

John Grant

John Grant has been practicing law in the Tampa Bay area since 1968. His practice has focused on business law, real property and estate planning and administration. In addition to being in private practice, he was formerly an assistant professor of business law at the University of South Florida College of Business and has also served on the faculty of the University of Tampa and Hillsborough Community College, and served as an instructor for the United States Peace Corps. He currently serves on the faculty of Taylor University teaching law and criminal justice.

He graduated from USF with a BA degree in political science, where he was an honor student and subsequently named as a distinguished alumnus. He received an MS degree in government from FSU and graduated with a juris doctor degree from Stetson College of Law, where he was a Dana Scholar and placed number one in appellate court competition. He also has been awarded two honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees.

As an assistant state attorney, he prosecuted capital cases and headed the Consumer Fraud division. He served as general counsel for the Tampa Housing Authority. He is admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States.

His firm, Tampa Estate Planners specializes in estate planning, trust and probate administration, mediation and elder law. The firm promotes philanthropy, legacy and generosity.

He specializes in alternative dispute resolution and has been certified by the Florida Supreme Court as a circuit court mediator and arbitrator. He regularly mediated litigation in the state and federal courts.

In his public service, he was appointed to the Graduate Fellow Board in the United States Department of Education by President Ronald Reagan. He has been twice appointed to the Florida Commission on Ethics, where he served as Vice Chairman. He was elected to the Florida House of Representatives, where he served for seven years before his election to the Florida Senate, where he served for fourteen years and chaired the Senate Committees on Banking and Insurance and the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Governor Jeb Bush appointed him to serve as Executive Director of the Office of Statewide Public Guardianship, where he oversaw the statewide program for providing guardianship services for Florida's indigent citizens. For his work on behalf of the elderly and disabled, he was named to the National Senior Citizen Hall of Fame and has been recognized as one of the top Legislators in America for mental health issues. He was named to Who's Who in America.

Since leaving public office, he has represented clients as an advocate to the United States Congress and the Florida Legislature. Florida Governor Charlie Crist appointed him to serve as a member of the Governor's Faith Based and Community Advisory Council.

His son James was recently elected to the same seat in the Florida House of Representatives that his father was elected to thirty years earlier.

Long active in his church, he has been listed in Who's Who in American Religion. In his local church, Idlewild Baptist, he is an ordained deacon and Bible fellowship teacher. He served on the board of The American Bible Society and was chairman of the America's Board of the United Bible Societies and frequently speaks and teaches in countries throughout Central and South America.

He is a Life Trustee of Asbury Theological Seminary, where he served as a trustee for twenty-five years and chaired the Development Committee.

In the United Methodist Church, he served as a member of The Board of Global Missions and the General Board of Laity. He served as Florida Conference President of United Methodist Men and as a conference trustee. He also served as a trustee of Florida Southern College.

His book, *The Issue is Life*, can be found on Amazon and is a book about abortion apologetics.

In his spare time he enjoys hunting white tail deer in South Carolina, traveling and most of all spending time with his wife, Beverley and his three children and nine grandchildren.