

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
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PERSONAL STATEMENT:

I have had the greatest experience serving on the Board of Governors these past two years and wish to continue contributing to Columbus' legal community as part of the Board. The legal field touches on all facets of a community, serving the needs of its most disadvantaged citizens to its most powerful. A bar association that's engaged, involved, and invested in the development and support of the lawyers it serves ensures that residents, businesses, non-profits, and local government agencies alike receive the best our legal community has to offer, which promotes the continued positive growth of Columbus. The Board has been working diligently the past two years to engage its members about how the CBA can best serve their professional needs so that we can meet the challenges of a changing post-pandemic legal landscape. I look forward to continuing this work through serving another term on the Board of Governors.

EDUCATION:

The Ohio State University (1996)
The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law (J.D., 1998)

LAW RELATED BACKGROUND:

I have worked in the Columbus City Attorney's Office for 25 years; as a trial prosecutor in the Franklin County Municipal Court, a specialized domestic violence prosecutor, the Director of the Office's Criminal Appeals Unit, and currently as the Deputy Chief of Staff overseeing the Criminal Division.

BAR ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES:

Member of the Board of Governors 2022-2024

Columbus Bar Association Editorial Board 2016-present

OTHER BAR ASSOCIATION AND LAW RELATED ORGANIZATIONS:

Ohio State Legal Services Association – Board Member 2017-2023

The Stepping Up Initiative – Steering Committee member