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A coterie of lawyers lined up to roast the well-known charitable fund-raiser and community leader, attorney Tom Burke, to show there are not only lawyer jokes, there are lawyers who can tell jokes. Lawyer Tom Burke is shown weighing the scales of justice in his favor and holding a briefcase that also is a golf club holder. He collected model trains, also shown. Shown are some of his interests: The Salvation Army, Junior Achievement and several churches. Among other contributions over the years, Burke raised \$115 million for the United Way of the Midlands in 1986 and helped raise \$23 million for the Archbishop's Campaign for Educational Excellence in 1990 as co-chairman. His interest in education has taken him to support Creighton University's fund-raising efforts and Duchesne Academy's capital campaign. The boards he served on and awards he won are too numerous to list here. Senator Ben Nelson, a colleague of Burke's, jibed: "If he was a politician, Tom would vote your town dry and then move." [Back to Top](#)