

Area Commission Membership Registration

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1	FIELD Legistar <u>Near East Area Commission</u> (enter the name of the Commission)	CURRENT INFORMATION Legistar <u>Change of address/tele number</u> (note action required - appointment, reappointment, resignation, informational change notes)	NEW INFORMATION (1) Please print new information clearly, <u>OR</u> (2) Place a “check” in these boxes if member is re-elected and information is unchanged (3) Do not forget to update “Term Expiration” for re-elected members
2	First Name	Mark	
3	Last Name	Kafantaris	
4	Title	District II Commissioner	
5	Address	1450 E. Broad St	
6	City	Columbus	
7	State	Ohio	
8	Zip Code	43205	
9	Home Telephone		
10	Work Telephone	614-223-1444	
11	Fax Number		
12	Email Address	mark@kafantaris.com	
13	District/Designation	District II	
14	Term Start Date	July 1, 2014	
15	Term Expiration	June 30, 2017	
16	Seat Succession	Nominated to replace Ouida Jackson	

Mark G. Kafantaris

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Education

Capital University Law School, Columbus, Ohio

Juris Doctor, magna cum laude, January, 2006

- GPA: 3.4/4.0; Order of the Curia; Dean's List (Four Semesters)
- CALI Book Awards: Con. Law I; Con. Litigation; Business Assns. I; Property II; Evidence

The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Bachelor of Arts (Major: Political Science; Minor: Film Studies), June, 2003

- Dean's List: 2001-2003

Licensure

- ~~The Supreme Court of the United States~~
- The Supreme Court of Ohio and all Courts and Agencies of the State
- The United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- The United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio
- The United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- The United States Tax Court

Legal Experience

Kafantaris Law Offices, Columbus, Ohio

Attorney at Law, May, 2006 to Present

- General practice focusing on criminal defense, civil litigation, consumer bankruptcy, and social security disability claims

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio – Judge Algenon L. Marbley

Judicial Extern, Fall Term, 2005

- Drafted opinions, orders, and memoranda for the Court

Columbus City Prosecutor's Office

Intern Prosecutor, May, 2005 to May, 2006

- Prosecuted misdemeanor traffic offenses

Supreme Court of Ohio – Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton

Judicial Extern, Spring Term, 2005

- Prepared recommendations on pending jurisdictional memoranda and merit briefs

Kafantaris Law Offices, Warren, Ohio

Law Clerk, Summers 2001, 2002 & 2004

- Performed legal research, drafted motions, and memoranda

Law Offices of Irene K. Makridis & Raymond J. Masek, Warren, Ohio

Legal Assistant, Summers 1999 & 2000

- Transcribed pleadings, briefs, interviews, and client correspondence

Peer Recognition

- Ohio Super Lawyers – Ohio Rising Stars: 2011, 2012, 2014
- Avvo – Rated “Superb” (9.7/10): 2011-2014
- Martindale-Hubbe – Rated BV “Distinguished”

Professional Associations

- City of Columbus Property Maintenance Appeals Board (Co-Chair)
- Better Lawyer Magazine (Member, Editorial Board)
- Columbus Bar Association (Member, Fee Arbitration Committee)
- Omicron Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity Board of Control (Legal Advisor)
- Credit Education Coalition (Member)

Published Articles

- *Getting Into the Cloud*, COLUMBUS BAR LAWYERS QUARTERLY, Fall, 2013, at 18.
- *To Be Early Is To Be On Time*, COLUMBUS BAR LAWYERS QUARTERLY, Fall, 2011, at 32.
- ~~*The Building Blocks of Credibility*, COLUMBUS BAR LAWYERS QUARTERLY, Spring, 2011, at 27-28.~~
- *A Primer on E-Mail Etiquette*, COLUMBUS BAR LAWYERS QUARTERLY, Spring, 2011, at 31.
- *The Limits of Advocacy*, COLUMBUS BAR LAWYERS QUARTERLY, Fall, 2010, at 23
- *Dealing with Difficult Clients*, COLUMBUS BAR LAWYERS QUARTERLY, Spring, 2010 at 26.
- *Young Lawyers Should Decompress with Non-Legal Community Work*, COLUMBUS BAR LAWYERS QUARTERLY, Fall, 2009, at 32.
- *New Lawyers Take on a Difficult Case*, COLUMBUS BAR LAWYERS QUARTERLY, Spring, 2009, at 28.
- *The Lighter Side of Law*, COLUMBUS BAR LAWYERS QUARTERLY, Spring, 2008, at 29.

Presentations

- *Manage Your Practice-Don't Let Your Practice Manage You*, 2013 Bankruptcy Law Institute, Columbus Bar Association

References

- Mark R. Brown, Professor of Law – Capital University Law School
Ph. (614) 236-6590
- Bill R. Hedrick, Chief of Staff – Columbus City Attorney's Office
Ph. (614) 645-8874
- Matthew A. Zenko, Attorney at Law
Ph. (614) 638-6654