulatory Initiatives responsible for overseeing regulatory issues involving landline, wireless and video communications in AT&T's 50 states.

During his career, Cain has served in leadership positions in a wide variety of community and state civic organizations involving business, education, and the United Way. Cain served as Chairman of the Board of the Oklahoma State Chamber of Commerce and as a board member of McMurry College.

Don Cain currently lives in Dallas with his wife Kathy. They have two daughters, Corrie Zabela and Kayla Cain, and two grandchildren, Madeline Zabela and Donovan Zabela.