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## Federal Bar Association Chapter Installs New Officers

CLEVELAND, OH—The Federal Bar Association—Northern District of Ohio Chapter, recently installed new officers and directors during a ceremony at the Carl B. Stokes US Court House in Cleveland. The new officers are:

- President: Deneen LaMonica, Zicarelli & Martello
- President Elect: Erin Brown, Robert Brown LLC
- Vice President: Derek Diaz, Federal Trade Commission
- Secretary: Hon. Amanda Knapp, Social Security Administration
- Treasurer: Brian Ramm, Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff, LLP

Deneen LaMonica is an experienced trial attorney in the Cleveland Office of Zicarelli & Martello. Her practice focuses on personal injury, business litigation, privacy claims and white-collar crimes. She has been practicing law since 2001 and has been featured as a top Ohio attorney on the ratings system Super Lawyers since 2017. She serves as a member of the Federal Bar Association, the Cleveland Metro Bar Association, the Justinian Forum and most recently, the Cleveland Academy of Trial Attorneys. LaMonica is the former president-elect of the Federal Bar Association-Northern District of Ohio Chapter.

Erin Brown is a partner at Robert Brown LLC, an immigration law firm in downtown Cleveland. Brown provides legal assistance for immigration matters including employment, family, adoption, removal and citizenship. She is a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association and the William K. Thomas Inn of Court and trustee for the Cleveland Marshall Law Alumni Association. Brown has been featured in several publications, authoring several articles on topics ranging from citizenship to international adoption. Brown earned her juris doctorate from Cleveland Marshall School of Law where she graduated magna cum laude.

Derek Diaz, former secretary of the Federal Bar Association-Northern District of Ohio Chapter, is an attorney in the Cleveland office of the Federal Trade Commission [FTC]. His practice involves the pursuit of judicial and administrative actions against people and entities that violate the consumer-protection laws that the FTC is charged with enforcing. Diaz also serves as a judge advocate in the United States Navy Reserve. Diaz previously worked as a litigation partner at Hahn, Loeser & Parks, LLP; a law clerk to the Honorable Arthur I. Harris, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio; and as a judge advocate in the United States Marine Corps. He graduated from the Moritz College of Law at The Ohio State University.

Hon. Amanda Knapp serves as an Administrative Law Judge for the Social Security Administration. Prior to her current position, she practiced as a business litigator with the law firm Roetzel & Andress. She also served as a law clerk to U.S. District Court Judges Margaret Morrow and Garland Burrell. She is the former vice president of the Federal Bar Association-Northern District of Ohio Chapter. Judge Knapp earned her juris doctorate degree from Harvard Law School.

Brian Ramm provides legal assistance for the national defense of pharmaceutical companies in federal and state courts. His other areas of practice also include product liability, medical malpractice, toxic tort defense and personal injury claims. Ramm has been featured on the ratings system Super Lawyer since 2012. He was also rated AV Preeminent<sup>®</sup> by Martindale-Hubbell<sup>®</sup>. Ramm was elected to the Best Lawyers in America and awarded their Lawyer of the Year designation in 2018 for product liability defense in Cleveland.

#### **About the Federal Bar Association**

Northern District of Ohio is a professional organization for attorneys and members of the judiciary who practice in the federal system or have an interest in federal law. The FBA is committed to strengthening the federal legal system and administration of justice by serving the interests and needs of the federal practitioner, both public and private, the federal judiciary and the public they serve. The Northern District of Ohio Chapter has more than 400 members. More information is available at [fba-ndohio.org](http://fba-ndohio.org).

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