



## Melany Kotlarek Fontanazza

### OF COUNSEL

Melany Kotlarek Fontanazza is Of Counsel in the firm's Cleveland, Ohio office and practices in the commercial litigation section. Melany represents banks, lenders, and other financial institutions in consumer financial services litigation.

Melany handles various types of business litigation and insurance defense cases at the trial and appellate level. Additionally, she served as Adjunct Professor at the University of Akron School of Law from 2006-2009, teaching Legal Writing & Research.

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#### Professional Affiliations

- Ohio State Bar Association
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association

#### Honors

- *Ohio Super Lawyers* "Rising Star" (Business Litigation), 2019
- CALI Awards: Legal Writing & Research and Legal Drafting, University of Akron School of Law, 2005, 2006
- Ernest Karam Award for Academic Excellence, University of Akron School of Law, 2005

#### Experience

##### Representation of National Financial Services Clients in Contested Foreclosure Actions

Represents national financial services institutions in contested foreclosure actions involving claims of violations of various state and federal consumer statutes, as well as common law claims.

#### News Results

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| December 3, 2019 | <a href="#">Three McGlinchey Stafford Attorneys Named to Ohio Super Lawyers 2020</a><br>McGlinchey News Release |
| December 6, 2018 | <a href="#">Six McGlinchey Stafford Attorneys Named to Ohio Super Lawyers 2019</a><br>McGlinchey News Release   |
| March 4, 2011    | <a href="#">McGlinchey Stafford Welcomes Melany Kotlarek Fontanazza To Cleveland Office</a>                     |

#### Service Areas

Commercial Litigation  
Consumer Financial  
Services Litigation

#### Education

University of Akron School of Law, J.D., 2005, Law Review  
Marietta College, B.A.,  
Accounting, 2002, cum laude

#### Admissions

Ohio  
U.S. District Court for the  
Northern District of Ohio  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the  
Third Circuit