

**2011 Proposed Board of Trustees Slate
Biographies**

President: Gary L. Grubler

- Firm: Grange Mutual Casualty Company, Columbus

OACTA Offices:

- Vice President, 2010
- Secretary, 2009
- Treasurer, 2008
- Trial Tactics Committee Chair, 2007-present
- Board of Trustees, 2004-present
- Program Chair, 2003
- Program Moderator, 2002

Practice Areas/Concentration:

- Insurance Defense
- Personal Injury Defense

Education:

- B.A., Business Administration/English, Wittenberg University
- J.D., The Ohio State University

Professional Involvement:

- Licensed in Ohio and the Federal District Court for the Southern District of Ohio
- Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys
- Columbus Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute

Vice President: Kevin C. Connell

- Firm: Freund, Freeze and Arnold, Dayton

OACTA Offices:

- Treasurer, 2010
- Treasurer, 2009
- Supreme Court Screening Committee, 2006
- Board of Trustees, 2003-present
- Program Chair, 2002
- Program Moderator, 2001

Practice Areas/Concentration:

- Bad Faith
- Construction Law
- Fire & Theft Casualty Claims
- Insurance Agents/E&O
- Insurance Coverage
- Premises Liability
- Transportation Law

Education:

- B.A., Political Science, Miami University
- J.D., West Virginia University School of Law

Professional Involvement:

- Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys
- Transportation Lawyers Association
- Dayton Bar Association – Former Civil Trial Practice Committee Chair
- Ohio State Bar Association – Former Insurance Law Committee Chair; Jury Instructions Standing Committee – Member

Treasurer: Kurt D. Anderson

- Firm: Janik, LLP, Cleveland

OACTA Offices:

- Secretary, 2010
- Board of Trustees, 2005-present
- Amicus Curiae Committee Chair, 2005-present
- Program Chair, 2004
- Program Moderator, 2003

Practice Areas/Concentration:

- Commercial Litigation
- Appellate Practice
- Casualty Insurance
- Contract Litigation
- Construction Litigation

Education:

- B.A., Cedarville College
- J.D., Case Western Reserve University Law School

Professional Involvement:

- Lorain County – Member of Executive Board; Former Treasurer
- Ohio State Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys

Secretary: Anne Marie Sferra

- Firm: Bricker & Eckler LLP, Columbus

OACTA Offices:

- Board of Trustees, 2008-present
- Website Committee Chair, 2008-present

Practice Areas/Concentration:

- Appellate
- Litigation

Education:

- B.S., Bowling Green State University
- J.D., The Ohio State University College of Law

Professional Involvement:

- American Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Association, Certified Appellate Specialist
- Columbus Bar Association
- Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys
- Defense Research Institute
- Women Lawyers of Franklin County Board of Trustees – Former Member

Immediate Past President: John M. Hands

- Firm: Ulmer & Berne, LLP, Cincinnati

OACTA Offices:

- President, 2010
- Vice President, 2009
- Secretary, 2008
- Treasurer, 2007
- Expert Witness Committee, 2005-2007
- Board of Trustees, 2001-present
- Program Chair, 2000
- Program Moderator, 1999
- Negligence Law Committee, 1998-1999
- District Director, 1995-2000
- Various Ad Hoc Committees

Practice Areas/Concentration:

- Litigation
- Life Science
- Business Litigation
- Contract and Commercial Litigation
- Product Liability Litigation
- Construction Law
- Architect/Engineer Defense
- General Liability Defense

Education:

- B.A., Miami University
- J.D., University of Cincinnati College of Law

Professional Involvement:

- Ohio State Bar Association
- Kentucky Bar Association
- Cincinnati Bar Association - Former Chair, Construction Law Committee; Member, Tort and Insurance Law Committee
- Northern Kentucky Bar Association
- Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys
- Defense Research Institute
- Cincinnati Academy of Leadership for Lawyers Fellow
- National Institute of Trial Advocacy Graduate
- Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas Mediator

Trustee: Thomas J. Antonini

- Firm: Robison, Curphey & O'Connell, Toledo

OACTA Office:

