Pete Woods

Class of 1974

The son of a prominent politician and respected newspaper editor, Pete Woods was an all-state UCHS baseball pitcher and football quarterback. Earning his AB in English literature at the University of Missouri-Columbia (1974-77 seasons), he continued to excel

as a Tiger on both the baseball diamond and football field. Drafted in the fourth round of the 1978 NFL draft by the KC Chiefs, he later played for the 49ers, Broncos, Bengals and Dolphins before retiring in 1981. Legend has it that he was the first UCHS alum to be drafted into the NFL.



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While earning his JD from Washington

University in St. Louis, he assisted in his mother's 1982 U.S. Senate campaign and founded ProWorld Sports Management (serving as a player's agent until 1987). Woods began practicing law in the area of commercial litigation beginning in 1985. In 1997, he and his partner formed Haar & Woods, LLP, focusing on civil litigation and arbitration, with Woods' practice emphasizing business, family law and real estate. In 2010, he created Scott-Clark Medical to manufacture mobile computer carts for hospitals. He was recognized for his work by the Best Lawyers in America and as a Missouri-Kansas Super Lawyer.

Woods has served as a church chairman and elder and as a board member and officer for a wide variety of local organizations, from the St. Louis Sports Commission to Mission: St. Louis. He is currently vice president of the National Football League Players Association (Retired Players). He was a founder/former chair of Reconcilers Inc., focusing on local racial reconciliation. Woods continues to look for opportunities to serve on nonprofit boards that support social action, including children, education, civil and human rights, and economic opportunity for all.