

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
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**PERSONAL STATEMENT:**

I am a big believer in community. Life in the law is rewarding, but it can also be exacting. It has been critical to my happiness, professional development, and longevity to find community at the Columbus Bar Association. Recently, I was talking to an attorney friend who moved to a new city. They were struggling to meet new people, and my first recommendation was to join their local bar. I have always felt welcome and accepted at the CBA, especially when I was a brand-new, first-generation law student who relocated back to Columbus. Now I want others to feel the same way.

The CBA has given me a sense of belonging, and a comfortable and welcoming space to learn about life in the law. An array of legal professionals and law students in Columbus are looking for information, services, and community. Forward thinking and diverse leadership are critical to ensuring that our bar is thriving, not just surviving. Throughout my legal career I have demonstrated commitment to community service in both my legal and local community through pro bono and foundation work, volunteering with my local library, and non-profit board membership. As a member of the Board of Governors, I am eager to foster the same feeling of community and the positive experiences that have been impactful for me and so many others.

I am running for Board of Governors so I can further contribute to the community that has given me so much – both personally and professionally.

**EDUCATION:**

Clemson University (B.S., 2014)  
Capital University Law School (J.D., 2017)

- *Magna Cum Laude*
- Pro Bono Honors

**LAW RELATED BACKGROUND:**

As a Partner at Kitrick, Lewis & Harris Co., L.P.A. I represent clients through all stages of complex personal injury and wrongful death cases. I joined the firm in October 2018 as an Associate Attorney and became Partner in January 2024 after more than five years with the firm.

Prior to my time with KLH, I was an Associate at Chapin Legal where we primarily represented Plaintiffs in Fair Labor Standards Act cases.

### **ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND:**

I recently finished my tenure as a Fellow for the Ohio State Bar Foundation, where my class developed bench cards to address the various challenges of reentry for justice impacted individuals. Since 2022, I have been a regular volunteer at the Homework Help Center at my local branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library. In my capacity as a volunteer, I am frequently humbled by middle school math. I currently serve as a Board Member for the non-profit Slow Food Columbus and volunteer each summer at the Columbus Book Festival.

### **BAR ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES:**

**Young Lawyers Committee** – Co-Chair (June 2020 – June 2022)

**Barrister Leadership Program** (September 2018 – May 2019)

**Young Lawyers Committee** – Member (2017 – present)

**Columbus Bar Association** – Member (2014 – present)

### **OTHER BAR ASSOCIATION AND LAW RELATED ORGANIZATIONS:**

**Women Lawyers of Franklin County** – Board Member (August 2023 – present)

- Treasurer (May 2025 expected)
- Membership Chair (August 2024 – May 2025)
- Law School Chair (August 2023 – July 2024)

**Women Lawyers of Franklin County** – Member (2017 – present)

**Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer American Inn of Court** – Executive Board Member (June 2023 – present)

- Membership Co-Chair (June 2023 – present)

**Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer American Inn of Court** – Member (September 2022 – present)

**Ohio State Bar Foundation** – Fellow (April 2024 – April 2025)

**Ohio Association for Justice** – Member (2018 – present)

**HONORS, AWARDS, AND PUBLICATIONS:**

*Networking Needs a Rebrand*, Winter 2025 Columbus Bar Lawyers Quarterly, 37 (Jan. 14, 2025).

Comment, *Harmful Algal Blooms: Ohio Senate Bill 1 and the Challenge of Agricultural Regulation*, 45 Cap. U. L. Rev. 795 (2017).