



OACTA 2020 VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, 11/12/20 – Friday, 11/13/20

PROGRAM AGENDA

Thursday, November 12th:

WELCOME 12:00pm

Jamey T. Pregon, Esq., OACTA President

**OACTA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING &
LEGAL EXCELLENCE AWARD PRESENTATIONS** 12:00pm – 1:00pm

“Where are we now? Nine Months In, and Counting” 1:00pm - 2:30pm (1.5)
A panel of distinguished judges will discuss the status of continuing challenges in the COVID world. Topics will include status reports on civil trials and dockets, and practice pointers on how to adapt to the issues and challenges with civil litigation.

JUDICIAL PANEL:

[Judge John P. O’Donnell](#), Lake County Common Pleas Court

[Judge Amy Corrigan Jones](#), Summit County Common Pleas Court

[Judge Joyce V. Kimbler](#), Medina County Common Pleas Court

[Judge Timothy N. O’Connell](#), Montgomery County Common Pleas Court

[Judge Stacy M. Wall](#), Miami County Common Pleas Court

MODERATOR: [Nicole A. Mitchell, Esq.](#), Freund, Freeze & Arnold, West Chester, OH

EXHIBITOR BREAK 2:30pm - 2:45pm

“Getting Along in a Pandemic” 2:45pm - 3:45pm (1.0 APC)
OACTA Outgoing President and OAJ President host a discussion on professionalism and ethics during a pandemic. Topics will include dealing with opposing counsel to address the challenges COVID presents to all aspects of litigation, including discovery, mediations, and trials.

[Jamey T. Pregon, Esq.](#)

American Family Mutual Ins. Co., Columbus, OH

Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys (OACTA) President

[Robert J. Wagoner, Esq.](#)

Robert J. Wagoner Co., L.L.C., Columbus, OH

Ohio Association for Justice (OAJ) President

EXHIBITOR BREAK 3:45pm - 4:00pm

“Coronavirus: What You Need to Know” 4:00pm - 5:00pm (1.0)
To guide attorneys in their practice, Dr. Amy Ray, an infectious disease specialist, will discuss the coronavirus, including its origin, route and rate of transmission and its symptoms. She will also

discuss what healthcare organizations are doing to prevent the spread of the coronavirus in an ever-fluid situation. Dr. Ray will also discuss the coronavirus protocols recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and other healthcare organizations for testing of suspected patients and preventing the transmission of the virus. She will provide an update on the most recent efforts to maximize treatment of the virus and its symptoms.

[Amy J. Ray, M.D., M.P.H.](#)

Medical Director of Employee Health, Medical Director of Infection Prevention, and Medical Director of Special Diseases Care Unit for the MetroHealth System, Cleveland, OH

Day 1: 3.5hrs CLE

Friday, November 13th:

“2020 Case Law and Legislative Developments, Impacting Insurance, from the Covid-19 Virus”

8:30am - 9:30am (1.0)

This presentation will examine legislative and case law developments, in 2020, arising directly from the COVID-19 virus. It will include a discussion of the emerging trends in business interruption insurance coverage cases and immunity statutes as well as impacts of the pandemic on other areas of the law that may affect your practice and/or your claims.

[John G. Farnan, Esq.](#)

Weston Hurd, LLP, Cleveland, OH

[Daniel A. Richards, Esq.](#)

Weston Hurd, LLP, Cleveland, OH

EXHIBITOR BREAK

9:30am - 9:45am

“Trials in the COVID World”

9:45am - 11:15am (1.5)

A panel of attorneys who have tried cases to juries during the pandemic will discuss their experiences in the courtroom and share best practices.

PANEL:

[Shannon K. Bockelman, Esq.](#)

Freund, Freeze & Arnold, Dayton, OH

[Jackie M. Jewell, Esq.](#)

Reminger Co., LPA, Columbus, OH

[Brant Poling, Esq.](#)

Poling Law, Columbus, OH

[James D. Utrecht, Esq.](#)

Utrecht Law Offices, Troy, OH

MODERATOR: **[Nicole A. Mitchell, Esq.](#)**, Freund, Freeze & Arnold, West Chester, OH

EXHIBITOR BREAK

11:15am - 11:30am

“Update on Civil Rule Amendments”

11:30am - 12:30pm (1.0)

This presentation will address implementing the July 1, 2020 amendments to the civil rules, particularly Rule 26 and the initial disclosures, including identifying experts in the initial disclosures.

[James L. McCrystal, Jr., Esq.](#)

Sutter O'Connell, Cleveland, OH

Day 2: 3.5hrs CLE

TOTAL CLE: 7.0hrs

(Includes 1.0 APC credit)