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Practice of law:

Forty-two years of experience in negotiated settlements, trials, and appeals.

Specialist in Family Relations Law

— Ohio State Bar Association board certified

— Domestic: Divorce, Dissolution, Legal separation, or Annulment
Child custody, parenting time schedules, support & health care
Equitable division of marital property, and debt
Spousal support (*formerly known as alimony*)

— Juvenile: Child custody, parenting time, support & health care
Grandparent and other relatives' visitation rights
Allegations of abuse, neglect and, dependency

Defense of persons accused of crime

— Misdemeanor and Felony **Appeals**

Civil — including Will Contests

Preparation of simple **Wills** and **Probate of Estates**

Diane Kappeler DePascale, J.D. has practiced law throughout Ohio in numerous Appellate Districts and Counties, including

- 1st — Hamilton
- 2nd — Montgomery, Greene, Clark, Miami, Darke, and Champaign
- 3rd — Allen, Auglaize, Logan, and Union
- 4th — Meigs and Ross
- 5th — Delaware, Morrow, Richland, Licking, and Fairfield
- 8th — Cuyahoga
- 10th — Franklin
- 12th — Madison, Fayette, Clinton, Warren, Butler, Clermont, & Preble.

Admitted to Practice Law in

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

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

U.S. Court of Appeals – Sixth Circuit.

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

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–‘23.

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— OSBA board certified since 1/1/ 2005 and, re-certified through 12/ 31/ 2026.

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Professional Memberships:

Ohio State Bar Association – (1981 – *present*)
Dayton Bar Association — (1982 – *present*)
Columbus Bar Association – (1992 – 2012)
Ohio Ass’n. of Criminal Defense Lawyers (1986 – 2004)

Professor / Lecturer

1981 – 1986 Supervised legal interns & lectured Political Science classes at Univ. 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 Assn. Convention in Dayton
2006 Presented “Family Law” at Ohio State Bar Assn. Update
2006 Presented “Custody & Child Support” at OSBA Fine Points of Divorce Seminar
2009 Presented “Don’ts 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, ‘17–‘19 & ‘22 Presented “Ethics for Family Law Attorneys” at OSBA
2019 –‘20, ‘22 & ‘23 Presented “Case law Update for Family Law Attys” at OSBA
2013–‘16, ‘18–‘20, ‘22–‘23 Presented “Professional Responsibility & Family Law” for Dayton Bar Ass’n.
2018–2023 Presented “Prof. Responsibility & Family Law” for Family Law Forum in Dayton
2019 Presented “Prof. Responsibility & Family Law” for Greene County Bar Ass’n.

Articles Published

(1980 & 1991 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

October, 2018 Warning re: Issue 2 — The Oakwood Register

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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 R. Steinberg and, U.S. District Court Judge Walter Rice.
2022	Barrister of the Month – Nov.-Dec. issue of Dayton Bar Ass'n. Briefs

Positions Held

2012 – 2014	Chairman of OSBA Family Law Committee
2010 – 2012	Vice-Chairman OSBA Family Law Committee
2008 – 2010	Secretary of OSBA Family Law Committee
2008 – 2010	Chairman of Family Law Committee - Columbus Bar Assn.
2008 – present	Member of Family Law Committee – Dayton Bar Assn.
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 – 2012	Member of Family Law Committee – Columbus Bar Association.
1991 – 1993	Chairman of OSBA Criminal Justice Committee
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 Municipal Court, Ohio)
1979	Research Assistant to U.D. S.L. Professor Robert J. Martineau "The Supreme Court and State Regulation of the Legal Profession" <u>Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly</u> pgs. 199- (Winter, 1981). – summarized relevant U.S. Supreme Court cases (1790 – 1980).