



# DAYNA M HLOSKA

## Senior Counsel

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Dayna is an essential member of KJK's Student & Athlete Defense practice group, where she focuses on Higher Education, including Title IX, campus misconduct and other disciplinary matters.

Dayna's primary dedication lies in providing support and advocacy for students involved in proceedings related to sexual assault, sexual harassment, and other forms of sexual misconduct, primarily in Title IX proceedings. Leveraging her extensive legal background, Dayna guides students through the process, offering information about the Title IX policies, reporting and complaint process, and alternative routes to the Title IX process such as filing a criminal complaint or engaging in mediation or restorative justice.

Dayna assists students in drafting their initial statements, preparing for hearings and providing ongoing supportive services to students during the hearing, fact finding phase and after the hearing. Dayna helps students evaluate the potential impact of these proceedings on their academic, social, and extracurricular lives, empowering them to make decisions aligned with their personal goals.

For more than 25 years, Dayna has actively advocated for, advised, mentored, educated and supported collegiate women in both public and private college/university settings. Her involvement spans volunteer roles within her sorority, including National Chapter Advisor, Membership Specialist, College Chapter Director, Membership Advisor, Risk Prevention and Education Advisor, and Standards Advisor at multiple Ohio campuses. As an advisor, she successfully worked with colleges, universities and collegiate women to investigate and mediate dozens of disciplinary and misconduct matters.

Her commitment to social justice is further highlighted by her five-year tenure as a Summit County Court Appointed Special Advocate, where she passionately served as an advocate for abused and neglected children, appointed by a judge to champion their rights.

Additionally, Dayna has developed and presented educational workshops and programs at both state and regional levels, focusing on membership recruitment/retention, risk prevention, and judicial procedures tailored for collegiate women.

Prior to joining KJK, Dayna's practice primarily focused on cases in toxic tort and insurance defense matters.

## EDUCATION

- The University of Akron School of Law, J.D., 2006
- Bowling Green State University, B.A., Women's Studies & Psychology, 1998
  - Order of Omega and Gamma Sigma Alpha Honor Societies, Member
  - Cleveland Alumnae Panhellenic Scholarship

## PRACTICE AREAS

- Criminal Defense
- Student & Athlete Defense

## BAR/COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Secured the dismissal of a Title IX matter for a University Professor respondent.
- Succeeded on appeal to overturn the interim suspension of a student-athlete involved in a Title IX proceeding.
- Obtained a not responsible finding for an undergraduate student respondent in a Title IX matter following a hearing.
- Prevailed on appeal in upholding the finding of not responsible for an undergraduate student respondent.
- Advised a student complainant who was the victim of sexual assault and successfully obtained a finding of responsibility against the respondent following a hearing.
- Advised a student complainant who was the victim of dating violence and successfully obtained a finding of responsibility against the respondent following a hearing.
- Advised a student respondent accused of sexual assault, sexual harassment, domestic violence and dating violence, and successfully obtained a finding of not responsible on all charges following a hearing.
- Obtained finding of not responsible for student charged with sexual assault and sexual harassment following a hearing
- Obtained finding of not responsible for student charged with sexual assault following a hearing
- Obtained finding of not responsible for student charged with sexual misconduct following a hearing
- Obtained finding of not responsible for graduate student charged with dating violence, intimidation, stalking and sexual harassment following a hearing
- Negotiated resolution of matter involving allegation of discriminatory harassment that resulted in no discipline for student respondent

## AWARDS

- Olive McCune Loyalty Award, 2011
- The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
- Akron Bar Association, 2006 – 2015

- The Charles F. Scanlon & Samuel H. Bell Inn of Court
  - Planning Committee Member, 2012 – 2015
  - Barrister Member, 2009 – 2015
- Summit County CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocate, 2006 – 2010

#### **CIVIC INVOLVEMENT**

- Delta Zeta Sorority
- The Charles F. Scanlon & Samuel H. Bell Inn of Court
- Summit County CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocate, 2006 – 2010