



**2025 OACTA Annual Meeting
November 13-14, 2025
Renaissance Columbus Westerville-Polaris**

PROGRAM AGENDA

Thursday November 13th

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

8:25am - 8:30am **Welcome**

Elizabeth T. Smith, Esq., OACTA President
Mitchell A. Tobias, Esq., OACTA Annual Meeting Chair
Patrick Cannell, Esq., OACTA Annual Meeting Moderator

8:30am - 9:15am **"Third-Party Litigation Funding"**

45 MINUTES

Michael Farley, Esq.
Ohio Insurance Institute

A discussion of the status of third-party litigation funding in Ohio, including updates on various third-party litigation funding bills.

9:15am - 9:30am **Networking & Break with Exhibitors**

Sponsored by: OBLIC/OSBA INSURANCE AGENCY

9:30am - 10:30am **"Professional Conduct & Attorney-Client Privilege Considerations"**

60 MINUTES APC/ETHICS

Todd Presnell, Esq.
Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP
Sponsored by: DRI

The lead author of the new legal treatise Privileges and Protections: Tennessee and Sixth Circuit Law (Matthew Bender & Co. 2024) will discuss evidentiary privileges, including establishing and protecting the corporate attorney-client privilege, and the relationship between confidentiality, privilege, and the Rules of Professional Conduct.

10:30am – 11:30am **"Update on recent SCOTUS and Ohio Supreme Court Decisions"**

60 MINUTES

Michael J. Hendershot, Esq.
Office of Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost

An update of recent SCOTUS and Ohio Supreme Court civil decisions on topics of interest to the defense bar including insurance coverage, declaratory judgments, and the defense of personal injury, construction, and business cases.

11:30am - Noon **Networking & Break with Exhibitors**

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

1:30pm – 2:00pm **Post Luncheon Dessert Break**

2:00pm - 3:30pm *"Lessons from the Federal Bench"*

90 MINUTES

Judge Michael J. Newman

United States District Court
Southern District of Ohio at Dayton

Judge Tyson A. Crist

United States Bankruptcy Court
Southern District of Ohio at Dayton

Magistrate Judge Kimberly A. Jolson

United States District Court
Southern District of Ohio at Columbus

MODERATOR: **Patrick M. Cannell, Esq.**, Weston Hurd LLP

Panel discussion involving three of our local federal judges. We will be discussing views from the bench, including lessons to learn and issues to avoid for practitioners in all areas of law.

3:30pm – 3:45pm **Networking & Break with Exhibitors**

Sponsored by: [Nederveld Forensic Engineering](#)

3:45pm – 5:00pm *"Artificial Intelligence, GenAI, and e-Discovery"*

75 MINUTES

Julie Brown

Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP

The growth of AI, and GenAI in particular, has fueled significant advancements in software used for e-Discovery and trial preparation. Julie Brown, the Director of Practice Technology at Vorys and a member of the Board of Directors of the International Legal Technology Association (ILTA), will discuss a variety of recent advancements and opportunities for improving efficiency when dealing with e-Discovery.

5:00pm - 6:00pm **OACTA Networking Reception**

Dine-Arounds

Friday, November 14th

7:30am - 8:15am **Mentor / Mentee Breakfast**
Women in the Law Committee Breakfast

8:00am - 8:25am	Continental Breakfast / Exhibits Open	
8:25am - 8:30am	Welcome	
8:30am - 9:30am	"Cyber Security and Data Breaches" K. James Sullivan, Esq. Calfee, Halter & Griswold LLP <i>A discussion of coverage issues and best practices relating to the ever-present threats involving cyber security and data breaches.</i>	60 MINUTES
9:30am - 10:30am	"Emerging Issues in Ohio Cannabis Law" Andrew Makoski, Esq. Katie Cornelius, Esq. Ohio Department of Commerce <i>A discussion of emerging issues in Ohio as the laws and regulations involving medical and recreational marijuana continue to evolve.</i>	60 MINUTES
10:30am - 10:45am	Networking & Break with Exhibitors	
10:45am - 11:00am	Exhibitor Door Prizes	
11:00am - Noon	"Lessons from the Newest Members of the Ohio Supreme Court" Justice Daniel R. Hawkins Justice Megan E. Shanahan The Supreme Court of Ohio MODERATOR: Mitchell A. Tobias, Esq. , Vorys Sater, Seymour & Pease LLP <i>Panel discussion involving the two newest Ohio Supreme Court Justices. We will be discussing their views from the bench as well as any changes in perspective that resulted from their transitions from trial court judges to Supreme Court Justices.</i>	60 MINUTES
Noon	Adjournment	
12:30pm	OACTA Past President's Luncheon – invitation only	

TOTAL: 510 MINUTES (8.5 hrs)
 INCLUDES: 60 MINUTES (1.0 hr) APC + 450 MINUTES (7.5 hrs) GENERAL