

# **Diane Kappeler DePascale, J. D.**

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## **Practice of law:**

Thirty-six years experience in negotiated settlements, trials and, appeals.

### **Specialist in Family Relations Law**

- Ohio State Bar Association board certified
  
- Domestic: Divorce / Dissolution / Legal separation / Annulment  
Child custody / parenting time, support & health care  
Equitable division of marital property & debt  
Spousal support (*formerly known as alimony*)
  
- Juvenile: Child custody / parenting time, support & health care  
Grandparent visitation rights  
Allegations of abuse, neglect and, dependency

### **Defense of persons accused of crime**

- Misdemeanor and Felony Appeals

**Civil** — including Personal Injury and, Will Contests

Preparation of **Wills & Probate of Estates**

**Diane Kappeler DePascale, J.D. has practiced law throughout the State of Ohio in numerous Appellate Districts and Counties,**

including

- 1<sup>st</sup> — Hamilton
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> — Montgomery, Greene, Clark, Miami, Darke and, Champaign
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> — Allen, Auglaize, Logan and, Union
  - 5<sup>th</sup> — Delaware, Morrow, Richland, Licking and, Fairfield
  - 8<sup>th</sup> — Cuyahoga
  - 10<sup>th</sup> — Franklin
  - 12<sup>th</sup> — Madison, Fayette, Clinton, Warren, Butler, Clermont & Preble.
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**Admitted to Practice Law in**

All courts and agencies of the State of Ohio — *since 1981.*

U.S. District Court (S. Ohio) and, U.S. District Court (N. Ohio).

U.S. Court of Appeals – Sixth Circuit.

Supreme Court of the United States — *since 1986.*

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**Education and Certification**

Mercy High School – Riverhead, Long Island, NY

B.A. — University of Dayton 1978  
(Political Science major, English minor)

**Juris Doctor** – Univ. of Dayton School of Law 1981

**Member of Ohio Bar College**

— completed *double* the hours of Continuing Legal Education required by law 1984–‘85, 1988–‘92, 1994–‘98, 2000–‘17.

**Specialist in Family Relations Law**

— OSBA board certified since 1/1/2005 and, re-certified through 12/31/2020.

## **Diane Kappeler DePascale, J.D.**

### **Professional Memberships:**

Ohio State Bar Association – *since 1981*  
Dayton Bar Association — *since 1982*  
Columbus Bar Association — *since 1992*  
Ohio Ass'n. of Criminal Defense Lawyers (1986 – 2004)

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### **Professor / Lecturer**

1981 – 1986 Supervised legal interns & lectured Pol. Sc. classes at University of Dayton.  
1986 – 2004 Director of Legal Internship for Univ. of Dayton – Political Science Dept.  
1986 Speaker at "Family Law Symposium" co-sponsored by Dayton Bar Ass'n.  
2000 – 2001 Taught "Judicial Process" Pol. 301 at University of Dayton  
2003 Presented "Guardian *ad litem*" at Ohio State Bar Ass'n. Convention in Dayton  
2003 Presented "Beginning Lawyers" at Ohio State Bar Ass'n. Convention in Dayton  
2006 Presented "Family Law" at Ohio State Bar Ass'n. Update (*now, on web*)  
2006 Presented "Custody & Child Support" at OSBA "Fine Points of Divorce" Seminar  
2009 Presented "Don't's When Counseling DR Clients" at Columbus Bar Seminar  
2009 – 2012 Presented "Client Relations" at OSBA Introduction to DR Seminar  
2010 Presented "GALs – Rules & Best Practices" at OSBA Convention in Dayton  
2011 Presented "Professionalism" at OSBA Convention in Columbus  
2011 Presented "Best Interest of Children" for Dayton Bar Association  
2012 & 2017 Presented "Ethics and Family Law Attorneys" for OSBA  
2013–2016 Presented "Professional Responsibility & Family Law for Dayton Bar Ass'n."

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### **Articles Published in Dayton Bar Briefs:**

April, 1980 "Convention Method of Proposing Amendments to U.S. Constitution:  
Can the subject Matter be limited ?"

Feb., 1991 "Att'n: Judges & Criminal Defense Lawyers" ORC § 2919.25 Domestic violence

## **Diane Kappeler DePascale, J.D.**

### **Awards**

- 1981 For Outstanding Service to the University of Dayton Law Review.
- 1981 F. Lee Bailey Criminal Trial Practice Award — U.D. S.L.  
— selected by U.S. Magistrate Steinberg  
and, U.S. District Court Judge Walter Rice.
- 1992 Greater Dayton Volunteer Lawyers Project - Outstanding Lawyer.
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### **Positions Held**

- 2012 – 2014 Chairman of OSBA Family Law Committee
- 2010 – 2012 Vice-Chairman of OSBA Family Law Committee
- 2008 – 2010 Secretary of O S B A Family Law Committee
- 2008 – 2010 Chairman of Columbus Bar Ass'n. Family Law Committee
- 2008 – present Member Family Law Committee of Dayton Bar Ass'n.
- 2005 – 2008 Chairman of Subcommittee on Legislative Review  
for Family Law Committees of  
OSBA & Columbus Bar Ass'n.
- 2003 – 2005 Member Council of Governors  
Solo, Small Firm & General Practice Section of OSBA
- 1992 – present Member of Family Law Committee of Columbus Bar Association.
- 1991 – 1993 Chairman of Criminal Justice Committee, OSBA
- 1991 – 1992 Member Ohio Supreme Court Task Force on Indigent Defense.
- 1991 Facilitator at the 1991 Bench–Bar Conference Re: Specialization.
- 1989 – 1990 Member of the Ohio Supreme Court Committee  
to Study Impact of Substance Abuse on the Courts.
- 1986 Visiting Referee -- Montgomery County Domestic Court
- 1986 Member Subcommittee on Appt. of Counsel for Indigents in Capital Cases  
of the OSBA Criminal Justice Committee.

1983 – present      Member of Criminal Justice & Family Law Committees of OSBA

1982 - 1992      Member Criminal Law & Family Law Committees of Dayton Bar Ass'n.

1980      Law Clerk to Judge Michael Merz (Dayton, Ohio)

1979      Research Assistant to U.D. S.L. Professor Robert J. Martineau  
"The Supreme Court and State Regulation of the Legal Profession"  
Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly pgs. 199- (Winter, 1981).  
– summarized relevant U.S. Supreme Court cases (1790 – 1980).