

Attorney Spotlight: Brad Steffen

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Practice Areas: Civil Litigation, Employment & Labor, and White Collar Criminal Defense

What led you to become a lawyer?

The first time I ever thought about becoming a lawyer was when I was fifteen years old and assisted with my great uncle's campaign for County Attorney by distributing campaign materials door-to-door. This was an experience that gave me the insight that attorneys are needed when individuals have problems, and I like being a problem solver. I like being someone people feel comfortable in approaching when they need help, and I pride myself in being able to assist in their time of need.

Describe your most interesting and memorable case.

My most interesting case was representing a young man facing a maximum sentence of life in prison. Holding the fate of a young man's life in your hands was a pressure that I had never experienced before to that scale. We worked day and night to provide the best defense for this young Airman. At the end of the trial, justice was served when he was found not guilty. While being a criminal defense attorney can often be a thankless job, having the young man and his family embrace me and my co-counsel with enduring gratitude was priceless and a moment I will forever cherish.

How did your military service and experiences affect your life?

Serving in the United States Air Force JAG Corps helped me to become a better leader, father, husband, and lawyer. The Air Force has three core values: Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence In All We Do. I continue to use these core values everyday to help me overcome the obstacles I face and to continue to grow as a person. The most rewarding thing about being in the military was being a part of a diverse group of people who come together for one common purpose. My time in the military provided me so many experiences and opportunities to grow that I will forever be grateful for my time serving in uniform for our country.

What professional associations or organizations are you a member of?

Having served in the military, I highly regard veterans and military families for the sacrifices that they make for our country. Since separating from active duty, I wanted to continue to be a part of that community, which resulted in me becoming a board member for USO Ohio. The USO is a great organization that not only provides services to active duty personnel but also focuses its efforts towards military families who sacrifice just as much as their loved ones serving in uniform. Recently, I also became a mentor to Salmon P. Chase College of Law's newest student outreach program, the Veteran Discharge Upgrade Review Clinic, which provides services to military veterans seeking to upgrade their military discharge characterization. Finally, I am a member of Campbell Leadership Action Group. Having grown up in Campbell County and now raising my family here too, this is a great organization of leaders who call Campbell County their home and work with the local government and other organizations to help Campbell County to further prosper.

Tell us something about you that most people do not know.

I played in a couple of different bands throughout high school, college, and law school. I was the lead singer and played rhythm guitar. We primarily played rock n' roll and covered a diverse group of artists to include Elvis, The Beatles, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Bon Jovi, Pearl Jam and the Foo Fighters.

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