

BROOKE F. KOCAB, Esq.



Brooke Kocab is a Magistrate with the Ashtabula County Juvenile Court. Magistrate Kocab has been a licensed attorney since 1985. She is admitted to the Ohio bar, as well as the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Federal Court of Federal Claims. She has participated in cases heard by the United States Supreme Court, the Ohio Supreme Court, and the Fifth, Eighth, Tenth, Eleventh, and Twelfth District Courts of Appeals of Ohio.

Ms. Kocab has always been interested in conflict resolution, and in that regard, was trained in Collaborative Family Law, and as a Mediator, having successfully completed Basic, Family Law and Domestic Abuse Mediation training. She employs the tools used during her training when addressing parties before her in Court, and makes every effort to resolve cases, if possible, in a manner that will address everyone's wishes.

Prior to becoming a Magistrate with the Ashtabula Juvenile Court, Ms. Kocab was a partner at Berkman, Gordon, Murray & DeVan, practicing in downtown Cleveland for 25 years, where she litigated First Amendment, Criminal, Domestic Relations, Wrongful Death, Medical Malpractice, Personal Injury, and Employment Discrimination cases, and successfully pursued a Vaccine Injury Compensation case through the United States Federal Court of Federal Claims. Thereafter, Magistrate Kocab had a private practice for a brief period of time, was a fill-in Magistrate in the Willoughby Municipal Court, and ultimately, came to the Ashtabula County Juvenile Court in 2016.

In addition to being a Magistrate, Magistrate Kocab has been an adjunct professor at Lakeland Community College, and was previously an adjunct professor at Lake Erie College, in each of their respective Paralegal programs. She has taught a variety of classes, including Introduction to Paralegal Studies, Civil Litigation and Procedure, Legal Research and Writing, Ethics and the Senior Seminar Internship class.

On a personal note, Magistrate Kocab has always enjoyed volunteering her time with or for the betterment of children and teens. She has been a member and/or officer of a number of Boards, including the Mentor Schools Foundation Board, Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Northeast Ohio, a variety of youth group Boards, and the Lake County Law Library Board. She was also a Mock Trial coach for Mentor High School for a number of years.