Gretchen S. DeBacker

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Education:
Attended Notre Dame Academy, graduated in 1988. Attended Bowling Green State University, graduated in 1993, Bachelor of Arts Degree with a concentration in Political Science. Attended University of Toledo College of Law, graduated with a JD in 2003. Took and passed the Ohio Bar Exam in February of 2004.

Professional Employment:
I have been employed in the public, private and non-profit sector as well as being self-employed. In 1993 I started a business with my family. Sufficient Grounds Coffee Houses successfully operated for nearly ten years with six retail locations and 120 employees. When I graduated law school, I worked as a law clerk for the Law Office of Arnold & Caruso. I clerked for about a year for Judges McDonald and Bowman covering the maternity leave for two staff attorneys. In 2003, I worked for the Public Defender's Office in both Toledo Municipal Court and Lucas County Court of Common Pleas. In 2004, I started my own practice while at the same time working for Lucas County Treasurer Wade Kapszukiewicz. In the Treasurer's office I collected delinquent personal property taxes as well as supervised community outreach projects. Since 2010, I have been working at the Law Office of Gretchen DeBacker exclusively.

Professional Activities:
- Member of Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- Member of Toledo Women's Bar Association
- Member & Co-Chair of Maumee Valley Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (MVCDLA)
- Rule 20 (capital case) certified by the Ohio Supreme Court
- Graduate of the National Defender Training Project at University of Dayton Law School
- Board member, Economic Opportunity Planning Association (Head Start)
- Board member & Board Vice President, Toledo Botanical Garden
- Chair & Co-Founder, Gretchen Gotthart Skeldon Fund ($100,000 fund held at Toledo Community Foundation. Gretchenfund.org)
- Member & Chair, Arts & Culture Committee, Toledo Botanical Garden
- Toledo Museum of Art Docent
- ABLE Emerging Leaders Council