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education

University of Akron School of Law (J.D., 2012)

Baldwin Wallace College (B.A., History, 2007,
cum laude)

- *Law Club*

admissions

Ohio

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of
Ohio

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of
Ohio

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

honors

- *The Best Lawyers in America*® (Financial
Services Regulation Law), 2023, 2024

affiliations

- Co-Chair, NAWL Moms (National
Association of Women Lawyers)
- Ohio State Bar Association
- Cleveland Bar Association

I enjoy both problem-solving and creative solutions. I like to learn as much as I possibly can about a case, down to the smallest details, and educate my client so they can understand the options to resolve or proceed with the litigation. I pride myself on being knowledgeable about new developments in relevant case law and the effect those changes may have on how I practice law.

Stefanie Deka is Of Counsel in our Commercial Litigation practice group. Based in our Cleveland office, Stefanie counsels clients with respect to commercial and residential foreclosure litigation, including title and real estate litigation, violations of state and federal consumer statutes, and common law claims.

She has worked with clients through all phases of litigation, from initial fact-gathering, strategy development, and discovery through settlement and trial. Stefanie has extensive loss mitigation knowledge concerning both retention and non-retention options, as well as the application of federal statutes to a lender's loss mitigation policies and procedures.

When resolution of a dispute is not possible, Stefanie has extensive experience in both taking and defending depositions, motion practice, discovery, as well as class action litigation. Her work has included preparing oppositions to jurisdictional

memos to the Ohio Supreme Court and appellate advocacy in both state and federal court. She also has significant transactional experience, preparing title transfer documents, settlement agreements, and indemnification demands.

Her overall approach to litigation integrates careful research and innovative strategic thinking. She analyzes many different aspects of a problem to arrive at a creative solution. Typically, this includes evaluating the interests of all stakeholders, including the opposing party, her client, and the courts to find a workable solution that provides the best possible result given the factors at issue.

published articles

"One Unwanted Voicemail Is Enough to Establish Standing under the FDCPA," *ABA Business Law Today*, April Month-In-Brief: Business Regulation & Regulated Industries, May 5, 2023

"Second Circuit Holds a Legal Inaccuracy Does Not Give Rise to a Cause of Action Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act," *ABA Business Law Today*, January Month-In-Brief: Business Regulation & Regulated Industries, February 1, 2023

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"Litigation Trends Impacting Mortgage Servicers," 2023 Consumer Finance Legal Conference, October 12, 2023

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