

Boyce Safford, III

Boyce Safford, III, currently holds the position of Deputy Chief of Staff to the Mayor of the City of Columbus, Ohio, Michael B. Coleman. As Deputy he counsels the mayor on direction and strategic planning for neighborhood economics development and urban development issues. Mr. Safford is also responsible for working with all departments in managing their capital related projects. Prior to the City of Columbus, Mr. Safford was Vice President of the Land Acquisition and Planning Division for the Columbus Urban Growth Corporation, a private non-profit real estate development corporation organized for the purpose of promoting commercial and industrial development, investment and job creation in neighborhoods. As Vice President, Mr. Safford managed and coordinated Urban Growth's land assemblage, strategic planning, private and public financing, and community relations on commercial, residential, and industrial projects totaling \$100 million dollars. Mr. Safford also served as Vice President of Government and Media Relations for Bank One, Cleveland, Ohio. He was responsible for the bank's legislative agenda with local, state, and federal offices in five county market areas using key contact programs designed to enhance effective communication with elected officials on bank issues. Additionally, Mr. Safford, provided leadership in grant making efforts, assisted in developing and implementing strategies for formulation of grant policies and responded to inquiries about the grant programs for the Columbus Foundation. Mr. Safford has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration, with a major in Finance from Morehouse College, Atlanta Georgia. Mr. Safford is married to Toshia Safford. They have one son, Morgan Boyce and one daughter, Mackenzie Chase.