



Magistrate Elizabeth A. Tekavec

Ms. Tekavec is a lifelong resident of Northeastern Ohio. She graduated from Riverside High School and achieved her Bachelor of Science degree from Lake Erie College, Summa Cum Laude. Ms. Tekavec worked in the equine industry prior to attending Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, and continued to work full-time for the City of Cleveland Heights Law Department while attending law school in the evenings. In December of 2011, Ms. Tekavec graduated Cum Laude from Cleveland-Marshall and began setting her sights on Juvenile Law at the Lake County Prosecutor's Office in June of 2012.

Ms. Tekavec advanced quickly at the prosecutor's office and became Juvenile Division Supervisor in January of 2015.

Throughout her career, Ms. Tekavec has successfully handled numerous cases of varying degree. In the beginning of her legal career, as a legal-intern, Ms. Tekavec (Cullivan) prosecuted many traffic and misdemeanor criminal cases for the City of Cleveland Heights.¹ Upon joining the Lake County Prosecutor's Office, Ms. Tekavec (Cullivan) handled many serious felony cases in the Juvenile and Felony Divisions, including cases of: drug trafficking, vehicular/felonious assault, inducing panic, and an international "SWATTING" case.² Ms. Tekavec (Cullivan) also served as lead prosecutor in the 2015 alleged murder/delinquency case in the Lake County Juvenile Court.³

While in private practice, Ms. Tekavec represented Juveniles charged with delinquencies, Adults charged with criminal offenses, Parents and Grandparents in Children Services-related and Non-Children Services-related custody matters, has been appointed by area courts to represent indigent defendants and as a Guardian ad Litem for the minor children in our communities.

Ms. Tekavec is a proud 2020 graduate of the OSBA Leadership Academy, member of the Ashtabula County Bar Association, the Lake County Bar Association, the Ohio State Bar Association, and the Ohio Association of Magistrates. She is active in the community through volunteer work at the YMCA and St. Gabriel's Catholic Church, coaching youth athletics, supporting local events, and is an avid runner.

¹<https://patch.com/ohio/clevelandheights/josh-cribbs-loses-parking-ticket-battle-in-cleveland-heights>

²https://www.news-herald.com/news/ohio/painesville-township-teen-sentenced-to-juvenile-prison-for-swatting-bomb/article_cbccc531-ce0e-5b2b-8b10-628f0c20c9c3.html

³https://www.news-herald.com/news/ohio/jobs-and-family-services-to-take-custody-of--year/article_31acc00a-c057-5d27-9609-895c611af686.html