



Ryan Hoover Biographical Information

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Ryan Hoover to the BCI Board of Directors. Ryan brings 18 years of experience as a professional basketball player who has transitioned to life off the court. Ryan is now an executive in the business world as General Manager of Services with Barrier Compliance Services in Lenexa, Kansas.

Ryan says that his professional basketball experience can best be described in four words: green, grit, grace and gratitude. "If I'm honest I was chasing the NBA dream for all the wrong reasons; fame and fortune (green)." In looking at his playing days Ryan acknowledged the fact that he wasn't the best player, he was a great shooter and a great teammate. Doing those two things well, working hard at being the best and by the Grace of God he felt he was prepared for all the opportunities that came his way. "I'm filled with nothing but gratitude for all the teammates, coaches and basketball industry individuals I had the privilege to meet along the way."

Ryan grew up in northern Illinois with a family full of teachers. He was a Cubs, Bulls and Bears fan from a young age. Sports was a high priority in his family growing up but his parents also put major emphasis on school, church and community, as both his parents worked in the public-school system. He played collegiate ball under Coaches John MacLeod and Fran McCaffery at Notre Dame. "After college I played in the minor leagues, IBA, CBA, USBL, ABA, chasing the NBA dream. And eventually found my sweet spot in Venezuela and 13 seasons in Italy." Ryan stated, "One of the first defining moments came my first year out of college, when I was invited to join a traveling team called Athletes in Action. Even though my on-court performance declined a bit in the early going, God was working on me internally, and preparing me for more. My maturity and faith were growing on and off the court due to solid mentors and coaches, and a consistent hunger for more of God and the Truth. Then as I became a husband and a father, God began to expand my faith and perspective in a whole new way."



Ryan's decision to accept a seat on the BCI Board of Directors has been coming for over twenty years. Ryan had gone on three tours with Sharm. "As Sharm was mentoring me from a distance through my influential years after college, I experienced the love and grace and impact that his friendship had on me and many other pro players. I believe whole-heartedly in the vision that God gave Sharm and Kathy for BCI years ago. It's a privilege to be a part of advancing God's work through this player to player movement, as we cultivate relationships and help build the Lord's growing Team."

Ryan and his wife Brenna live in Lenexa, Kansas and have three children, two daughters and a son.