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### OVERVIEW

Attorney Peggy Schmitz has practiced law for over 40 years, starting her career as an assistant county prosecutor in Wayne County. Since joining Critchfield over 30 years ago, Peggy has focused her practice on employment and labor law matters, particularly those that entail litigation. In addition, Peggy has devoted a portion of her practice to matters related to higher education law.

### EDUCATION

University of Akron School of Law, J.D.

Bowling Green State University, B.A., *cum laude*

### ADMISSIONS

Ohio

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio

U. S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

### RECOGNITIONS

- Wayne County Athena Award Recipient (2008)
- Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce, Jack O'Donnell Award for Community Volunteerism (2014)

### PRACTICE AREAS

#### EDUCATION

#### EMPLOYMENT AND LABOR

ARBITRATION AND MEDIATION

EMPLOYMENT LITIGATION

HUMAN RESOURCES COUNSELING

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND

WORKPLACE TRAINING

## AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Association
- Wayne County Bar Association

## IN THE COMMUNITY

### CURRENT:

- Wayne Savings Community Bank and Wayne Savings Bancshares, Inc., Board Chair (2012 – present)
- Supreme Court of Ohio, Board of Professional Conduct (2106- present)
- The Women’s Fund, An Affiliate of the Wayne County Community Foundation
- The Village Network, Trustee Emeritus
- Rotary Club of Wooster, Member and Past President

### PAST:

- Ohio Church Residences, Board Member
- Wayne Center for the Arts, Board Member and Chairperson
- Ohio’s Lifecare Hospice, formerly, Hospice of Wayne County, Board Member and Chairperson
- United Way of Wayne and Holmes Counties, Board Member and Chairperson
- OneEighty, formerly, STEPS at Liberty Center, Board Member and Chairperson
- Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce, Board Member and Chairperson
- Wayne County Community Action Commission, Board Member
- Permanent Judicial Commission of the Synod of the Covenant, Presbyterian Church U.S.A (Moderator)

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Peggy has lectured before the Ohio Judicial College and the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association. She is a frequent guest speaker, trainer, and lecturer on employment and labor matters, and has published a number of articles in “The Regulatory Advisor”, a monthly publication of The Council on Law in Higher Education.