

# CHARLOTTE BUSINESS JOURNAL

## 40 UNDER FORTY

## WES MISSON

Partner, head of fund finance, U.S. at Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft

**Age:** 39

**Education:** UNC Chapel Hill, B.A., journalism and mass communication with a second major in political science; The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, J.D. cum laude

**Career history:** Cadwalader, 2015-present; Mayer Brown, 2007-14

**Family:** Wife, Allison; daughter, Parker, 8; and sons, Peyton, 6, and Jack, 7 months

**Neighborhood:** Sedgefield

**Greatest business accomplishment of the past year:** Being acknowledged by *Financial Times* for my team's work on the largest ESG deal ever completed in the fund finance industry.

**Greatest civic accomplishment of the past year:** Leading our firm's Walk to End Alzheimer's Charlotte team to a second straight top-50 national ranking. Team Cadwalader has raised more than \$175,000 over the last four years.

**Civic/volunteer activities:** Alzheimer's Association, Western Carolina Chapter, board chair

**What you like best about living in the Charlotte region:** Comfortable, charming and energetic city that is top notch for family life but also with a booming

financial center that is close proximity to the mountains and the beach.

**The most important issue facing the region:** Education. My wife is a teacher.

**Your most valued mentor:** Mike Mascia, senior partner and friend

**Last book read:** *Pappyland: A Story of Family, Fine Bourbon and the Things That Last*, by Wright Thompson

**Last vacation:** Lake Keowee

**Favorite possession:** Family heirlooms

**Favorite restaurant:** Del Frisco's

**Favorite day trip:** Asheville

**Favorite local sports team:** Carolina Panthers

**Hobbies:** God, golf, running, skiing, cooking, wine, bourbon, sporting events (particularly Ohio State football and UNC basketball), boating, kayaking, hiking, time with family at the lake.

**Heroes:** My parents. My dad is a Vietnam War vet who led by example and instilled hard work in me. My mom was a compassionate motivator who always put family first.

**Fantasy job:** NFL QB akin to Joe Burrow

**One-word description of self:** Driven



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