



Kathleen M. Brinkman

of counsel

Kathy joined the Cincinnati office of Porter Wright after 24 years as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio. Her prosecution specialties were complex white-collar and other major economic crimes, public corruption and environmental crimes. She also investigated and prosecuted health care fraud matters, including False Claims Act cases. She is a recognized authority in asset forfeiture and has taught the subject throughout the U.S. and abroad.

Kathy represents corporations and individuals who face investigation or charges by federal authorities, or whose property the government seeks to forfeit. She has recently defended clients in environmental, public corruption, gambling and fraud criminal investigations and prosecutions.

Kathy is a retired adjunct professor at the University of Cincinnati College of Law, where she taught Trial Practice. She is the author of *Federal Criminal Procedure Litigation Manual* and a coauthor of *Sixth Circuit Practice Manual*. Among her many honors are the 2015 Distinguished Alumnus Award of the University of Cincinnati College of Law, the 2015 Outstanding Achievement Award of the Cincinnati Women's Political Caucus, the 2011 John P. Kiely Professionalism Award from the Cincinnati Bar Association, the 2005 Nettie Cronise Lutes Award from the Ohio State Bar Association and her recognition in *Ohio Super Lawyers*® for Criminal Defense: White Collar. She was recognized as one of the "Top 50 Women Attorneys in Ohio" by *Ohio Super Lawyers*® for 2015. In addition, Kathy is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

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EDUCATION

University of Cincinnati College of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*

Edgecliff College, B.A., *magna cum laude*

SERVICES

Litigation

- Health Care litigation

Environmental

Immigration

Corporate & Internal Investigations

Kathy is chair of the Hamilton County Public Defender Commission. She is a member of the Board of Friends to the Indigent who raise money to fund top-notch trial training for public defenders and other appointed counsel in Hamilton County.

Kathy is the secretary of the Board of Advocates of the Ohio Innocence Project (OIP) at the University of Cincinnati College of Law. The OIP has obtained the exoneration of 30 innocent prisoners in Ohio since its founding in 2003. She is also a member and immediate past-president of the Board of the Holocaust & Humanity Center (formerly the Center for Holocaust & Humanity Education). In 2019 HHC significantly expanded its reach into the community. It is now located in the Cincinnati Union Terminal complex which houses the Cincinnati Museum Center. In this historic point of entry by train for many Holocaust survivors to a new life in Cincinnati, HHC will more than double its exhibit space and be accessible to more than 1.4 million visitors each year.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky

PRESENTATIONS

- “Money Laundering and Structuring,” Carl H. Linder College of Business, University of Cincinnati
- “Professional Conduit,” American College of Trial Lawyers, Ohio State Bar Association
- “What You Don’t Know About Criminal Law Can Hurt You,” Capstone program, Farmer School of Business, Miami University
- “Professional Conduct: Not Your Grandma’s Professionalism, Ethics & Substance Abuse Seminar,” Cincinnati Bar Association
- “Confident Decisions: Successful Second Seasons,” Cincinnati Bar Association
- “Ethics and Professionalism,” American College of Trial Lawyers, Ohio State Bar Association
- “How to Advance Your Public Sector v. Private Sector Career,” Ohio Women’s Bar Association
- “Environmental Crimes Investigation and Prosecution,” 28th Annual Ohio Environment, Energy and Resources Law Seminar, Ohio State Bar Association
- “Criminal Immigration Law for Employers,” American Immigration Lawyers Association
- “Ethics and Professionalism in Criminal Prosecution and Defense,” University of Cincinnati College of Law
- “Thank You Vinny, Atticus, and Tom Cruise: Everything I Know About Cross-Examination I Learned from the Movies,” Dayton Chapter of the Federal Bar Association
- “How an Employer Should Respond to Information that an Employee or Subcontractor Employee is an Illegal Alien,” Porter Wright Morris & Arthur
- “Focus on Criminal Law Careers,” Miami University Pre-law Program
- “Both Sides Now: From Prosecutor to Defense Attorney,” Federal Law Seminar, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio
- “Corporate Ethics and U.S. Department of Justice Policy,” Cintas Institute for Business Ethics, Xavier University
- “They Know It When They See It: When Federal Prosecutors Regard Business Misconduct as Crime,” Columbus Council for Ethical Leadership
- “Margaret Garner” a Historical Mock Trial of a Runaway Slave for Murder, Federal Bar Association National Convention and the Cincinnati Opera

- “Belva Lockwood,” a One-woman Show Portraying the First Woman Admitted to Practice Before the U.S. Supreme Court

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Cincinnati Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Association
- American College of Trial Lawyers

HONORS | AWARDS

- Cincinnati Bar Foundation, John L. Muething Lifetime Achievement in Law Award, 2018
- Pro Seniors, “Seniors Who Rock,” 2017
- Planned Parenthood Southwest Ohio, Diamond Award, 2017
- *Ohio Super Lawyers*®, 2009, 2011-2020
- *Ohio Super Lawyers*®, “Top 25 Women Cincinnati Super Lawyers,” 2012-2017, 2019
- *Ohio Super Lawyers*®, “Top 50 Cincinnati Super Lawyers,” 2013, 2014, 2017
- *Ohio Super Lawyers*®, “Top 50 Women Ohio Super Lawyers,” 2012-2017
- *Ohio Super Lawyers*®, “Top 100 Ohio Super Lawyers,” 2013-2014

COMMUNITY

- Planned Parenthood of Southwest Ohio Region, Board Committee Member
- Planned Parenthood Advocates of Ohio, Board Member
- Ohio Innocence Project, Board Secretary
- The Holocaust & Humanity Center, Board Member
- Friends to the Indigent, Board Member
- Hamilton County Public Defender Commission, Chair