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PERSONAL STATEMENT:

It is time to give back.

I always wanted to take a more active role in the Columbus Bar Association but felt like I never had the time. Early in my career, I spent so much time working and learning how to be a lawyer that I felt like I did not have time. When I started my own firm, I felt like I was too busy operating the firm, being an employer, and marketing while also being a lawyer. After my firm was up and running, I felt like I did not have time to devote to bar association activities because my two boys were involved in high school activities. Now is the time.

I am honored to be nominated and to submit my application to serve on the Columbus Bar Association Board of Governors. I hope to use my knowledge, experience and relationships in the Central Ohio legal community to help create a more dynamic bar association that serves all CBA members.

EDUCATION:

Bowling Green State University (B.A., 1991)

Cleveland Marshall College of Law (J.D., 1994)

LAW RELATED BACKGROUND:

I have been a lawyer for over 30 years. My first job out of law school was with a newly formed law firm that handled complex commercial litigation and product liability defense. After 12 years, I resigned from the partnership and started my firm. Since that time, my practice has shifted to and focused on representing individuals in civil litigation including wrongful death, serious personal injury, sexual abuse, civil rights, employment, legal

malpractice and product liability. My practice also includes attorney ethics counseling and representing lawyers in the grievance process as well as providing expert witness assistance for legal malpractice matters.

Currently, about half of my practice is devoted to serving as a mediator or arbitrator in complex or high value claims as well as conducting focus groups and trial consulting.

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND:

I have had the opportunity to work with a wide range of clients from Fortune 500 companies to common individuals who have few means. For most of my clients, I meet them at the lowest point in their lives because they experienced some life-changing event. I often take cases that have been rejected by other lawyers and the client has nowhere else to turn. By taking challenging, underdog cases, I have had many opportunities to do what I love most in my job: helping individuals exercise their 7th Amendment right to obtain justice from a jury. Very few things in this world are more satisfying than receiving a verdict that demonstrates the jury heard my client, recognized they were wronged, and wanted to make things right. When that verdict can both help my client and also make the world safer or change inappropriate conduct, I believe justice truly has been served.

BAR ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES:

Columbus Bar Association Professional Ethics Committee

OTHER BAR ASSOCIATION AND LAW RELATED ORGANIZATIONS:

Ohio State Bar Association
Ohio Association of Justice
American Association of Justice

HONORS, AWARDS, AND PUBLICATIONS:

American Board Of Trial Advocates
Ohio Association For Justice Courage Award (2012) (2017)
Ohio Association For Justice Distinguished Service Award (2020)
Central Ohio Association For Justice Louisville Slugger Award (2010) (2016) (2023)
America's Premier High-Stakes Trial Lawyers - Nine Figure Litigators
Multimillion Dollar Advocates Forum
Ohio Super Lawyers
Elite Lawyers of America
National Trial Lawyers Top 100 Civil Plaintiff Lawyers
America's Top 100 Attorneys
America's Top 100 High Stakes Litigators
American Institute of Personal Injury Attorneys 10 Best Attorneys
Best of the Best Attorneys Top 10 Personal Injury Attorney

Appeared on the *Today Show*, *Anderson Cooper*, *Dr. Drew*, WBNS 10TV, WSYX Channel 6/Fox 28 News, and WCMH NBC4.