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Education:

The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law

Juris Doctor, June 2010

Columbus, OH

- Childrens' Studies Certificate
- Moritz Leadership Scholarship
- Moritz Admissions Ambassador

Georgetown University

Bachelor of Arts, Major: Government, December 2005

Washington, DC

- Minors, African American Studies and Spanish
- Georgetown University Young Scholars, Coordinator
- Oakhill Juvenile Detention Center, Tutor
- Young Leaders in Education about Diversity
- Sursum Corda Reading Program, Tutor

Experience:

Columbus, Ohio City Attorney, Richard Pfeiffer

Columbus, Ohio

Assistant City Attorney, Zone Initiative, December 2010-present

- Litigate environmental issues regarding violations of the Columbus City Housing, Zoning, Fire, Building and Nuisance codes and various offenses regarding violations of the Ohio Revised Code Nuisance Chapter
- Write pleadings and briefs
- Confer with administrative officers and representatives and render informal legal advice to various local governmental agencies
- Assist Columbus City Environmental Prosecutors in prosecuting misdemeanor environmental offenses
- Perform legal research
- Serve as a liaison between the Office of the Columbus City Attorney and civic associations to address issues affecting the quality of life of Columbus Residents
- Supervise section's paralegals and interns

Columbus, Ohio City Attorney, Richard Pfeiffer

Columbus, Ohio

Law Clerk, May 2008 – December 2010

- Assisted with mediations, pre-trial hearings, trials and administrative hearings
- Drafted documents including briefs, motions, responses, complaints, and affidavits
- Conducted research and wrote memoranda
- Assisted in conducting client interviews
- Assisted in preparing advisory documents for local government agencies

US Congress- Office of Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee

Washington, DC

Executive Assistant / Office Manager, June 2006- February 2007

- Provided responsibly progressive administrative and clerical support for US Congress Member, including arranging travel, scheduling meetings, accompanying Member to Congressional events, maintaining Member's calendar
- Maintained general office functions in Washington, DC office as well as district offices
- Supervised Interns
- Assisted legislative staff with research and drafted speeches, talking points and constituent letters

National Guard Bureau, Departments of the Army & Air Force

Arlington, VA

Joint Doctrine, Training and Force Development Directorate (J7)

Automation Clerk / Office Assistant, May 2004 – June 2006

- Drafted official correspondence, maintained accurate files and records, coordinated special events, scheduled travel arrangements, maintained itinerary for senior staff members and performed other duties as assigned
- Assisted in preparation of education, readiness, assessment and professional development teaching materials
- Maintained travel and supply budget for division

Georgetown University

Washington, DC

Research Assistant, October 2004 - May 2005

- Interviewed participants and maintained data for a study concerning discrimination/biases and the effect it has on children

Franklin County Municipal Court, Environmental Division

Columbus, OH

Intern, November 2001 – January 2002

- Performed duties as assigned by the Honorable Judge Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr.
- Observed municipal, common pleas and federal courtrooms

Community Involvement:

Christ Memorial Missionary Baptist Church

Columbus, Ohio

- Youth Ministry Coordinator, January 2012 – present
- Children's Church Teacher, January 2009 – present

Gracehaven, Incorporated

Columbus, Ohio

- Volunteer, September 2014 - present
- Board Member, January 2014 – September 2014

LifeCare Alliance

Columbus, Ohio

- Meals on Wheels Volunteer, September 2007 – December 2009

Midwest Little League Football

Columbus, Ohio

- Cheerleading Coach, July 2008 - November, 2008

Memberships and Professional Service:

- Columbus Bar Association
- Southern Gateway Initiative Safety Committee

Bar Admissions:

- Ohio State Bar, 2010
- United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio, 2012

Greatest Challenges and Opportunities facing Columbus

Having been born and raised in Columbus, and working as an Assistant City Attorney in the Zone Initiative, which is a unit of specialized attorneys and support staff dedicated to using criminal and civil litigation to address issues that impact the quality-of-life in our neighborhoods, I am acutely aware of some of the challenges our city faces. However, my outlook on challenges has always been to view them as motivation to strive for something better and to work with others to help raise up our community.

It was while living in Linden when I was eight years old that I first decided I wanted to be an attorney. My notion of attorneys back then was that they help people, especially kids. From that point forward, my mind was set on becoming an attorney, even though some detractors thought I was too quiet to ever be an attorney and, besides, they said, nobody from my neighborhood ever grows up to be an attorney. I took those “challenges” as motivation to work even harder to reach toward my goals. I also was blessed to have supportive family members and several important mentors who encouraged me along the way to overcome obstacles, not just for myself, but for those who preceded me and for those who will follow a similar path.

Every day I see the same kind of resolve to turn seemingly overwhelming challenges into opportunities to improve our neighborhoods while working with the Division of Police, Division of Fire, Code Enforcement, the Health Department, and—most importantly—community groups and residents, to help abate public nuisances and address quality-of-life issues in our neighborhoods. Whether it is abandoned and deteriorating houses, open dumping, street prostitution, illegal after-hours clubs, excessive noise or trash and debris, it takes strong collaborations, inter-agency cooperation, and patience to help eliminate these problems.

I take great pride in being a part of these collaborative efforts to make a difference in people's lives, whether it is getting dangerous eyesores and magnets for crime demolished such as Lockwood Apartments in the Innis Garden Village neighborhood or Motel One on East Main Street. Sometimes, though, it's about reaching just one individual, such as a case that has always stuck with me when we were able to help a 94-year old woman, who we found living alone in a home without any utilities, receive the adequate shelter she needed.

If I have the great fortune to continue my public service as a member of City Council, I will be motivated by a number of things: to continue the strong track record of fiscal stewardship set by City Council, Mayor Coleman, and of course, City Auditor Dorrian; to maintain our city's AAA bond rating and invest in our city's infrastructure; to provide high quality city services to our residents in the most efficient and cost effective manner possible; to continue promoting public/private partnerships to invest in job training, workforce development, educational opportunities, and economic development throughout the city; to work with our arts community and non-profit organizations to continue our city's tradition of being a progressive, forward-looking, and caring community.

Given my background as a Zone Attorney, I also would be interested in providing additional focus on the scourge of domestic violence, stalking, and human trafficking, which is becoming a growing concern not only in Columbus but throughout our state and across the nation. I also would like to honor all those who have helped me get to this point in life by being a vocal advocate for neighborhoods, promoting mentorships, and working with young people to provide them with the hope and inspiration to overcome challenges they face.

This is truly an exciting time for the City of Columbus. Due to dedicated public servants who have already paved the way towards success, Columbus has the opportunity to be a national

leader on a number of fronts: providing pathways to a quality K-12 education and offering higher learning access; investing in technology; employment opportunities; economic development, small business growth, innovative ideas and entrepreneurship; and support for diverse and well-trained safety forces.

I know firsthand that it is our neighborhoods and the individuals who live in them that make Columbus such a great city. It is important to ensure that our residents feel connected to their government and to their elected officials. I know Columbus has what it takes—in its leaders, its business community, its amenities, its opportunities for continued progress, and, most importantly, its residents—to be the greatest city in the nation.