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Career Highlights: Upon graduating from law school in 1996, I was hired to become an attorney for the State of Ohio Office of Collective Bargaining. After two years, I was appointed chief legal counsel, the youngest attorney to be appointed to the position at the time. In 1999, I decided that I wanted to become a litigator and was appointed an assistant attorney general for the State of Ohio litigating labor and employment cases. In 2001, my wife and I decided to relocate to the east coast and I began working with Shipman & Goodwin LLP. In 2007, I was elected partner in the firm.

Community Involvement: I am very active in promoting diversity efforts within the legal community. I serve as the chair of the firm's Diversity Committee. I am a member of the board of directors for the Lawyers' Collaborative for

Diversity. I have served as a mentor to two minority students at the University of Connecticut Law School and am currently working on initiatives to reach out to minority high school students in the Hartford area to educate and inspire them about the legal profession. I believe that we all need to invest in our community and

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was pleased to be nominated to the Leadership Greater Hartford Quest Class of 2007. I believe that individuals can incorporate their own interests within community service and have used my interest in athletics as a vehicle for participating in different causes. For



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example, I have raised thousands of dollars for charities through various athletic events. I am also a founding member and vice president of the Hartford Extended Area Triathletes ("HEAT"), which is a nonprofit entity dedicated to athletic socialization and wellness in the Greater Hartford area. Another area of interest to me is the support of nonprofit organizations in our community. I volunteer my time to the Connecticut Association of Nonprofits periodically presenting seminars on various labor and employment topics

to its members.

Musical Inspiration: Many, but I have to choose Bob Marley. What could be better than a warm, sunny day with Bob Marley playing in the background?

Person you most admire and why: Currently, Lance Armstrong. Not only does he have unbelievable athletic prowess, but he is one of the few sports figures who is also sincerely passionate about a cause. ■