- Board of Trustees, 2007-present
- Supreme Court Screening Committee, 2006-present

Practice Areas/Concentration:

- Civil Litigation
- Commercial Disputes
- F.E.L.A
- Personal Injury
- Product Liability
- Construction Litigation
- Intentional Tort

Education:

- B.A., University of Notre Dame
- J.D., University of Notre Dame Law School

Professional Involvement:

- Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys
- Defense Research Institute
- National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel
- National Lawyers Association

Trustee: Anthony E. Brown

- Firm: Baker, Dublikar, Beck, Wiley & Mathews, North Canton

OACTA Offices:

- Co-Chair – The Update Newsletter, 2008-present
- Personal Injury Defense Committee, 2008-present

Professional Areas/Concentration:

- Person Injury Defense
- Governmental Entity/Political Subdivision Defense
- Real Estate
- General Liability Defense

Education:

- B.A., History, Walsh University, 1995
- J.D., University of Dayton School of Law, 1998

Professional Involvement

- Licensed in Ohio, United States Tax Court, and the U.S. District Courts, N.D., Ohio and S.D., Ohio
- American Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Association
- Stark County Bar Association (Disputed Fee, Municipal Court, and Real Estate Committees)
- Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys
- Defense Research Institute
- Former Assistant Prosecuting Attorney (Stark County)
- Former Staff Attorney, U.S. Department of the Treasury

Trustee: Lynnette Dinkler

- Firm: Dinkler Pregon, LLC, Dayton

OACTA Offices:

- Employment and Labor Law Committee Chair, 2010-present
- Program Chair, 2009
- Program Moderator, 2008

Professional Areas/Concentration:

- Governmental Entity/Political Subdivision Defense
- Employment Litigation
- Civil Rights Litigation
- Business Litigation
- Personal Injury Defense

Education:

- B.A., *cum laude*, French, Allegheny College, 1992
- J.D., Ohio Northern University, 1995

Professional Involvement

- Licensed in Ohio
- United States Supreme Court
- U. S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Courts – Northern and Southern Districts of Ohio
- Ohio State Bar Association
- Dayton Bar Association (Chair, Federal Practice Committee)
- Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys
- Defense Research Institute (Governmental Liability Section & Faculty Member 2009, 2011)
- Women's Business Enterprise National Council Certified
- Litigation Counsel of America (Charter Fellow)
- Ohio School Boards Association
- Former Assistant Public Defender (Clark County)

Trustee: Richard M. Garner

- Firm: Davis & Young, LPA, Cleveland

OACTA Office:

- Board of Trustees, 2008-present

Practice Areas/Concentration:

- Insurance Coverage
- Bad Faith
- Complex Litigation
- Appellate Practice
- Personal Injury

Education:

- B.A., The Ohio State University
- J.D., The Ohio State University Law School

Professional Involvement:

- Ohio State Bar Association, Appellate Specialty Board
- Cleveland Municipal Bar Association
- Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys
- Federalist Society
- Defense Research Institute
- Cleveland Association of Civil Trial Attorneys

Trustee: John J. Garvey, III

- Firm: Freund, Freeze and Arnold, Cincinnati

OACTA Offices:

- Board of Trustees, 2007-present
- Program Chair, 2006
- Program Moderator, 2005

Practice Areas/Concentration:

- Bad Faith
- Business Litigation
- Construction
- Employment
- Fire & Theft Casualty Claims
- Insurance Coverage
- Legal Malpractice
- Product Liability
- Transportation Law

Education:

- B.A., History and A.B., Honors Classic, Xavier University
- J.D., Salmon P. Chase College of Law

Professional Involvement:

- Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys
- Salmon P. Chase, American Inns of Court - Barrister; Master
- Ohio State Bar Association
- Cincinnati Bar Association, Character & Fitness Committee, 1995-present
- Kentucky Bar Association, House of Delegates, 1998-2004
- Northern Kentucky Bar Association, Kenton County Law Library Trustee, 1995-1999; Secretary 2000; Treasurer 2001-02; President-Elect 2008; President 2009
- Indiana State Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute, Trucking Law Committee 2004

