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Mrs. Blandford is a partner and member of Kohnen & Patton's Litigation, Employment Law, Insurance Coverage and Construction Law Practice Groups. She practices in the areas of insurance law, employment law, personal injury, products liability, commercial litigation, construction litigation, employer intentional tort and general tort and contract litigation.

Aside from successfully pursuing claims and defenses of people and companies in federal and state court, Mrs. Blandford is experienced at analyzing insurance coverage issues involving CGL policies, homeowners policies, auto policies, umbrella policies, disability insurance, professional liability insurance and other insurance policies, through coverage opinions and declaratory judgment litigation. This insurance litigation includes experience defending bad faith claims and has resulted in several appellate decisions interpreting policy provisions. Mrs. Blandford has defended manufacturers of products such as escalators and elevators against product liability claims. She has defended discrimination claims at the OCRC, EEOC and trial and appellate court levels, as well as trade secret, unfair competition and other employment litigation. She also assists clients with collection work, Board of Revision hearings, and contract litigation. Mrs. Blandford attended the University of Cincinnati College of Law where she was a recipient of the Timothy Walker Founder's Scholarship. Before law school, Mrs. Blandford graduated magna cum laude from the University of Cincinnati with a Bachelor's Degree in political science and a journalism certificate. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Mrs. Blandford is a native Cincinnati, married with four children. She has volunteered as a soccer coach and scout leader. Mrs. Blandford is a graduate of the Cincinnati Academy of Leadership for Lawyers, Class VI, and served on the CALL Fellows Committee. She has been named a Rising Star Super Lawyer by Law & Politics in conjunction with Cincinnati Magazine, and recognized as one of Ohio's Super Lawyers by Law & Politics in conjunction with Cincinnati Magazine.

### Professional Memberships:

Cincinnati Bar Association  
 Ohio State Bar Association  
 Kentucky Bar Association

### Admitted to Practice:

State of Ohio (1993)  
 Commonwealth of Kentucky (1999)  
 U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio (1994)  
 U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio (2010)  
 U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Kentucky (2000)  
 U.S. District Court, Western District of Kentucky (2008)  
 U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana (2003)  
 U.S. District Court, Northern District of Indiana (2011)

### Practice Areas

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U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit (1999)

### Education:

J.D., University of Cincinnati College of Law (1993)

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### Awards and Honors:

Recognized as one of Ohio's Super Lawyers by Law and Politics in conjunction with Cincinnati Magazine

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### Representative Reported Decisions:

*Soper v. Infusion Partners, Inc.*, 2009 US Dist. Lexis 6203 (S.D. Ohio 2009)

*Gibson v. Precision Strip*, 2008-Ohio-4958 (2008 Ohio 12th App.)

*Estate of Louise Schaefer Wilshire v. United States of America*, 2008 U.S. Dist Lexis 91920 (S.D. Ohio 2008)

*Florists Mut. Ins. Co. v. Ludy Greenhouse Mfg. Corp.*, 521 F Supp 2d 661 (S.D. Ohio 2007)

*Cincinnati Ins. Co. v. Thompson & Ward Leasing Co., Inc.*, 2005-Ohio-6761 (2005 Ohio 10th App.)

*Wright v. Cincinnati Ins. Co.*, 159 Ohio App. 3d 154 (2004 Ohio 2nd App)

*Cincinnati Ins. v. Thompson & Ward Leasing Co., Inc.*, 158 Ohio App 3d 369 (2004 Ohio 10th App.)

*Bogan v. Johnson*, 2004-Ohio-422 (2004 Ohio 12th App)

*Cross v. Cincinnati Ins.*, 2004-Ohio-328 (2004 Ohio 4th App)

*Lantham v. Cincinnati Ins. Co.*, 2002-Ohio-6798 (2002 Ohio 4th App)

*Neville v. City of Wyoming*, 2002-Ohio-4936 (2002 Ohio 1st App)

### Professional Presentations:

2011: Insurance Law 2011: New and Evolved Types of Insurance Policies; Causes of Action

2009: The Mechanics of Ohio Civil Procedure: The Purpose, Procedure and Strategy of Discovery; Motions, Notices and Hearings

2008: Bad Faith Insurance Claims in Ohio: Gain a New Perspective of Pre-Trial Practice; Consider the Ethical Consequence: It's Legal, But Is it Right?

2007: Advanced Discovery and Evidence: Scope and Limitations of Discovery; Discovery Best Practice

2007: Employment Law from A to Z in Ohio: Overview & Recent Changes to the Employment Law Alphabet Soup

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