

In the Spotlight with: Attorney Maryann Chandler

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Attorney Maryann Chandler will be on *Law Talk* with host John Celebrezze to discuss the details of Ohio consumer law throughout the month of July.

Attorney Chandler earned her undergraduate degree from Cleveland State University graduating *magna cum laude*. She then attended Cleveland-Marshall College of Law where she earned her law degree, graduating in the top quarter of her class. While attending law school Chandler clerked for the Honorable James L. Kimbler, Judge of the Medina County Common Pleas Court.

Chandler is an associate attorney with Brown and Amodio, a Medina law firm. It was Mr. Brown and Mr. Amodio who positively influenced her by allowing her to keep flexible hours to accommodate her law school schedule. “They offered me words of encouragement during those difficult moments. I’m very lucky that I had people in my life who believed in me” notes Chandler.

In 2005, she began working with Brown and Amodio where she primarily practices in the areas of real estate law, land use planning and zoning, family law, consumer law and collection matters. Regarding her first private sector job, Chandler said she felt very comfortable, “I liked the small familiar atmosphere of Medina and the accessibility to the courts. It really appealed to me being a small town lawyer, having the ability to represent everyday people with legal problems” she explained.

One area Chandler is passionate about is dealing with the Ohio consumer law. She continues to write and lecture in this area. One such law that has become very dangerous for new business owners is the Home Solicitation Sales Act. This is a statute put into place to protect people from the “door to door salesmen”. “This has grown into a double edge sword” Chandler said. If a supplier is not prepared with a contract, or has not consulted an attorney, the consequences could be detrimental.

The Home Solicitation Sales Act allows consumers to cancel contracts and receive full refunds in situations where the seller failed to follow specific notice requirements.

“As an attorney I’d advise business owners to take time to consult an attorney because the few hundred spent ... can save you thousands later” said Chandler.

To learn more about Ohio consumer law watch the *Law Talk* interview with Attorney Chandler and host John Celebrezze on Wadsworth Cable (WCTV) Public Access Channel 15, Brunswick Area Television (BAT) Public access Channel 21, and Medina Cable Access, Channel 37.