

Robert Ramseur 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 Awards 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 Eric Mine

RALEIGH – To Robert “Bob” Ramseur Jr., civic involvement is not just an ideal, it is a responsibility. “I was fortunate to have been raised by parents who served as incredible role models for me in community service,” said Ramseur. “In our family, service to others was an expected standard, not just a goal.” His commitment to civic and charitable activities clearly reflects that attitude.

Ramseur has made a big impact on the Triangle through his involvement with Band Together NC, a non-profit that uses live music as a platform for social change. Ramseur became a member of Band Together in 2011, joined the board of directors in 2013, and is the current board president. The organization’s annual philanthropic music festivals have raised money to benefit a long list of cause-worthy non-profits around the Triangle.

“Bobby Ramseur is one of the most generous, big-hearted people that I know,” said Matthew Strickland, the executive director of Band Together. “His ability to lead from the board level has helped to grow and mature Band Together as an organization,” said Strickland. “This contribution of time and talent will have a lasting, positive impact on our organization.”

Band Together’s most recent concert, which featured North Carolina’s own Ben Folds, raised \$1.3 million to benefit YMCA of the Triangle. The proceeds raised this year under Ramseur’s leadership will help develop a YMCA campus in Southeast Raleigh that will include a wellness center, gym, and an outdoor aquatics center. The facility will also serve as a community hub to facilitate partnerships that will provide a variety of services for families in the area, including wellness, nutrition, education, healthcare, and affordable housing.

In addition to his involvement in Band Together, Ramseur is a past president of the Rotary Club of the Capital City and served on the board of the Triangle Area YMCA Y-Guides Program. He works each year as a fundraising volunteer for the Triangle Area YMCA’s “We Build People” campaign and is a member of the Camp Sea Gull and Seafarer Board of Visitors. He serves on the advisory board of Theatre in the Park, and is also a past president.

Ramseur’s outlook on civic engagement makes him a true Citizen Lawyer. “Volunteering provides balance to my professional life,” said Ramseur. “It allows me the opportunity to teach my children, as my parents taught me, the value of service to others.”

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