



Corey C. Watson '89

Has been elected to membership in the

Beta Phi Hall of Honor Class of 2014

Brother Watson, who grew up in Tucson, graduated from Canyon Del Oro High School in 1985, where he was valedictorian, senior class president, captain of the debate team and a four-year varsity letterman in swimming.

In the fall of 1985, Brother Watson pledged Sigma Chi. He served as Beta Phi's public relations chairman, ritual chairman, and even Consul. During his tenure as Consul, Beta Phi received the Peterson Significant Chapter Award, the national fraternity's highest honor. He was Sigma Chi's 1989 Southwest Province Balfour Award recipient and one of three finalists for the International Balfour Award.

He was a member of Primus, Sophos and Chain Gang honoraries; was elected to Bobcats, the UA's senior honorary; and served on the university's Speaker's Board. He was inducted into the Arizona chapters of the Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi honoraries. While a full-time student, he also worked part-time as a shoe salesman, a busboy, a sorority "hasher," and a university research assistant.

Brother Watson graduated from Northwestern University *magna cum laude* and was selected as a judicial clerk to U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

He practices law in the Los Angeles office of Kirkland & Ellis, representing such companies as Boeing, BP, General Motors, Avis Budget Group, Guardian Industries, Union Carbide, Pioneer Electronics, the Tribune Company, and Twentieth Century Fox. In 2014, the *Legal 500* described him as having "extremely good judgment." The 2012 *Benchmark Litigation Guide* recognized him as one of forty two "Future Stars" of California commercial litigation. The *California Lawyer* and *Los Angeles Magazine* repeatedly have identified him as among the "Rising Stars" of antitrust litigation.

Brother Watson was a volunteer on the State of Arizona's citizen review board for foster care children; taught as a volunteer for five years on the Consul faculty at Sigma Chi's undergraduate Leadership Training Workshop; and financially supports various philanthropic causes. Brother Watson has been married to Heidi for 20 years and they have two daughters, Julia and Natalie.

"It is through Sigma Chi and Beta Phi that I have found some of my most sincere, meaningful, and lasting friendships," he said. "Although time and distance separate many of us, I know that my Sigma Chi brothers will always be there for me, and each other, whenever needed."