



REGISTER TODAY TO ATTEND THE 2018 OACTA ANNUAL MEETING!

2018 ANNUAL MEETING

November 15-16, 2018
Hyatt Regency
Columbus, Ohio

The Hyatt Regency in Columbus will be the site for this year's Annual Meeting on November 15 and 16! The Hyatt is located in downtown Columbus, within walking distance of the Arena District and Short North Art District. Join us for valuable information from nationally and locally recognized speakers and presentations addressing the Reptile litigation strategy, how GPS's and other technology, including Alexa and smart thermostats, can impact litigation, and the importance of diversity in your practice. Hear from Insurance Claims Executives about their file handling expectations, a Supreme Court Justice discussing recent cases and statistics, a dynamic and thought-provoking speaker on implicit bias and how it impacts negotiations, and choose from several break-out sessions ranging in topics from mediation strategy to an update on medical marijuana. **This will be an exceptional CLE program and networking opportunity with up to 9.0 hours of CLE, including 1.5 hours of attorney professional conduct instruction.** The OACTA Legal Excellence Awards Luncheon and Annual Business Meeting will provide an opportunity to recognize your esteemed colleagues for their contributions! Join your colleagues at a Social & Networking Event on Thursday evening at Pins Mechanical!

**Register TODAY and PLAN NOW to attend this year's
OACTA Annual Meeting!**

OACTA AWARD RECIPIENTS

During the *OACTA Legal Excellence Awards Luncheon* on Thursday, November 15th, Noon-1:30pm, the following awards will be presented, in addition to other OACTA member awards. For more information on these awards and the recipients, visit the OACTA website: www.OACTA.org. Join us in recognizing these outstanding individuals!

Excellence in Advocacy Award
Frederick Hunker, Esq.

Respected Advocate Award
Eleana Drakatos, Esq.

Outstanding Young Lawyer Award
David J. Oberly, Esq.

Lifetime Achievement Award
Steven Sloan, Esq.

Frank Seth Hurd Member of the Year Award
David W. Orlandini, Esq.

OACTA Committee Chair of the Year Award
Charles R. Wendland

Columbus

REGISTRATION FORM

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November 15-16, 2018 • Hyatt Regency, Columbus, Ohio

Complete this form and return to the OACTA office.

(one per person registered) OR register online at www.OACTA.org

2017 OACTA Annual Meeting

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Name (PLEASE PRINT) _____

Preferred First Name for Badge _____

Company _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

☐ Check here if you have any disability-related or dietary needs that require accommodation in order to fully participate in this meeting. If so, attach a written description of your needs.

REGISTRATION FEES:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Member | \$325 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-member | \$525 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Attorney* (Member) | \$275 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Attorney* (Non-member) | \$375 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Claims Executive** | \$150 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In-House or Corporate Counsel*** | \$150 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office Administrator | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Law Student Member | Complimentary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judge | Complimentary |

* **New Attorneys** are those practicing 5 years or fewer.

** **Claims Executives** are individuals employed as a claims professional by a corporation or insurance co., who spends a substantial portion of his or her professional time hiring or supervising outside counsel in the representation of business, insurance companies or their insureds, associations or governmental entities in civil litigation.

*** **In-House or Corporate Counsel** are licensed attorneys, who are employed exclusively by a corporation or other private sector organization for the purpose of providing legal representation and counsel only to that corporation, its affiliates and subsidiaries. These lawyers act in a legal capacity for insurers or corporations but do not appear in court as defense counsel.

Groups of 4 or more from the same firm can receive a \$25 discount off each "member" or "non-member" registration when registering together. Not applicable to Claims Executives, In-House Counsel or New Attorneys.

Non-Members: Join OACTA today and receive the member registration rate! Visit www.oacta.org to join and complete your membership profile!

