



## KRISTINA W. SUPLER

Kristina is co-chair, along with Susan Stone, of KJK's Student and Athlete Defense Practice Group. She and Susan also co-chair the firm's Criminal, Cyber and White-Collar Practice Group.

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### PRACTICE AREAS

- Autism Defense
- Student & Athlete Defense/Title IX
- Criminal, Cyber & White Collar
- Special Education Law
- Research & Scientific Misconduct
- Reputation Management

Kristina has developed a sophisticated federal and state practice with a particular focus on technology and internet-based offenses. Kristina's experience has also been enlisted for complex matters including government procurement fraud, public corruption, bank fraud and tax issues. She has led national defense teams representing individuals involved in high-stakes litigation. Kristina prides herself on her ability to counsel clients during the most difficult periods in their lives.

In her Education and Student Defense Practice, Kristina handles a variety of matters involving educational services and student discipline. She has achieved great success representing students and professors in campus Title IX proceedings. Kristina is particularly adept at navigating the challenges and intricacies of parallel university and law enforcement investigations. Her extensive experience with sexual assault cases proves invaluable for clients subject to Title IX proceedings. Kristina has also represented Greek organizations involved in student disciplinary matters and assisted with drafting policies and implementing member training. When campus misconduct matters have required litigation, Kristina has filed suit in federal courts across the country and successfully negotiated resolutions.

Kristina's criminal defense 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") who are facing prosecution. Kristina's understanding of ASD enables her to effectively communicate the social and behavioral deficits associated with ASD to prosecutors, judges and educators.

In 2013, Kristina was elected to serve on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers ("NACDL"), which is the preeminent criminal defense organization in the country. She serves as the chair of the Title IX Committee and as a co-chair of the Sixth Circuit Amicus Committee. Locally, Kristina serves as a trustee for the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association.

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## EDUCATION

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

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association, 2007-present
- Ethics and Professionalism Committee, 2009
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, 2006-present  
Cleveland Committee, 2012-present
- Judicial Selection Committee, 2018
- Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates, member, 2017-present
- Families Advocating for Campus Equality, member, 2016-present
- Federal Bar Association, member, 2007-present
- Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, member, 2016-present
- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
  - Board of Directors, elected July 2013; Parliamentarian, 2019-present
- Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, 2007-present
- Ohio State Bar Association, member, 2007-present
  - Criminal Justice Committee, 2009-present
- Stop Abusive & Violent Environments, 2016-present
- Women White Collar Defense Association, 2017-present

## MEDIA MENTIONS

- Susan Stone and Kristina Supler interviewed for "Brian Ross Investigates" piece, "Has 'MeToo' Gone Too Far?", Law & Crime Network, Sept. 26, 2019
- Susan Stone and Kristina Supler interviewed about the "Red Zone" and sexual assault on campus, Fox 8 News, Sept. 6, 2019
- Susan Stone and Kristina Supler interviewed regarding investigation into UNC women's basketball program, CNN.com, April 2, 2019
- Susan Stone and Kristina Supler interviewed about plea bargaining in sexual assault cases following plea deal in Baylor University rape case, CNN.com, Dec. 18, 2018
- Susan Stone and Kristina Supler interviewed regarding Urban Meyer suspension at The Ohio State University, 97.1 The Fan Sports Radio, Columbus, Aug. 23, 2018
- Susan Stone and Kristina Supler interviewed related to case obtaining TRO for client to play football in college, Associated Press coverage, Sept. 15, 2017

## CLIENT FEEDBACK

- "Kristina and Susan are very competent and experienced attorneys in Title IX and higher education law who treat their clients with integrity and compassion. Highly recommend this team!"
- "We are very grateful for all the hard work that Susan, Kristina and her team put into a rather difficult case. Our son was put in a very difficult situation while playing sports at the College level. His strength and conditioning coach recommended a pre-workout substance that he said was NCAA approved to use before working out. After submitting to a random drug test, he tested positive for that exact substance and was then suspended. Susan and Kristina represented our son during the NCAA appeal process. Ultimately, his suspension was overturned and he returned to the sport he loves. Thank you again."

 Susan and Kristina are great lawyers. They helped me resolve an extremely difficult academic dishonesty accusation case against me at the university level. They had helpful ideas and were persistent in making sure my defense was the best it could be. They were creative in their way of utilizing outside resources that helped achieve a positive outcome. Good, prompt responses to my questions. I highly recommend them!



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