

Brandon Lofton Receiving Citizen Lawyer Award

The Citizen Lawyer Committee of the NCBA Young Lawyers Division, in conjunction with the NCBA Local Bar Outreach Committee, provides expanded coverage of the 2017 Citizen Lawyer Award recipients in recognition of their volunteer service and leadership in their communities and beyond. The following article is submitted for your consideration by the North Carolina Bar Association. The 2017 Citizen Lawyer Awards will be presented on Friday, June 23, at the NCBA Annual Meeting in Asheville, but the recipients have been notified of their selection and there is no embargo on this information. A photo of the recipient is attached.

By Lauren Hossfeld

CHARLOTTE – Service has always been an integral part of Brandon Lofton’s life. From the time he was a child growing up on a military base, to today, serving as president of the Board of Directors for the Council for Children’s Rights, Lofton has always felt “aware, appreciative and compelled” to give back to his community through a dedication to service and leadership.

Lofton is receiving the Citizen Lawyer Award for his work with the Council for Children’s Rights. The organization defends and champions the rights of children to be supported and treated with fairness, compassion, and respect, regardless of personal obstacles. Lofton has been a Council for Children’s Rights board member since 2010, and began his term as council president in early 2016.

Lofton draws his passion to help children in Mecklenburg County through his own experience in the academically gifted program at his elementary school. His entrance into this program was the result of the intervention of his mother, a school teacher, who advocated for Lofton to be given the opportunity to test into the academically gifted program. As Lofton became older and continued into higher education, he became more aware and appreciative of the impact his mother’s intervention those many years before. Now as president of the Council for Children’s Rights, Lofton aims to use his strategic visions and critical thinking to be a positive intervention in the lives of some of North Carolina’s most vulnerable children.

Bob Simmons, executive director of the board, states, “Lofton inspires our board and staff to share mutual confidence in our vision, our mission, and our work, and his self-effacing service elevates both peace and justice to attract support from the community for challenging structural, systemic, and institutional obstacles to the realization of children’s rights.”

In addition to his work with the Council, Lofton previously served as a member of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Metropolitan Transit Commission, chaired the city of Charlotte’s Disparity Study Advisory Committee, and served as the chair of the Access to America Dialogue Series Working Group.

He currently maintains a successful law practice with Robinson Bradshaw in Charlotte. Lofton and his wife, Kellie, are the proud parents of two sons, Brandon (age 10) and Caleb (age 8).

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