PM attorney, distinguished BBBS advocate to attend national conference as Oklahoma State Governing Board Chair



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Byrona J. Maule, Phillips Murrah Director and co-chair of the firm's Labor and Employment Practice Group, will be attending the 2015 Big Brothers Big Sisters National Conference as Oklahoma's State Governing Board Chair. The conference will be held in Philadelphia, PA on June 2-3, 2015.

Byrona is a passionate community advocate who has devoted much of her life to volunteerism and philanthropy. Her distinguished service to <u>Big Brothers Big Sisters</u> began in 1990, when she became a Big Sister to Vanessa—a relationship

that enriched Byrona's life in ways she never imagined. To date, she's had three Little Sisters complete the program. Byrona joined the BBBS Oklahoma City Area Resource Board in 2007. Since then, her devotion has garnered awards, including:

- Big Sister of the Year, Oklahoma City (2009)
- Big Sister of the Year, State of Oklahoma (2009)
- Champion of the Year, State of Oklahoma (2011)

Upon winning Champion of the Year, <u>she said</u>: "Being a Champion of Big Brothers Big Sisters is easy; these young ones are my passion and my servant mission. To be recognized for this passion is wonderful, but to help open the world to a child otherwise forgotten — to help that child grow into a successful, responsible, caring adult — that is the reward I carry in my heart for all time."

Byrona was elected to the state of Oklahoma governing board in 2012. Most recently in 2013, she was elected chair of the Governing Board. Along with her husband, Marvin Meyer, she won the Big Couple Match for their current match with little brother Quintin.

The 2015 Big Brothers Big Sisters National Conference will provide opportunities for attendees to engage in peer designed workshops and events that will reignite the purpose and put renewed energy around all aspects of mission attainment. This two-day conference will be packed with dynamic keynote speakers, insightful panel discussions and plenty of opportunities for learning and networking.

Big Brothers Big Sisters' mission is to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relationships that change their lives for the better, forever.

For more information or to speak with Byrona about the conference and her work with BBBS of Oklahoma,

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