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In December 2023, the Dayton Bar Association hosted its annual Champagne Toast for New Lawyers. Two young attorneys in attendance, John (“JP”) Jarecki and Kaylin Jarecki (formerly Kaylin Ely), had an especially long conversation that closed out the evening. This fateful night happily led to their marriage in 2025. For the Jarecki’s, the Dayton Bar Association is a crucial part of their lives that has provided them with close friends, top-tier mentorship, and relationships that will last a lifetime.

JP is a litigation associate at Taft Stettinius and Hollister, an AM Law 100 firm. JP earned his J.D., cum laude, from the University of Dayton School of Law, where he was Editor-in-Chief of the University of Dayton Law Review. While in law school, JP served as a Dean’s Fellow and received the 2023 Outstanding Research Award in Law. In 2023, JP authored “Demystifying Law Review: A short guide to help you make law review, succeed as a new staff editor, publish your law review comment, and secure a top editorial board position.” JP continues his mentorship of law students as an Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Dayton School of Law, where he teaches Legislation and Administrative Law.

Before joining Taft, JP served as a judicial extern to the Hon. Chief Judge Algenon L. Marbley, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, and as a judicial extern to the Hon. Judge Guy R. Humphrey, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Ohio. JP is an active member of the Carl Kessler Inn of Court and the Dayton Bar Association, where he serves on the Editorial Board of the DBA’s publication, “Bar Briefs.”

He also previously served as the co-chair of the corporate counsel section. In his free time, JP is an avid sailor and author of fiction. His first novel, *The Icarus Affair*, was published in 2024.

Kaylin Jarecki is a civil litigation and family law attorney at Bieser Greer & Landis LLP. Kaylin earned her J.D. from the University of Cincinnati College of Law. Kaylin currently serves as the Chair of the Dayton Bar Association’s Family Law Section and has been published by the Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys (OACTA).

Throughout law school, Kaylin served as a Senior Policy Fellow with the Ohio Innocence Project, working directly with Ohio legislators to advance reforms aimed at preventing wrongful convictions. In 2023, Kaylin was featured on *Keeping Up with the Kardashians* for this work. And Kaylin served for several years with the Montgomery County Prosecutor’s Office as a Victim Advocate, providing 24-hour crisis intervention and court advocacy to victims of violent felony crimes. She holds more than 40 certifications through the U.S. Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime and has completed over 200 hours of specialized training in victim services.

Outside the legal space, Kaylin serves as a member of the Board of Trustees for Miami Valley Housing Opportunities, supporting initiatives that promote access to affordable housing throughout the region. In her free time, through the League of Women Voters, Kaylin has enjoyed traveling to local libraries to host children’s story times focused on the voting process and the importance of civic participation.

Before their destination wedding, the Jarecki’s were legally married at the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio surrounded by their families in the courtroom of their trusted mentor, the Honorable Judge Peter B. Silvain, Jr. Another exceptional mentor to the Jarecki’s, the Honorable Judge Michael Newman, also attended the couples’ legal ceremony. As JP reflects, Judge Silvain played a meaningful role in bringing him to Dayton and, ultimately, to his relationship with Kaylin, which made it fitting that Judge Silvain was the one to formalize their union.

Starting their legal careers at the same time has transformed the Jarecki’s professional growth. The Jarecki’s note having twice the exposure to practicing law through each other’s circles, which has provided them with a wider view of different approaches to cases, clients, and strategy. As it relates to their personal lives, the Jarecki’s believe that their legal training has given them a framework for logical and respectful discussions, and the ability to always see both sides in any given scenario, which has been crucial to fostering their peaceful and positive home environment.

