

Brian E. Shinn Biography – revised 7/11/06

Brian E. Shinn received his B.A. in political science from West Virginia University in 1993, and his J.D. from The Ohio State University in 1996. While in law school, he served as managing editor and symposium editor of the *Ohio State Law Journal*. Mr. Shinn was admitted to the Ohio bar in 1996, and to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio in 2002.

Mr. Shinn is currently employed as an Assistant Disciplinary Counsel with the Supreme Court of Ohio. In this position, he investigates and prosecutes attorneys and judges for ethical misconduct and unlicensed individuals and organizations for the unauthorized practice of law. Previously, Mr. Shinn worked as an associate attorney with the law firm of Mowery & Youell, Ltd. in Dublin, Ohio, where his practice focused on domestic relations and employment law. Prior to entering private practice, he served as law clerk to Judge John P. Kennedy of the Ohio Tenth District Court of Appeals and as staff attorney to Judge Kay Lias of the Domestic Relations and Juvenile Division of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas.

Mr. Shinn has been an active member of Columbus' GLBT community for ten years. He was president of the Stonewall Democrats of Central Ohio for three years and served on the board of the National Stonewall Democrats for five years. Mr. Shinn is a member of the Franklin County Democratic Party Executive Committee and serves as parliamentarian of the Ohio Democratic Party and the Franklin County Democratic Party. He served as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 2000 and 2004. Previously, Mr. Shinn was a board member of the Ohio Human Rights Bar Association and of NARAL Ohio. Mr. Shinn is a member of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbus.

Mr. Shinn has been a commissioner of the Columbus Community Relations Commission since 2002. He served as Mayor Coleman's liaison from 2003 – 2004. Currently, he is the co-chair of the legislation committee and a member of the executive committee.