Trustee: Brian D. Kerns

- Firm: Kerns & Proc, Cleveland

OACTA Offices:

- Board of Trustees, 2008-present
- Personal Injury Defense Committee Chair, 2007-present

Practice Areas/Concentration:

- Personal Injury/Insurance Defense
- Insurance Coverage Litigation

Education:

- B.S., Journalism/Public Relations, *cum laude*, Ohio University
- J.D., University of Toledo College of Law

Professional Involvement:

- Ohio State Bar Association – Council of Delegates; Ohio State Bar Foundation – Fellow; Past Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee; Former Staff Counsel Committee; Negligence and Insurance Law Committee
- Board Certified Civil Trial Advocate, National Board of Trial Advocacy
- Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys
- Cleveland Bar Association – Served on Various Sections
- American Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute

Trustee: James N. Kline

- Firm: Ulmer & Berne, LLP, Cleveland

OACTA Offices:

- Board of Trustees, 2008-present

Practice Areas/Concentration:

- Liability Defense: Personal Injury, Professional Malpractice, Product Liability, General Litigation, and Asbestos and Silica Litigation
- First-Party Insurance Defense including Arson Fraud, Theft Fraud, Bad Faith/Punitive Damages, Coverage Issues, and Uninsured Motorist Coverage

Education:

- A.B. Honors in English and A.B. in Economics, University of Michigan
- J.D. with Honors, The Ohio State University

Professional Involvement:

- Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys
- Ohio Supreme Court Lawyer to Lawyer Mentoring Program, Mentor
- Ohio State Bar Association
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
- Cuyahoga County Bar Association, Trustee-Presidential Appointee, 2006-2007; Trustee 2007-2008, Chairman-Strategic Planning Committee
- Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court (arbitrator)
- Lake County Bar Association
- Lake County Common Pleas Court (mediator and arbitrator)
- Cleveland Association of Civil Trial Attorneys, President, 2007-2008; Secretary/Treasurer, 2006-2007; Program Chair, 2005-2006
- Defense Research Institute

Trustee: Michael W. Krumholtz

- Firm: Bieser, Greer & Landis, Dayton

OACTA Offices:

- Board of Trustees, 2006-present
- Program Chair, 2005
- Program Moderator, 2004
- ADR Committee Chair, 2001-2007
- Practice and Procedure Committee Chair, 2001-2003

Practice Areas/Concentration:

- Business Disputes
- General Civil and Criminal Litigation

Education:

- B.A., Denison University
- J.D., University of Cincinnati School of Law

Professional Involvement:

- Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys
- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- American Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Association
- Dayton Bar Association President, 2007-2008
- Master in the Carl D. Kessler Inn of Court
- American College of Trial Lawyers

Trustee: James L. Mann

- Firm: Mann & Preston LLP, Chillicothe

OACTA Offices:

- Board of Trustees, 2008-present

Practice Areas/Concentration:

- Civil Litigation (Insurance Defense, Business, Malpractice, Probate and Employment)
- Representation for small businesses on non-litigation matters
- Estate planning and administration

Education:

- B.A., Ohio University
- J.D., Northwestern University School of Law

Professional Involvement:

- Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys
- Ohio County Bar Association
- Ross County Bar Association, Past President
- American Board of Trial Advocates, Candidate for Membership

Trustee: Amy Mass

- Firm: The Hanover Insurance Group, Columbus

OACTA Offices:

- Board of Trustees, 2007-present
- ADR Committee Chair, 2007-2009
- Program Chair, 2008
- Program Moderator, 2007
- Supreme Court Screening Committee, 2006
- Commercial Litigation Committee Chair, 2005-2007

Practice Areas/Concentration:

- Insurance Defense, including Personal Injury, Product Liability, Business Disputes, Construction Defect, and Other Defense of Personal and Commercial Insureds

Education:

- J.D., The Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law
- B.A., *cum laude*, with Distinction in Major, Connecticut College
- Columbus School for Girls

