

## Brian E. Shinn

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### EXPERIENCE

**General Counsel** – Ohio Secretary of State, Columbus, Ohio, May 2010 – present.

- Serve as chief legal counsel for the agency, supervise eight attorneys and three support staff, review, edit, and approve legal documents drafted by attorneys.
- Manage all litigation with the Attorney General's office and outside counsel, including reviewing, editing, and approving all briefs, motions, and pleadings.

**Assistant General Counsel & Chief Elections Counsel** – Ohio Secretary of State, Columbus, Ohio, January 2007 – May 2010.

- Advised office and county boards of elections on elections law, ethics, employment law, and other legal issues, coordinate litigation matters with Attorney General's office, supervise law clerks, and perform other administrative tasks.
- Taught numerous seminars and continuing legal education classes on elections law, professionalism, and ethics.

**Assistant Disciplinary Counsel** – Supreme Court of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio, March 2004 – January 2007.

- Investigated possible violations of the ethics codes for attorneys and judges and allegations of non-attorneys engaging in the unauthorized practice of law.
- Handled all aspects of litigation for filed cases including discovery, trial, drafting briefs and motions, and oral argument before the boards and the Ohio Supreme Court.

**Associate Attorney** – Mowery & Youell, Ltd., Dublin, Ohio, January 2002 – March 2004.

- Engaged in general civil litigation, focusing on domestic relations, employment law, and appellate practice.

**Judicial Law Clerk** – Judge John P. Kennedy, Ohio Tenth District Court of Appeals, Columbus, Ohio, January 1999 – December 2001.

- Conducted extensive legal research, provided legal analysis, and drafted memoranda and opinions, concurrences, and dissents for judge in civil cases and administrative agency appeals.

**Staff Attorney** – Judge Katherine S. Lias, Franklin County Domestic Relations & Juvenile Court, Columbus, Ohio, May 1996 – January 1999.

- Conducted extensive legal research, provided legal analysis, reviewed motions, objections to magistrate's decisions, and pleadings, and drafted memoranda and decisions for judge.

### EDUCATION

**The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law**, Columbus, Ohio  
Juris Doctor with Honors, June 1996.

- Class Rank: Top 20%      GPA: 3.53
- *Ohio State Law Journal*, Managing Editor & Symposium Editor

**West Virginia University**, Morgantown, West Virginia  
Bachelor of Arts, Summa Cum Laude, in Political Science, May 1993

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BAR	Ohio – November 1996
ADMISSIONS	U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio – June 2002
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES	Columbus Community Relations Commission – Commissioner & Executive Committee Mentoring & More Program, Michael E. Moritz College of Law - Mentor
INTERESTS	Travel, cooking, college football, movies, and ethnic food.