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Mrs. Blandford is a partner and member of Kohlen & Patton's Litigation and Employment Practices Practice Groups. She practices in the areas of insurance law, personal injury, products liability, debt collection, employment law, construction defects, 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 court level, as well as trade secret, unfair competition and other employment litigation. She also assists clients with collection work, Board of Revision hearings, and other 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, also serving her church's education commission and parish council. 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*.

Areas of Practice:

Litigation
Employment Law

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, Eastern District of Kentucky (2000)
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana (2003)
U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit (1999)

Education:

J.D., University of Cincinnati College of Law (1993)
B.A., University of Cincinnati (1990), Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

Representative Reported Decisions:

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)