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Kristina is co-chair, along with Susan Stone, of KJK's Student & Athlete Defense / Title IX Practice Group.

For more than fifteen years, Kristina has protected and counseled clients during the most difficult periods in their lives. She has developed a sophisticated federal and state practice with a particular focus on internet-based crimes. Her experience is regularly enlisted for complex cases involving allegations of sexual assault, and she has worked on national defense teams representing students and executives facing prosecution in the United States and abroad. Kristina is also extremely adept at working with families and defending juveniles facing prosecution, particularly when the child has a physical or mental disability.

Kristina has achieved great success protecting students and professors in campus Title IX proceedings, which has garnered her a national reputation. Her services are particularly sought after to navigate Title IX cases involving a parallel criminal investigation. In addition to being a skilled Title IX attorney, Kristina also helps students of all ages facing academic misconduct, research misconduct and other types of discipline. Additionally, she is certified in restorative justice and has worked to guide students through informal resolution, including mediation and restorative justice. Kristina has also represented Greek organizations involved in student disciplinary matters and assisted with drafting policies and implementing training. When Title IX and other campus misconduct matters require litigation, Kristina has filed civil suit in federal courts across the country and successfully negotiated resolutions.

Over the years, Kristina's practice has grown to include representation of people with complex mental health and neurological disorders. She serves as a tireless advocate for clients with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Kristina's understanding of ASD enables her to effectively communicate the social and behavioral deficits associated with ASD to school officials, lawyers and judges.

With training in crisis communication, Kristina leads teams that can protect her clients' needs not only in court, schools and the workplace, but also in the public realm. Kristina and Susan Stone co-created the firm's Reputation Management practice to protect clients facing backlash from social media and internet postings, as well as other forms of defamation. Given the diversity of her clients and their needs, Kristina understands the importance of a comprehensive multi-disciplinary strategy.

PRACTICE GROUPS

- Criminal Defense
- Litigation & Arbitration
- Student & Athlete Defense

EDUCATION

- Skidmore College, Certificate of Completion, Restorative Justice Training
- Cleveland State University Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, J.D., 2006 (Honors)
- Boston University, B.A., European History, 2003 (Honors)

BAR/COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- Ohio Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Working with our client and our team of mental healthcare professionals, we were able to help a student with ADHD, who had never before received accommodations on a standardized test, successfully appeal the denial of her disability accommodation request for the MCAT. Our client will now receive the extra time she deserves on this important professional entrance exam.
- Successfully prevailed in an expulsion hearing and kept student in school after serious allegations of misconduct.
- Obtained reversal of discipline sanction in housing misconduct matter.
- Successfully defended a pre-med undergraduate student for alleged cheating on a physics lab report and showed that the professor had made a critical error in basic mathematics.
- Won an appeal with the NCAA to allow a student to remove restriction on eligibility to play football.
- Successfully represented a professor who was falsely accused of violating Title IX by a graduate student and obtained a finding of not responsible for all allegations.
- Represented two students accused fraternal hazing; suspension avoided for both individuals.
- Achieved a result of not responsible in a case where a student was charged with sexual assault and sexual harassment.

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

- ADHD and Student Discipline: From Kindergarten Through College, CHADD Annual International Conference on ADHD (Dallas, TX), Nov. 19, 2022
- Understanding Sexuality and ASD: Considerations for College Students on the Autism Spectrum, ATIXA (Orlando, FL), Oct. 19, 2022
- A Comparative Analysis: Sexual Assault Cases in Court & on Campus, NACDL 2021 Annual Defending Sex Cases Training Seminar, Nov. 18, 2021
- Healthy Sex Lives in College: How to Deal with Impulsivity, The 2020 Virtual International Conference on ADHD, Nov. 7, 2020
- Title IX: What Due Process Looks Like Now, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, May 27, 2020
- Consent When the Bee Stings, Indiana University, March 26, 2020
- Avoiding Title IX Allegations During Internships; Coronavirus, Kent State University, March 19, 2020
- College Concerns: Helping Students With Disabilities Transition to College and Navigate Campus Disciplinary Proceedings, COPAA National Conference, (Baltimore, MD), March 8, 2020

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association, 2007 – Present
 - Ethics and Professionalism Committee, 2009
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association since 2006, Cleveland Committee, 2012 – Present
 - Judicial Selection Committee, 2018
- Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association Life member, 2007 – Present
 - Board of Trustees, 2012 – Present
 - Professional Opportunities Committee, 2011
- Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates, Member, 2017 – Present
- Families Advocating for Campus Equality, 2016 – Present
- Federal Bar Association, Member, 2007 – Present
- Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, 2016 – Present
- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
 - Board of Directors, elected to two terms: July 2013 – July 2016; July 2016 – July 2019
 - Parliamentarian, 2019 – Present
 - White Collar Committee, 2013 – Present
 - Indigent Defense Committee, 2012 – Present
 - Champion Advisory Board, 2007 – Present
- Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, 2007 – Present
 - Publications Committee, 2009
- Ohio State Bar Association, Member, 2007 – Present
 - Jury Instruction Committee, 2009
 - Criminal Justice Committee, 2009 – Present
- Stop Abusive & Violent Environments, 2016 – Present
- Women's White Collar Defense Association, 2017 – Present
 - Chapter Secretary, Ohio Chapter
- Certified Positive Discipline Educator
- Society of Women Trial Lawyers

AWARDS

- The Best Lawyers in America®, Criminal Defense: White-Collar, 2021 – 2023
- Selected to Ohio Super Lawyers, 2023
- Avvo Top Rated Lawyer, 2022
- Selected to Ohio Rising Stars, 2011 – 2013, 2015 – 2016, 2020 – 2021
- Top Attorneys in Ohio, Rising Stars, 2013
- The State's Outstanding Young Lawyers, Cincinnati Magazine, January 2011
- Robert D. Kensey Memorial Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Civil Liberties, 2006
- Executive Editor of the Year, Cleveland State Law review, 2006
- High "A" CALI Awards:
 - Legal Writing, 2004
 - Product Liability, 2005
 - Sexual Orientation & Law, 2006

MEDIA MENTIONS

- Judge halts U of C senior's removal from student housing, Chicago Daily Law Bulletin, Nov. 11, 2022
- LSU could be experiencing increased sexual assaults during a six-week period known as the Red Zone, LSU Reveille, Sep. 2021
- No Shelter From Trouble For Students During Quarantine, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal, April 2021
- KJK's Kristina Supler Speaks With NACDL on New Title IX Regulations, NACDL, Aug. 12, 2020
- Stone & Supler Discuss LSU Case With USA Today, USA Today, June 19, 2020
- A suspended LSU football player files a federal lawsuit against the university, Louisiana Radio Network, June 19, 2020
- Former LSU football player suing to be reinstated to team, 24/7 Sports, June 18, 2020
- Stone & Supler Discuss LSU Player's Case With ESPN, ESPN, June 18, 2020
- Stone & Supler Speak With The Advocate Regarding LSU Football Player's Case, The Advocate, June 18, 2020
- Susan Stone and Kristina Supler interviewed about the future of education in the COVID-19 era and beyond, For the Defense With Brad Koffel, May, 17, 2020