In order for your registration to be valid, please indicate which events you DO plan to attend:

EVENT REGISTRATION:

- ☐ Thursday Continental Breakfast
- ☐ Thursday Legal Excellence Awards Luncheon
- ☐ Thursday Breakout Session A or B (please circle one)
- ☐ Thursday Breakout Session C or D (please circle one)
- ☐ Thursday Evening Social & Networking Event\$25
(if registered for the Annual Meeting)
- ☐ Friday Continental Breakfast

EVENT FEES FOR NON-REGISTERED GUESTS:

- ☐ Thursday Awards Luncheon \$35 # tickets _____
- ☐ Thursday Evening Social & Networking Event.. \$40 # tickets _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

- ☐ Enclosed is my check for \$ _____
(Make check payable to OACTA, tax I.D. #23-7442025)
- ☐ Charge my: [] Visa [] MasterCard [] Discover [] AmEx
NO OTHER CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED.

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Security Code _____ (3 digits for MC, Visa, Discover but 4 digits for American Express)

Signature _____

Cancellations must be made by **Thursday, November 1, 2018** to receive a full refund. Cancellations after that date will be charged a \$50 service fee.

FOR OFFICE USE:

CHECK # _____

AMOUNT \$ _____

DATE RECEIVED: _____

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

Hyatt Regency Columbus

350 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio, USA

To make your reservation and receive the group rate (\$165 single-quad occupancy), call the Hyatt Regency at 888-421-1442 and reference the group code G-CIVT. You may also reserve your room online at <https://book.passkey.com/go/OACTA2018>. All guest rooms reserved in the block include complimentary internet. **Reservations must be made by 5:00pm on October 26th to receive the group rate.**

PARKING: Valet parking is available for \$20 or overnight for \$30 per day. Self-parking is available at the Chestnut Street Garage for \$12 or overnight for \$18 per day. Overnight guests can receive a 20% discount on parking at the Chestnut Street Garage.





PROGRAM

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Thursday | November 15th

8:00–8:30am Registration/Continental Breakfast/
Exhibits Open

8:30am Welcome
Jill Mercer, Esq.
OACTA President
Jennifer Myers, Esq.
OACTA Annual Meeting Chair
Christine Watchorn, Esq.
OACTA Annual Meeting Moderator

8:45-10:00am “Caging Reptile Lawyers”
Matthew G. Moffett, Esq.
Gray, Rust, St. Amand, Moffett & Brieske, LLP,
Atlanta, GA
Sponsored by: DRI

The Reptile litigation strategy is being used successfully (\$7.7 billion) by the plaintiff's bar across the country. According to the creators, “when the reptile sees a survival danger, even a small one, she protects her genes by impelling the juror to protect herself and the community.” According to one claims manager of a national insurer: “Better know what it is. Better know how to defend against it. If not, better update resumé.”

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

10:15-11:00am “Ohio Supreme Court Update”
Justice Judith L. French
The Supreme Court of Ohio

As the Court prepares for transition into 2019, we will look back at recent cases and court statistics.

11:00am-Noon “You May Think That Diversity in Your Firm
Doesn’t Matter: You May Be Wrong”
John C. Trimble, Esq.
Lewis Wagner, LLP, Indianapolis, IN

The business world has long called for greater diversity in law departments and law firms. This call is not merely a platitude for diversity...it is borne out of the knowledge that diverse legal environments simply perform better. This wide ranging talk will define “diversity,” and will address the benefits of diversity, the perceived barriers to greater diversity, techniques for gaining diversity, and approaches to retain diverse individuals.

Noon-1:30pm OACTA Legal Excellence Awards Luncheon
& Annual Business Meeting

1:30–2:15pm Breakout Sessions – Choose A or B

Breakout A: “Update on Appellate Procedure”
Susan M. Audley, Esq.
Tucker Ellis, LLP, Cleveland, OH

A review of case law over the last year, amendments and proposed amendments to rules affecting appellate procedure will be presented.

Breakout B: “Sexual Harassment: One Year after #MeToo”
and “An Update on Medical Marijuana”

Brigid E. Heid, Esq.
Eastman & Smith Ltd., Columbus, OH
Stephanie Trudeau, Esq.
Ulmer & Berne, LLP, Cleveland, OH

Brigid and Stephanie will discuss what has and hasn’t changed for employers following the #MeToo movement and #Time’sUp campaign. In addition, they will address what employers need to know about medical marijuana in Ohio and nationwide trends will be reviewed.

