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2017 ANNUAL MEETING

November 16-17
Hilton Cleveland Downtown
Cleveland, Ohio



PROGRAM

Thursday | November 16th

8:00-8:30am Registration/Continental Breakfast/
Exhibits Open
Sponsored by: Donan Engineering Co., Inc.

8:30am Welcome
Brian D. Kerns, Esq.
OACTA President
Jennifer R. Becker, Esq.
OACTA Annual Meeting Chair
Jennifer L. Myers, Esq.
OACTA Annual Meeting Moderator

8:45-10:00am "Scientific Trial Preparation"
Daniel W. Dugan, Ph.D.
Trial Science, Inc., Reno, NV

10:00-10:15am Networking & Break with Exhibitors

10:15-11:00am "10 Practical Tips for Trial Attorneys"
Judge James L. Kimbler (Retired)
Retired Judge, Medina County Common Pleas Court

11:00am-Noon "Canada's Litigation Landscape: Headlines
from Above the Fold"
Susan E. Gunter, LL.M.
Dutton Brock LLP, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Noon-1:30pm OACTA Awards Luncheon & Annual
Business Meeting
*Sponsored by: Minnesota Lawyers Mutual
Insurance Co.*

1:30-1:45pm Chair Yoga
Judi Bar
Yoga Program Manager
Cleveland Clinic Wellness Institute

1:45-2:30pm "Catastrophic Loss Events - A View from The
Trenches"
Kevin Sean Williams, Esq.
Independent Consultant, Paget, Bermuda

2:30-2:45pm Networking & Break with Exhibitors

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- 2:45-3:45pm** **“The Art of Conversation and Picking Your Best Juries”**
Douglas M. McIntosh, Esq.
McIntosh Sawran & Cartaya, P.A.
Fort Lauderdale, FL
Sponsored by: DRI
- 3:45-5:15pm** **“Selecting Panel Counsel Lawyers, From the Insurance Claims Executive Perspective”**
Daniel A. Winkler
Westfield Insurance, Westfield Center, OH
Charles R. Wendland, CCP, SCLA
National Interstate, Richfield, OH
Steve Popelsky, JD, ARM
Motorists Mutual Insurance Co, Columbus, OH
MODERATOR: Jennifer L. Myers, Esq.
Poling Law, Columbus, OH

6:00-9:00pm **OACTA EVENING SOCIAL EVENT**
The Corner Alley
(ticket required)
East 4th St. & Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH
Co-Sponsored by: Robson Forensic & Veritext
Continuous shuttle service, via Lolly the Trolley, is available from the Ontario St. entrance.
Transportation sponsored by:
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Friday | November 17th

- 8:00-9:00am** **Continental Breakfast/Exhibits Open**
- 8:15-9:00am** **Committee Meetings**
- 9:00-10:00am** **“A View from the Bench: What Civil Trial Lawyers Need to Know”**
PANEL:
Judge Joyce V. Kimbler
Medina County Court of Common Pleas
Judge Mark A. Betleski
Lorain County Court of Common Pleas
Judge Nancy R. McDonnell
Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas
MODERATOR: Jennifer L. Myers, Esq.
Poling Law, Columbus, OH
- 10:00-10:15am** **Networking & Break with Exhibitors**
- 10:15-10:30am** **Exhibitor Door Prizes**
- 10:30am-Noon** **“Updates on Legal Ethics & Professional Responsibility in Ohio”**
Bryan L. Penvose, Esq.
Koblentz & Penvose, LLC, Cleveland, OH
- Noon** **Adjournment**

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

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