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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Jesse Knowlden has a general legal practice with an emphasis in criminal defense and civil litigation. He has successfully represented and defended clients facing a range of charges from minor misdemeanors to murder. In the civil context, Jesse has achieved favorable outcomes for his clients in a wide variety of litigation, business, and personal injury matters.

Jesse was a law clerk with Cohen, Todd, Kite & Stanford for two years before becoming an attorney. In law school, he served as a member of the University of Cincinnati Law Review and had two articles published. Prior to joining the firm, Jesse served as a fellow with the Ohio Innocence Project where he worked on post-conviction matters for individuals who were convicted of crimes that they did not commit.

Jesse is an avid outdoorsman and enjoys hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, and spending time with his wife and daughter.

PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation

- Business & Complex Litigation
- Personal Injury & Wrongful Death
- Trials and Appeals

Criminal Defense & OVI / DUI

- OVI / DUI – Drunk Driving
- White Collar Criminal Law
- Juvenile Law
- Criminal Appeals

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Ohio, 2019
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Cincinnati College of Law, 2019
- B.A., Pennsylvania State University, 2013

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Assisted in representation of individual indicted for Murder, Attempted Murder, and Felonious Assault with firearms specifications for shooting and killing one individual and shooting at another. Charges carried life in prison if convicted. Argued self-defense at trial. Not guilty verdict.
- Represented individual charged with Murder for fatally stabbing another individual. Argued self-defense. Charge dismissed.
- Represented individual indicted for two counts of Felonious Assault and one count of Having Weapons While Under Disability for shooting one individual. Argued self-defense. Charges dismissed.
- Represented individual indicted for seven counts, including first-degree felonies Aggravated Burglary and Kidnapping. Not guilty verdict on each indicted offense after a jury trial.
- Represented individual charged with two counts of Rape and one count of Gross Sexual Imposition. Not guilty verdict after a bench trial.
- Represented individual charged with two counts of Felonious Assault with gun specifications and one count of Discharging a Firearm on or near a Prohibited Premises. Charges carried a mandatory minimum of six years in prison if convicted. Argued self-defense. Not guilty verdict after a bench trial.
- Represented individual charged with Driving Under the Influence and Improper Change of Course after an early morning car accident. Not guilty verdict after trial, administrative license suspension terminated, and all case records sealed.
- Represented individual indicted for eighteen felonies, including nine first degree felonies. Conviction as charged carried over 120 years in prison. Negotiated a plea agreement to one misdemeanor, no incarceration, and no probation.
- Represented individual indicted for twenty-five felonies, including twelve first degree felonies and eleven second degree felonies. Conviction as charged carried sentence of life without parole. Argued witness credibility issues. All charges dismissed.
- Successful resolution of numerous serious personal injury claims on behalf of Plaintiffs, including multiple pre-suit settlements for policy limits.
- Pre-suit policy limit settlement of \$1,250,000 for serious personal injuries suffered in an automobile crash.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Cincinnati Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Association
- Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- Member, Armed Citizens' Legal Defense Network, Affiliated Attorney Program



AWARDS

- Ohio Super Lawyer Rising Star 2023 – 2026.
- Best Lawyers In America: Ones to Watch. Criminal Defense – White Collar, 2024, 2025, 2026
- Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch, Criminal Defense, General Practice - 2026
- Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch, Personal Injury Litigation , Plaintiffs – 2026

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