

I was born in Canton OH, and raised in the same general NE Ohio area.

I received my bachelor's degree from Franklin University and I'm on track to finish my MBA in the summer of 2023. I recently finished obtaining my CPCU designation last November. I also received the honor of PLRB Claim Professional of the year for 2021.

My very first job started when I was 13. My grandparents owned a service station with a full-service gas station. I was the lucky one that got to pump gas year-round. After turning 16, I worked in various restaurants as a dishwasher, line cook, server, and bartender. Shortly after high school, our neighbor was starting his own business as an electrician. I started working with him and learned the trade. When I was tired of climbing in attics and crawl spaces, I stumbled upon an opportunity to start my insurance career as a multi-line adjuster trainee with Cincinnati Insurance. Cincinnati only had a volunteer CAT team and I quickly volunteered every time an event took place. After working as an independent agent for 5 years, I started searching and immediately came upon an open CAT position with State Auto. I worked as a CAT adjuster for 8 years and transitioned into leadership and now serve the entire property CAT team for the company.

My wife Marae, and three daughters, Hannah, Shelby, and Vicki (who is also an adjuster with State Auto Insurance) complete my life.. We have two English Cream Golden Retrievers, Czar, Koba as well as our newest members, French Bulldogs named Meeko and Kailani.

I have a few pieces of advice that I live by:

"It's your fault that you work so hard. You can't be mad at someone that doesn't work as hard as you do. You've made that choice." -My mom

"Give them the tools, training, and get the h\*\*l out of their way." Prior mentor

"Don't worry about things you have no control over. Concentrate your energy on your individual field of influence (family, friends, coworkers)." -my mom

"Be the eye of the hurricane. Everything can spin around you; stay the calm center." Prior mentor

My Favorites:

**Books:** Without Remorse or any other Tom Clancy novel

**Movies:** This is hard as I am also a movie fanatic: Classics would be Godfather I and II and Gone with the Wind. Newer movies are more action related; The Town, Warrior, etc.

**Foods:** Anything but mayo, sour cream, or Ranch dressing. How are they even a thing? Gross.

**Songs:** Varies on mood and genre: Classic Rock (think Pink Floyd, Led Zeppelin) Grunge (Pearl Jam, Temple of the Dog, Nirvana) 90's Rap (Snoop, Dre. Dre), and new Country (Chris Stapleton, Luke Combs, Hardy, Maren Morris, and Ashley McBride)

**Sports teams:**

Pro Football: Anyone Joe Burrow plays for, even if it's the Bengals. He actually played at Athens High School which is the rival to the school my wife works for.

College: **THE** Ohio State University. Go Bucks!