



# Josh Rohrscheib

**Age:** 33

**Family:**

Tina Pressley (mother), Randall Rohrscheib (father), Alan and Kari Pressley (brother and sister-in-law), Katherine Rohrscheib (sister), two inspiring grandmothers (Fern Davis and Mary Rohrscheib) and in a few months, I'm very excited about becoming an uncle.

**Current position/responsibilities:**

Attorney and counselor at law, Rohrscheib Law Office. My firm is a boutique practice, providing a high-level of care to carefully chosen clients and causes. I represent individuals, injured people, families, community groups and small to mid-sized businesses.

**What do you like best about what you do?**

I get to help people and solve problems. I enjoy the intellectual challenges of a varied practice. And I love working with passionate local advocates to improve our community.

**What do you like best about working or living in the community?**

One of my mentors likes to say, "Decatur is the biggest small town in America." In many ways, we have small-town values and connectedness to one another. Upon returning home, I took comfort in the goodness of our people and their optimism and commitment to our community. We have a welcoming city with many champions who have a collective desire to collaborate to improve our community.

**What should the community be doing to attract more young people to live and work in the Decatur area?**

This is a time of community renewal and our momentum is palpable. Young people are engaging and investing in our community. There is a growing wave of enthusiasm and optimism, fueled by major projects such as the downtown renovation and lakefront development

and community efforts such as Grow Decatur, Decatur Co-Creators, the Mural Project, the Cash Mob and Re:Decatur. We have much to market if city leaders have the vision to seize the moment and invest in a comprehensive rebranding and marketing campaign. The city should hire a top-flight marketing director. We have much to be proud of, but lack a consistent and clarion

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message and messenger. With a relatively small investment, we could be much better positioned to attract and retain young people, entrepreneurs and major employers.

**The person who has had the biggest influence on you and why:**

My mother, Tina Pressley, is a constant and unwavering source of enthusiasm, energy and strength. She has powered through many challenges with joy, not least of which were raising my brother and I largely on her own, and overwhelmed every obstacle with her optimism and resilience. She is gracious and uplifting, forgiving of my many faults, always positive, always looking forward and always good company.

My grandpa, Gene Rohrscheib, will always be my hero. He was a deeply warm, patient and kind man who lived with absolute integrity. He was a farmer, a veteran, a beekeeper, a barnyard mechanic and an adoring champion of his family. Grandpa loved learning, inventing and

discovering. He took delight in his friends, family and the simple pleasures of life. I hope to increasingly live and treat others as he did. I miss him every day.

**What do you still hope to accomplish?**

I hope to become a husband and a father (ideally, in that order). I would also like to build an epic tree house and bring a laser tag coliseum to Decatur.

**Your favorite stress reliever:**

Playing five-minute speed-chess with the Decatur Chess Club and often losing to Decatur's child prodigy, eight-year-old Aydin Turgut (who is already a two-time national champion). Join us for a game on Tuesday nights at Doherty's Pub and Pins.

**Your favorite movie:**

"Casablanca." This film is simply perfect.

**Your favorite book:**

"All the King's Men" by Robert Penn Warren. Written with elegance and vitality, it's a study of power and politics, of goodness and sin, of possibility, and the ever-present tension between pragmatism and idealism. The book is a rough portrait of the colorful Huey Long, who makes Rod Blagojevich look like an Eagle Scout. Poetry and prose wrestle from cover to cover, and every page is captivating.

**Quote to live by:**

"Chase after the truth like all hell and you'll free yourself, even though you never touch its coattails." — Clarence Darrow

"This is the true joy of life, the being used up for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one; being a force of nature instead of a feverish, selfish little clod of ailments and grievances, complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy. I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work, the more I live. Life is no 'brief candle' to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for a moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations." — George Bernard Shaw

**If you were a fictional character, which one would you be? Why?**

I'll answer aspirationally: Atticus Finch from "To Kill A Mockingbird." He gives attorneys something to reach for, which very few ever grasp. Finch is the epitome of courage, empathy and commitment to simple justice.