



Brian S. Gorrell

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Paulding High School		1994
The University of Toledo	B.S.	1997
University of Toledo College of Law	J.D.	2002

Brian Gorrell graduated from Paulding High School in 1994. He received a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting in 1997 from the University of Toledo, graduating Summa Cum Laude and Salutatorian of the College of Business. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Toledo, College of Law in 2002 with a Juris Doctor degree, and he was awarded membership into the law honor society, the Order of the Coif. Brian received awards in law school for being the highest ranking student in a number of classes, including legal research and writing; federal income tax; estate and gift tax; debtor-creditor law; and legislative process and drafting. Brian believes his academic experience at Paulding High School provided a solid foundation for his educational endeavors and specifically prepared him for his college experiences.

While in law school, Brian worked for Gilmore, Jasion & Mahler, Ltd. in Toledo, Ohio as a Senior Consultant/Accountant. After graduation, he returned to his hometown to practice law and is currently a member/owner of Cook & Gorrell, Ltd. in Paulding. Brian's practice area focuses primarily on real estate, probate and estate planning, tax, and business law. Brian also serves as Director and Legal Counsel for the Paulding County Child Support Enforcement Agency and was previously an assistant prosecuting attorney.

Brian is admitted to practice in the United States District Court – Northern District of Ohio. He is also a licensed real estate salesperson (completing sales pre-licensing classes from Hondros College while in high school), licensed auctioneer (graduate of the Missouri Auction School), and title insurance agent. He is a member of the Paulding County Bar Association (Secretary/Treasurer and Past President), Ohio State Bar Association, Northwest Ohio Bar Grievance Committee, Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants, American Bar Association, American Society of Attorney-CPAs, Kiwanis Club of Paulding (Past President), Paulding Entrepreneurial Network, and Ohio Land Title Association.

Brian is a member of the Defiance Church of the Nazarene and serves in various capacities at the church. He has coached youth baseball, basketball, and soccer in the Paulding community. Brian has provided pro bono legal services to a number of different organizations, charities, and churches in the Paulding area and has given presentations to different nonprofit groups and organizations in the community.

Above his academic and professional accomplishments, Brian is proud of his family. He and his wife Terra (Retcher) of 20 years were both born and raised in Paulding County and are both graduates of Paulding High School. Their two children (Brianna and Zachary) are currently students in the PEVS school system. Brian is the son of Larry and Sherry Gorrell and the grandson of Clifford and Reba Gorrell and Wayne and Ivah Lothamer.