2:15-2:30pm Networking & Break with Exhibitors

2:30–3:15pm Breakout Sessions – Choose C or D

Breakout C: “The Latest Legal Developments and Trends
and Their Impact on Defending the Medical
Negligence Case”

Doug G. Leak, Esq.
Hanna Campbell & Powell, LLP, Akron, OH

This presentation will summarize the rulings of the Ohio Supreme Court and appellate court’s throughout Ohio in 2017-2018.

Breakout D: “Fine Tune Your Mediation Strategy”

Joseph T. Mordino, Esq.
Faulkner & Tepe, LLP, Cincinnati, OH
Susanne Cetrulo, Esq.
Cetrulo, Mowery & Hicks, Edgewood, KY
Richard B. Blair, Esq.
ADR Offices of Richard B. Blair,
Youngstown, OH

A panel discussion of tips and strategies to increase the likelihood of resolving your personal injury dispute at mediation.

3:15-3:30pm Networking & Break with Exhibitors

3:30-4:30pm “File Handling Expectations from the
Client’s View”

Daniel A. Winkler
Westfield Insurance, Westfield Center, OH
Charles Wendland
National Interstate, Richfield, OH
Steven P. Popelsky, JD, ARM
Motorists Mutual Insurance Co, Columbus, OH

MODERATOR: **Jennifer Myers, Esq.**
Poling Law, Columbus, OH

A discussion around file handling and communication expectations between the claims professional and counsel with the goal of further strengthening the relationship.

4:30-5:15pm “Using the Digital Age to Your Advantage”
Andrew L. Smith, Esq.

Rolfes Henry Co., LPA, Cincinnati, OH

This interactive presentation will address the most recent advances in technology and how these gadgets and gizmos can assist us in the world of insurance defense litigation and claims handling. Topics will include: 1) wearable devices such as Fitbit and Nike Fuelband; 2) smart thermostats and smart home systems like Nest; and 3) digital assistants such as Alexa Echo and Dot or Google Home. What information do these devices store? How do we get it? Is it admissible in court? How can we harness this information to our advantage? Alexa is already solving murders across the country. What else can she do for you?

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5:30-7:30pm

OACTA EVENING SOCIAL EVENT

*Co-Sponsored by: Robson Forensic
Pins Mechanical Co.*

141 N 4th St., Columbus, OH 43215

Join us for a fun evening a few blocks away from the Hyatt Regency in downtown Columbus. This event includes food, drink, and bowling. Advanced ticket purchase is required. All are welcome!



Friday | November 16th

8:00-8:30am Continental Breakfast/Exhibits Open

8:30-9:45am "Implicit Bias & Appreciating Differences in Mediation and Negotiation"

Catherine C. Geyer, Esq.

Dispute Resolution Section, Supreme Court of Ohio, Columbus, OH

Lena Tenney, MPA, MEd.

Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race & Ethnicity | Race & Cognition Program, Columbus, OH

This session will examine implicit bias and recognizing differences, especially in the context of dispute resolution and negotiation.

9:45-10:00am Networking & Break with Exhibitors

10:00-10:15am Exhibitor Door Prizes

10:15-11:45am "Ethics Update"

Gretchen Koehler Mote, Esq.

Ohio Bar Liability Insurance Company, Columbus, OH
Cyber security, client files, succession planning, advertising and the virtual law office are among trending ethics issues. Knowing the application of the Rules of Professional Conduct in dealing with current legal situations can help lawyers practice efficiently and ethically. This presentation will provide ethics information to practicing attorneys to address these situations and more.

APC CREDIT

11:30am Adjournment

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

This course has been approved by the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education for 9.0 total CLE hours, with 1.50 of attorney professional conduct instruction. The course is also pending approval by the Kentucky Bar Association.