

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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PERSONAL STATEMENT:

My time serving on the Board of Governors these past three years has been a rewarding and opportunity filled endeavor. 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. We have made crucial changes to the CBA to better reflect what our members need and want so that we can serve as real support for Columbus lawyers. As President, I look forward to continuing to build on that theme- listening to our members, championing the rule of law, highlighting how integral a strong, ethical legal community is to Columbus, and providing professional support that is both innovative and practical.

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 27 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 Chief of the Criminal Division.

BAR ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES:

Member of the Board of Governors 2022-2026

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

Ohio Poverty Law Center – Board Member 2026- present