

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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PERSONAL STATEMENT:

The Columbus Bar Association continues to be one of the vital resources in developing attorneys across Central Ohio. I am running for re-election to the Columbus Bar Association Board of Governors to maintain my commitment that the organization is aligned with implementing a best practices model to every facet of the association. I will continue to be accessible to our general body and voicing their issues and concerns to the CBA leadership. It is critical to have a vibrant Board that is in tune with the needs of its membership, particularly our newest members.

During my first term, the Board embraced the challenge to develop a strategic plan to increase the retention of our members. Additionally, the Board implemented positive changes including an office move to a new location in Downtown Columbus Arena District. With this move, the CBA can continue to provide high quality services while gaining efficiency in all areas of the organization. Specifically, I have been tasked with my colleagues to evaluate the CBA's areas of Education and Professional Development to gain efficiency as well as increase our membership; particularly with students and first-year admitted attorneys.

Early in my practice, I can recall how crucial the CBA was in providing opportunities for my professional development, especially as a solo practitioner. From social events or CLEs to networking and practice management sessions, all these aspects provided by the CBA aided me to become the attorney I am today. Additionally, I have the experience of leading on an executive staff level with a government agency, coupled

with my leadership positions in the community, which has aided in this role. As a small business owner and solo practitioner, I am well aware of the challenges of launching your own practice. Through this experience, I have developed a keen ability to assess problems as well as develop and implement solutions. As a member of the CBA's Board of Governors, my background and experience have aided the CBA at a critical juncture. It is my hope to continue serving this community for another term.

EDUCATION:

Wittenberg University (Bachelor of Arts, 2005)
Capital University Law School (J.D., 2012)

LAW RELATED BACKGROUND:

Law Office of Cedric P. Collins, LLC 2018 – Present
State of Ohio – Department of Youth Services 2007-2018

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND:

Certified Guardian ad Litem – Supreme Court of Ohio
Wills Clinic Participant – Legal Aid Society of Columbus
Clean Slate Clinic Participant – Legal Aid Society of Columbus

BAR ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES:

Columbus Bar Association:
CBA Board of Governors 2022 – Present
Past Co-Chair, Small Firm / Solo Practitioner Committee;
Past Member of CBA Professional Ethics Committee

OTHER BAR ASSOCIATION AND LAW RELATED ORGANIZATIONS:

John Mercer Langston Bar Association
Central Ohio Association of Juvenile Lawyers (COAJL)

HONORS, AWARDS, AND PUBLICATIONS:

Columbus Bar Association Barrister Leadership Program Participant (2017)
Columbus Bar Association Incubator Program Participant (2013)
Member Capital University Law School African American Law Alumni Association (2013-2019); Vice President (2015-2017); President (2017-2018)
National Trial Lawyers Top 40 Under 40 (2023)