

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Dianna Parker

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PERSONAL STATEMENT:

In my 20 years as a lawyer and 13 years facilitating pro bono programming throughout Central and Southeast Ohio, I have witnessed how important organized bar leadership and support can be for the legal community. We are incredibly fortunate here in Columbus to have an active bar association that diligently works to ensure that bar members' needs are met. In my role with Legal Aid and previous service as CBA Pro Bono Committee Chair, I have had the privilege of working closely with CBA leadership and committees to promote legal services, recruit pro bono attorneys, and recognize outstanding volunteers. As a member of the Board of Governors, I have had the opportunity to share the perspective of nonprofit and public interest lawyers while also supporting ways for private and public sector lawyers to connect as a community.

I am running for reelection to the Board of Governors because I want to continue to use my unique position to help communicate to nonprofit and public interest lawyers that they are also critical members of the organized bar and that they should play a role in both contributing to it and identifying the ways in which the CBA can support and represent them. Strengthening our legal community helps bolster the greater community in which we live and work, and I would be proud to be a part of the move toward excellence.

EDUCATION:

Northwestern University (2002)

The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law (J.D., 2005)

LAW RELATED BACKGROUND:

- Legal Aid of Southeast and Central Ohio (formerly Ohio State Legal Services Association), Columbus, Ohio
Director of Pro Bono & Community Engagement, 10/2019 – Present
Pro Bono Team Managing Attorney, 12/2016 – 10/2019
- Legal Aid Society of Columbus, Columbus, Ohio
LASC Pro Bono Team Managing Attorney, 6/2016 – 12/2016
Pro Bono Coordinator, 12/2012 – 6/2016
Staff Attorney, 8/2007 – 2/2012
- Equal Justice Foundation, Columbus, Ohio
Equal Justice Works Fellow, 8/2005 – 8/2007

BAR ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES:

Columbus Bar Association Board of Governors, 6/2023-present
Columbus Bar Association Pro Bono Committee Member
-Chair 8/2014 – 8/2016
Columbus Bar Foundation Rising Stars Program, 3/2012 – 3/2014

OTHER BAR ASSOCIATION AND LAW RELATED ORGANIZATIONS:

Ohio State Bar Association, Access to Justice Committee Member
-Chair 7/2022 – 7/2024

HONORS, AWARDS, AND PUBLICATIONS:

Awards:

Milo-Grogan Service to the Community Award, 2022

Moritz College of Law Public Interest Law Foundation Award for Excellence in Public Service, 2014

The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law Public Service Alumni Award, 2013

Publications:

Columbus Bar Lawyers Quarterly, Fall 2022

"An Impactful Coalescing: Legal Aid Society of Columbus and Our Lady of Guadalupe Center"

Ohio Lawyer, May/June 2018

"In My Opinion: Indigent Representation in Rural Communities"

National Paralegal Reporter, Spring 2016

"Serving Those Who Have Served"

Columbus Bar Lawyers Quarterly, Fall 2012

“Pro Bono Publico – Making Ends Meet”