

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
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PERSONAL STATEMENT:

I am running for the Columbus Bar Association Board of Governors because I am committed to fostering the community, education, and professional development that the CBA champions. As a first-generation law student, I benefitted greatly from networking with both newly barred attorneys and seasoned practitioners. Those conversations provided valuable insights that shaped my journey and led me to where I am today.

Now, as a practicing attorney, the CBA's events and services continue to play an important role in my personal and professional growth. In turn, I believe strongly in giving back, and I regularly mentor young attorneys by sharing my experiences in navigating the legal profession.

If elected to the Board of Governors, I will work to strengthen and expand the CBA's existing initiatives while also advocating for new programs that reflect the evolving nature of our profession. As we face rapid technological advancements, particularly the growing presence of artificial intelligence in legal practice, I believe the CBA should be a leader in helping attorneys learn to integrate AI tools ethically and effectively.

I am proud to be part of this legal community, and I would be honored to serve and contribute to its continued growth and success. I respectfully ask for your support.

EDUCATION:

University of Cincinnati (BA, 2009)
Capital University Law School (J.D., 2013)

LAW RELATED BACKGROUND:

Decker Vonau & Carr, LLC, 2018 to Present
City of Hilliard, 2017 to 2018
City of Columbus, 2014 to 2017

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND:

I have a strong background in criminal defense, construction law, estate planning, and more. My experience as a former prosecutor gives me significant courtroom prowess and a deep understanding of client advocacy.

While in law school and since graduation, I have volunteered on several judicial campaigns, with meals on wheels, and pro bono work with my church, St Mary Coptic Orthodox Church.

BAR ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES:

Columbus Bar Association:

Former Chair of the Municipal Law Committee

CBA Committee Involvement: Estate Planning and Trust, Probate Law, Real Estate, Small Firm/ Solo Practitioner, Construction Law, and Young Lawyers

OTHER BAR ASSOCIATION AND LAW RELATED ORGANIZATIONS:

Columbus Urban League
Sep 2018 - Present

Ohio State Bar Association
Sep 2018 - Present

John Mercer Langston Bar Association
Jan 2010 – Present

Air Conditioning Contractors of Central Ohio (ACCCO) – Member and Speaker

Builders Exchange of Central Ohio – Member

HONORS, AWARDS, AND PUBLICATIONS:

Super Lawyers Rising Star in Construction Litigation