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Practice Areas

- Financial Services Litigation
- Real Estate Litigation

Education

- Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Cleveland, Ohio
Juris Doctor, 2004
- Hiram College, Hiram, Ohio
Bachelor of Arts, 2001

Admitted to Practice

- State of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit

Professional Associations, Affiliations and Achievements

- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
- West Shore Bar Association
- Ohio Super Lawyer, "Rising Star," 2010



- Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, Access to Justice Award, 2015
- Supreme Court of Ohio Lawyer Mentoring Program

Community Service

- Member, Board of Directors, The Refugee Response
- Volunteer Attorney for Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, Brief Advice Clinics

Authored Publications And Presentations

- Author, "Women in the Profession: Still Room for Advancement." Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal, April 2016.
- Presenter, "Immigration Law 101 and Required Disclosures to Employees." Reach Out-Legal Assistance for Nonprofits, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, March 26, 2015.
- Presenter, "With That Facebook Post, Our Case Is a Slam Dunk! #socialmediausedasevidence." Northeast Ohio Chapter Association of Corporate Counsel, January 8, 2015.
- Author, "Immigration Action: Program That Would Help 5 Million At Standstill Due To Lawsuit By 26 States." May, 2015 Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal, Vol. 7, No. 10.
- Co-Author, "Who Is Using Social Media?" May, 2011 Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal, Vol. 3, No. 10.
- Co-Author, "No-Match? Now What? Handling No-Match Letters in 2010." May, 2010 Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association Journal, Vol. 2, No. 1.
- Presenter, "Legal Implications of Social Media." Norman Minor Bar Association, 2009.
- Author, "Immigration Consequences of Criminal Activity," February, 2008 Cleveland Bar Journal, Vol. 79, No. 4.



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