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BEYOND THE LAW and beyond the community service I perform, I have a passion for photography and cultural immersion – coupled with a penchant for international travel. My photo embodies each of these interests. Usually when I travel, my digital Nikon becomes a virtual extension of my arm. I captured the framed photo that I am holding while on an international professional lawyer exchange in Havana, Cuba in 2005. When I am not preparing documents, counseling clients or “saving lives” one deal at a time, I can often be found snapping photographs in anticipation of my next photography exhibit.

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College/Major: Talladega College, marketing; Ohio State University Fisher College of Business, MBA; Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, juris doctorate

Hometown: Houston

Nonprofit/community involvement:

- Directions for Youth & Families board member, volunteer photography class instructor
- Law & Leadership Institute volunteer, class facilitator, mentor
- Wexner Center for the Arts GenWex advisory committee member
- Columbus Bar Association minorities in the law committee co-chairman
- Pelotonia participant
- John Mercer Langston Bar Association professional development committee chairman
- Economic and Community Development Institute volunteer business adviser
- Fisher College of Business undergraduate school mentor
- Moritz College of Law mentor, professional development facilitator

Why this profession: I thought being a lawyer was a good fit for my personality and I thought I would enjoy it. (It was, and I do.)

How you pick your causes: One of my passions is helping young people reach their potential. Working with young people, particularly minority youth, is a high priority for me. I often volunteer in activities where I can have a positive impact on the lives of young people – and hopefully, I will also learn something in the process.



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