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One normally doesn't put the word "shy" in the same sentence as "attorney", but Kathleen Trafford does. In fact, "painfully shy" is the phrase she uses to describe the way she was as a child. However, Kathleen has become one of the most prominent and visible trial lawyers in Central Ohio and around the country.

Kathleen's counsel is often sought because of her keen problem-solving abilities. For example, she has been selected by the Private Adjudication Center at Duke University to arbitrate two national disputes.

While Kathleen earned her degree at Capital University School of Law, she also worked for the Ohio Attorney General's office, staying for 11 years. During her time there, she defended the state of Ohio in litigation resulting from the savings-and-loan crisis. Kathleen also has the distinction of arguing a case before the U. S. Supreme Court, successfully maintaining the state's right to conduct an investigation while a case is under consideration by the Federal courts.

After leaving the Attorney General's office, she joined Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur where she specializes in governmental and regulatory litigation and constitutional law. She represents private parties in disputes with governmental agencies and also serves as special counsel to state and local government agencies. She is President of the Columbus Bar Association, Past President of the Board of Counselors, Capital University School of Law, and Past President of the Equal Justice Foundation, an organization committed to protecting civil liberties.

Kathleen has been inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers, one of only ten women lawyers in Ohio who have achieved this professional milestone. She was named "Lawyer of the Year 2000" by the *Ohio Lawyers Weekly* and recognized for "Outstanding Pro Bono Service by an Individual" in 2001 by the Columbus Bar Foundation/Columbus Bar Association.

A quiet and effective leader, Kathleen proves you don't have to be loud to be noticed.