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Charlotte's 40 Under 40: Lucas David Garber, Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick

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Lucas David Garber with Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick is a 2023 honoree in CBJ's 40 Under 40 program.

Editor's note: This profile is part of CBJ's special report on the 40 Under 40 Awards program in 2023.

Age: 34

Current job: Partner and manufacturing business sector co-chair, Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick

Education: B.S. in business administration, University of South Carolina, 2011; J.D., Wake Forest University Law School, 2014

Career history: Shumaker, 2018-present; Alexander Ricks, associate, 2016-18; Hedrick Garber, associate, 2014-16

Family: Wife, Allison Brown Garber; son, Samuel David, 2; and expecting a daughter, Rodli Shaw, in August

Neighborhood: Myers Park

Greatest business accomplishment of the past year: Last year I was elected to partner at Shumaker, making me one of the youngest partners at the firm. I was also selected to be the co-chair of Shumaker's manufacturing business sector and work with other firm leaders to develop growth strategies for one of our largest industry sectors.

Greatest civic accomplishment of the past year: I enjoyed visiting my wife's elementary school class for career days and special project presentations. I believe it is important to show students the different opportunities available to them and love sharing about my career as an attorney.

Current civic/volunteer activities: Cleft Out Foundation, board of directors; North Carolina Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division, member

What you like best about living in the Charlotte region: Charlotte has many distinct and accessible neighborhoods that show the unique history and characteristics of the area. As a native Charlottean, I have loved seeing the positive growth of the city.

The most important issue facing the region: Recruitment and retention of talented educators within the public school system, especially post-Covid. Being a teacher is a challenging and demanding job, and their hard work often goes unrecognized.

Your most valued mentor: My older brother, Mac Garber, has been my mentor throughout my career. As a partner at the accounting firm Forvis, his career path has been similar to mine so his advice and guidance have been invaluable.

Last book read: *Camino Winds*, by John Grisham

Last movie seen: *Top Gun: Maverick*

Last vacation: I recently went on a beach trip with my family to Surf City, North Carolina. I have gone every year for my entire life and it is one of my favorite traditions.

Favorite possession: My English Golden Retriever, Leroy, isn't a possession, but he's part of my family and we love him.

Favorite app or website: ESPN

Hobbies: Golfing, fishing, Panthers and Gamecocks football

Heroes: Both of my grandfathers are my heroes. They served in WW2 and instilled great family values and work ethic into my parents, which have been passed down to my family and me.

Fantasy job: Jeopardy host

One-word description of self: Loyal




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