

Mike Knopp
Executive Director
Oklahoma City Boathouse Foundation

Mike Knopp left his successful legal career in 2003 to establish the Oklahoma City University varsity rowing program and assume the position of executive director of the Oklahoma City Boathouse Foundation. Bringing corporate, civic and community leaders together, Mike has led multiple initiatives to activate the Oklahoma River, including the Boathouse District master plan development, Olympic training, community programming, and several national and international events.

Born in Kansas, but raised in Minnesota, Mike moved to Edmond, OK in 1988 from Maryland where he lived for two years. As a graduate from Edmond Memorial High School, Mike went on to Oklahoma State University where he graduated with a BBA in economics in 1994. He then completed a Juris Doctorate from the University of Oklahoma in 1997.

Mike has served as the Oklahoma County Assistant District Attorney, General Counsel of Federal Aviation Administration, Oklahoma Association for Rowing president and founder, Head Men's and Women's Rowing Coach of Oklahoma City University, Bricktown Association board member, Leadership Oklahoma City board member, Last Frontier Council Executive Board Member of Boy Scouts of America, Cub Scout Den Leader, USA Canoe/Kayak Board Member, and Downtown Rotary Club Board Member and Officer.

Mike also sits on the MAPS 3 citizens' oversight committee for the Oklahoma River projects. Recognition of his accomplishments include the Oklahoma City University Employee of the Year, Oklahoma City Business Record Forty Under Forty Award, Journal Record Achievers Under Forty Award, Leadership OKC Class XXV, 2008 Dean A. McGee Awards Recipient (Neil Horton Award), 2009 March of Dimes Headliner Special Award, USRowing Jack Kelley Award, and the 2012 recipient of the Abe Lemmons/Paul Hansen Award for Sports Excellence from Oklahoma City University.

Mike and his wife, Tempe, have established a home in northeast Oklahoma City where they raise their three sons: Keaton (ten), Cameron (nine), and Carson (three).