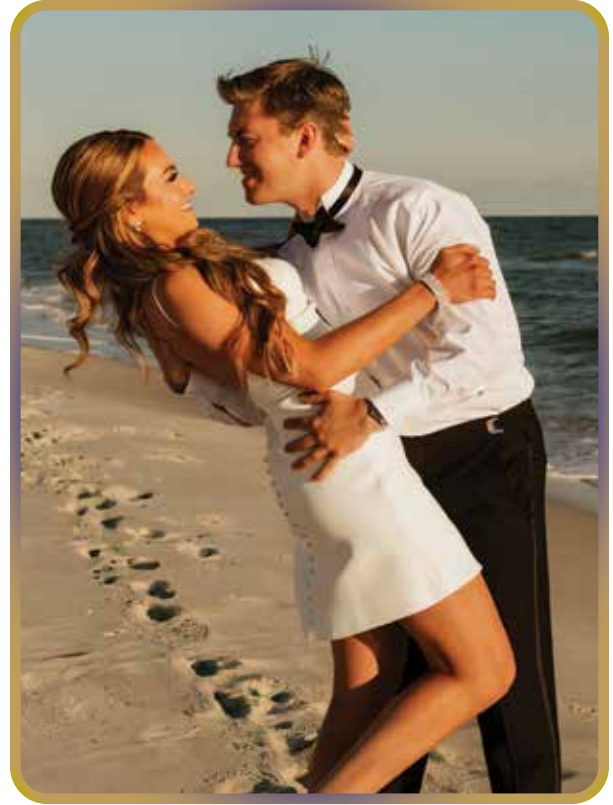
Yet the Jarecki’s cannot discuss every aspect of their work with one another. As a result of working at different firms in a close-knit legal community, the Jarecki’s have learned to handle boundaries, confidentiality, and attorney-client privilege with great intention. The Jarecki’s have learned how to set these boundaries from the advice of other attorney-couples in the community, who stress the importance of using hypotheticals to avoid inadvertent disclosure of sensitive information.

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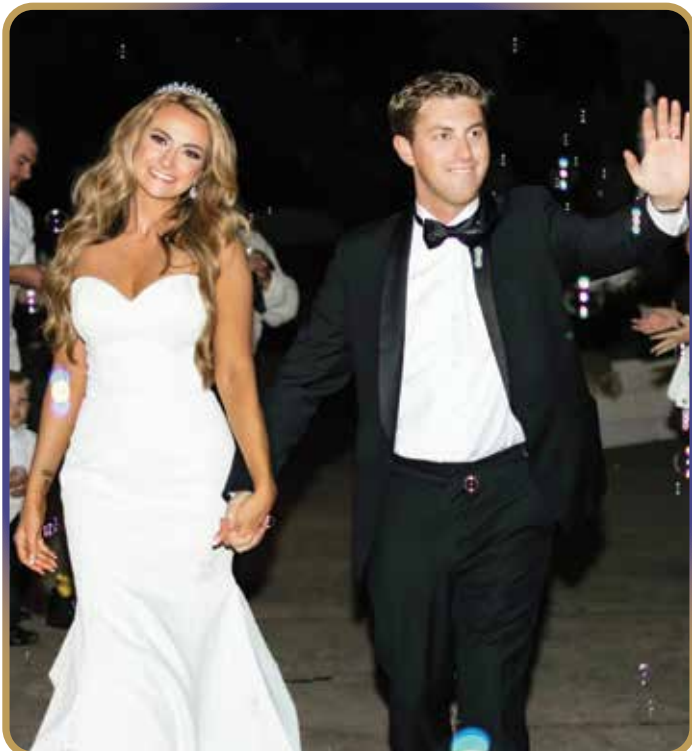


As the Jarecki's stay extremely busy with their work, it is especially important to them to cherish the time that they have together. This often includes spending Friday evenings at the Oakwood Club, where JP proposed to Kaylin. Beyond that, their lives overlap significantly. Their social circles are shared, and if they're spending time with friends, they're usually doing it together. In the summer, they prioritize outdoor activities, especially sailing.

For younger attorneys, JP suggests harnessing the Dayton Bar Association for creating connections and building your network. He also suggests embracing struggling with difficult assignments rather than avoiding them. Kaylin suggests finding a mentor that you can relate to and would like to emulate, because at this stage in your practice, you are truly formed by the people around you. Kaylin also stresses that you cannot take anything personally.



The Jarecki's aim to continue to grow personally and professionally. "Growing together as a couple is what makes it all worth it," JP says. "I am learning every single day," Kaylin adds. "I love having a job where I'm constantly challenged and growing." Above all, they are working toward balance between demanding careers, family, and the life they're building together. Their story is proof that the legal profession doesn't just shape careers; sometimes, if you're lucky, it shapes everything. ✨



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