

## **BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**Sydney N. Pahren**

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### **PERSONAL STATEMENT:**

I am honored to be nominated to run for the Columbus Bar Association Board of Governors. Through the Columbus Bar Association, I have made meaningful connections, and I would love to give back to an organization that has been a resource for me throughout my legal career.

I currently serve as Chair of the Health Law Practice Group, which has provided me with the opportunity to connect with our members and gain insight into our members' needs. I've seen firsthand how member engagement has changed over the pandemic and want to assist in thinking creatively about how to continue to engage our members and meet their needs to ensure our programming adds value to our members.

As I finish my term as President of the John Mercer Langston Bar Association (JMLBA), I've been able to collaborate with other organizations to promote diversity and inclusion and want to continue to do so within the Columbus Bar Association.

I believe my leadership skills and experience advancing diversity and inclusion would be an asset to the Board of Governors. If selected to serve, I would focus on the following initiatives: 1) Fostering relationships between our members and the greater Columbus community to ensure we are a resource for Columbus' legal needs; 2) Promoting diversity and inclusion within the legal profession by advocating for diverse programming and creating an inclusive environment; and 3) Encouraging collaboration within our association and with other Columbus bar associations to meet the needs of our members.

It would be my privilege to serve on the Columbus Bar Association Board of Governors and I would appreciate your vote.

**EDUCATION:**

Case Western Reserve University (B.A., 2014)

The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law (J.D., 2017)

*Ohio State Law Journal*, Articles Editor (2016-2017); Staff Editor (2015-2016)

*Black Law Students Association*, Executive Board (2016-2017)

**LAW RELATED BACKGROUND:**

Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, Associate, Health Care (June 2023 – present)

*Diversity & Inclusion Committee*, Member (2023 – present)

Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, Associate, Health Care (2017-2023)

*Recruiting Committee*, Member (2021-2023)

*Leadership Academy Faculty* (2021-2023)

*Diversity & Inclusion Committee*, Member (2020-2023)

**ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND:**

American Health Law Association: Member (2017-present)

Ohio Health Care Association: Member (2018-present)

**BAR ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES:**

Columbus Bar Association: Health Law Practice Group, Chair (2022- present);

Nominating Committee (2023); Minority Clerkship Program, Interviewer (2020-2023) and Participant (2015).

John Mercer Langston Bar Association: President (2023 – present); Board Member 2018 – present); President-Elect (2022-2023); Social Chair (2019-2022); Member (2017– present).

Ohio Women’s Bar Association: Member (2019 – present)

**OTHER BAR ASSOCIATION AND LAW RELATED ORGANIZATIONS:**

Ohio Women’s Bar Foundation, Leadership Institute (2022-2023)

Leadership Council on Legal Diversity, Pathfinder (2022)

Law and Leadership Institute, Diversity in Leadership Advisory Council (2019-2020)

**HONORS, AWARDS, AND PUBLICATIONS:**

The National Black Lawyers, Top 40 Under 40 in Ohio (2024)