Professional Involvement:

- Licensed in Ohio, Michigan and Indiana
- Adjunct Professor of Law - Capital University Law School
- Chair, OSBA Staff Counsel Committee
- Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys
- Defense Research Institute
- American Bar Association, Ohio State Bar Association, Michigan Bar Association, Indiana Bar Association

Trustee: Mark F. McCarthy

- Firm: Tucker Ellis & West LLP, Cleveland

OACTA Offices:

- Board of Trustees, 2002-present
- Product Liability Committee Chair, 1988-present

Practice Areas/Concentration:

- Trial
- Business Litigation
- Insurance
- Professional & Products Liability

Education:

- A.B., *cum laude*, Georgetown University
- J.D., Georgetown University Law Center

Professional Involvement:

- Defense Research Institute
- Federation of Insurance and Corporate Counsel
- Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys
- National Institute for Trial Advocacy
- Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Adjunct Professor, 1993-present
- Founder, Secretary & General Counsel St. Martin de Porres High School
- Secretary, Catholic Community Care

Trustee: Paul McCartney

- Firm: Rendigs, Fry, Kiely & Dennis, Cincinnati

OACTA Offices:

- Medical Malpractice Committee Vice Chair
- Program Chair, 2010
- Program Moderator, 2009

Practice Areas/Concentration:

- Medical Malpractice Defense
- Nursing Home Defense Litigation

Education:

- B.A., Kenyon College
- J.D., The Ohio State University College of Law

Professional Involvement:

- Cincinnati Bar Association
- Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys
- Ohio State Bar Foundation
- Defense Research Institute

Trustee: David W. Peck

- Firm: Rendigs, Fry, Kiely & Dennis, Cincinnati

OACTA Offices:

- OACTA Quarterly Review, Editor-in-Chief, 2007-present
- Board of Trustees, 2006-present
- ADR Committee, 2005-2007
- Medical Malpractice Committee, 1997-2005

Practice Areas/Concentration:

- Private Dispute Resolution

Education:

- B.A., Business Administration, Miami University
- J.D., Salmon P. Chase College of Law

Professional Involvement:

- Cincinnati Bar Association – ADR Committee Chair
- Ohio State Bar Association
- Kentucky Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- International Association of Defense Counsel
- American Health Lawyers Association
- Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys
- Defense Research Institute
- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers, 1997
- Advocate, America Board of Trial Advocates, 1997

Trustee: Crystal R. Richie

- Firm: Gallagher Gams Pryor Tallan & Littrell, Columbus

OACTA Offices:

- Board of Trustees, 2006-present
- Program Moderator of Trial Advocacy Program, 2004 & 2006
- Young Lawyers Committee Chair, 2001-2007

Practice Areas/Concentration:

- Civil Litigation
- Appellate Practice
- Automobile Accidents
- Personal Injury
- Medical Malpractice
- Bad Faith Litigation
- General Business Litigation
- Class Action Defense
- Closed Head Injury Cases
- Contract Disputes
- Fire and Casualty Law
- Insurance Coverage
- Insurance Defense
- Negligence Law
- Oil and Gas Law
- Sports Law
- Employment Law
- Wrongful Death Claims
- Probate Matters

Education:

- Associate of Arts Degree, *With Distinction*, University of Rio Grande
- B.A., *cum laude*, Capital University
- J.D., Capital Law School

Professional Involvement:

- Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys
- Defense Research Institute
- Ohio State Bar Association
- Columbus Bar Association
- American Bar Association – Litigation Section

Trustee: Brian Wildermuth

- Firm: Subashi & Wildermuth, Dayton

OACTA Offices:

- Amicus Committee Vice-Chair, 2005-2009
- Amicus Committee Chair, 2010-present

Education:

- B.S., Miami University
- J.D., *magna cum laude*, University of Toledo College of Law

Professional Involvement:

- Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys
- Defense Research Institute
- American Bar Association
- Ohio Bar Association
- Dayton Bar Association
- Ohio Council of School Attorneys