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**OHIO ASSOCIATION OF CIVIL TRIAL ATTORNEYS
PRESENTS AWARDS TO OUTSTANDING ATTORNEYS**

The Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys (OACTA) during its Legal Excellence Awards Luncheon and Annual Business Meeting on November 21st in Cleveland, presented awards to recognize attorneys for their service to OACTA, the profession and the community.

The *Excellence in Advocacy Award* was presented, to **James L. McCrystal, Jr., Esq.**, Sutter O'Connell Co., Cleveland, Ohio. The *Distinguished Contributions to the Profession Award* was presented to **Gretchen Koehler Mote, Esq.**, Ohio Bar Liability Insurance Co., Columbus, Ohio. **Robert P. Rutter, Esq.**, Rutter & Russin, Cleveland, Ohio, was the recipient of the *Respected Advocate Award*. **Benjamin C. Sassé, Esq.**, Tucker Ellis LLP, Cleveland, Ohio, received the *Outstanding Advocacy Award*. **Zachary B. Pyers, Esq.**, Reminger Co., L.P.A., Columbus, Ohio, received the *Outstanding Young Lawyer Award*. The *Committee Chair of the Year Award* was presented to **Christopher F. Mars, Esq.**, Bonezzi, Switzer, Polito & Hupp Co., L.P.A., Cleveland, Ohio. The *Frank Seth Hurd Member of the Year Award* was presented to **Gary L. Grubler, Esq.**,

Grange Insurance Company, Columbus, Ohio. OACTA congratulates these award recipients for their outstanding contributions and their dedication to the profession!

The Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys is an organization of attorneys, corporate executives and managers who devote a substantial portion of their time to the defense of civil lawsuits and the management of claims against individuals, corporations and governmental entities. The mission of OACTA is to promote fairness, excellence, and integrity in the civil justice system by providing resources and education to attorneys and others dedicated to the defense of civil actions.

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