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The Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers is proud to announce that veteran criminal defense attorney David Klucas has been selected as the recipient of its prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his decades of distinguished service to the legal profession, unwavering commitment to justice, and extraordinary advocacy on behalf of individuals accused of crimes throughout Ohio.

David Klucas has devoted more than 35 years to the practice of criminal defense law, earning statewide respect for his courtroom skill, professionalism, and dedication to protecting constitutional rights. A native of Vermilion, Ohio, Klucas earned his undergraduate degree from Ashland University before graduating from the University of Toledo College of Law in 1988. He began practicing law in 1989 and founded his own criminal defense practice in 1997, focusing on trial and appellate advocacy in both state and federal courts.

Over the course of his career, Klucas has tried more than 100 jury cases and has become widely recognized for handling some of Ohio's most serious and complex criminal matters. He is among the few attorneys to secure an acquittal in a capital murder trial and has no capital client under a sentence of death. His work has consistently reflected the highest standards of criminal defense advocacy and a steadfast belief in the rights guaranteed by the Constitution.

In addition to his trial work, Klucas has made significant contributions to the legal

community through education and mentorship. He has lectured extensively on topics including DNA evidence, capital defense litigation, federal conspiracy cases, and media relations in high-profile criminal matters. He has also appeared as a legal commentator on Court TV, helping educate the public about the criminal justice system.

The Lifetime Achievement Award is among the highest honors bestowed by the Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and recognizes attorneys whose careers exemplify excellence, integrity, leadership, and dedication to the defense of individual liberties.

For more information about David Klucas and his practice, visit [The Law Office of David Klucas](#).

Kate Bowling Announced as OACDL Lawyer of the Year

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The OACDL proudly recognizes Kate Bowling as the recipient of the Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers’ prestigious “Lawyer of the Year” honor, celebrating her outstanding advocacy, courtroom excellence, and unwavering commitment to defending the rights of individuals across Ohio.

Since founding [Bowling Law Office](#) in 2008, Bowling has built a reputation as one of the Miami Valley’s most respected and formidable criminal defense attorneys. Through her relentless preparation, strategic trial skills, and client-centered approach, she has successfully represented individuals charged with the most serious criminal offenses throughout the region.

Known for her “roll up your sleeves” philosophy, Bowling has earned widespread recognition as an aggressive and exceptionally skilled trial attorney with a deep command of Ohio law and courtroom practice. Her dedication to justice and tireless advocacy has made her a trusted voice in criminal defense and a respected leader among her peers.

A graduate of Miami University and the University of Dayton School of Law, Bowling serves not only as Owner of Bowling Law Office, but also as an Acting Judge in Kettering Municipal Court.

Bowling has been repeatedly recognized by Ohio Super Lawyers for Excellence in the Practice of Criminal Defense Law. In addition to her extensive trial work, she is a sought-after speaker and educator, regularly presenting to attorneys across Ohio on topics