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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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