



OACTA Members, Past Members and Prospective Members:

The Ohio Supreme Court has formed a new advisory group tasked with making recommendations to the Ohio Supreme Court on best practices for the commencement of jury trials post-COVID-19. That task force has reached out to OACTA and its members for input. The focus of the task force is as follows:

1. Identifying the existing recommendations and directives that have been issued by the Director of Health and the Governor. We must then determine how said recommendations and directives impact our various roles in the courtroom, client representation and overall trial work;
2. Identifying what is essential for each role in order to resume trial;
3. Identifying the ethical concerns relevant to competent representation; and
4. Identifying logistical and practical challenges to meeting the two-fold goal of keeping people safe and honoring the rights of all individuals.

The Supreme Court has set a deadline for final recommendations from the task force to be submitted by May 12. With that deadline just a week away, OACTA is acting quickly to provide input in advance of that date. To that end, OACTA is requesting comments from Ohio's defense community by **this Thursday, May 7**. I ask that comments be directed to me at jpregon@amfam.com. I have convened a special OACTA leadership meeting for this Friday to review all comments, and to formally respond to the task force.

It is vital that our defense community has a voice in this process, and OACTA is the conduit through which your voice will be delivered. I strongly encourage you all to submit your comments to me by Thursday. We look forward to your input, and OACTA continues to wish you and your loved ones to be safe and healthy.

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