



OHIO
ASSOCIATION
of CIVIL TRIAL
ATTORNEYS

The Source for Defense Success

**OACTA INSURANCE COVERAGE SEMINAR
Friday, April 17, 2026**

**Grange Insurance
671 S. High Street, Columbus, OH 43206**

Total CLE Credit:

8:30 – 9:00 am **REGISTRATION / CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST / EXHIBITS**

9:00 am

WELCOME

Daniel A. Richards, Esq., OACTA President

Stu Harris, Esq., Insurance Coverage Committee Chair

9:15 - 10:15 am **“Defective Products: Where Coverage Does and Does Not Exist”**

SPEAKER: Stacy Berliner, Esq., Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP

60

This session examines how courts analyze insurance coverage for defective product claims, focusing on the boundaries of “property damage,” “occurrence,” and key exclusions that often determine the outcome. Attendees will gain practical insight into when coverage is triggered, where it is barred, and how to effectively advocate for or against coverage in product liability disputes.

10:15 – 10:30 am

NETWORKING BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS

Sponsored by OBLIC/Ohio Bar Insurance Agency LLC

10:30 – 11:30 am

“Primary and Excess Carriers – What Duties are Owed?”

SPEAKER: L. Megan Faust, Esq., Roetzel & Andress

60

This session explores the distinct and overlapping duties owed by primary and excess insurers, including obligations to defend, indemnify, settle, and communicate throughout the lifecycle of a claim. Attendees will gain practical guidance on navigating conflicts between carriers, allocation issues, and strategies for protecting policyholder interests in complex, multi-layer insurance programs.

11:30 am – 12:30 pm **LUNCH & NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES**

12:30 – 1:30 pm

“Triggering Events for Personal and Advertising Injury Under Coverage B”

SPEAKERS: Greg O’Brien, Esq., Cavitch Familo & Durkin Co., L.P.A.

Stu Harris, Esq., Nationwide Insurance

60

This session analyzes the events that trigger Coverage B for Personal and Advertising Injury, including offenses such as defamation, disparagement, and intellectual property-related claims. Attendees will explore how courts interpret “publication,” timing, and causation issues, and gain practical strategies for evaluating and litigating Coverage B disputes.

1:30 – 2:15 pm **“Ohio Court of Appeals: Three Perspectives”**

SPEAKERS: Judge Rob Montgomery **45**
 Judge David Gormley
 Judge Kevin Popham

This presentation will focus on the judges’ reflections on the Court of Appeals and how to be an effective appellate lawyer.

2:15 – 2:30 pm **NETWORKING BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS**

2:30 – 3:15 pm **“Ohio Insurance Coverage Cases from the Courts of Appeal and the Ohio Supreme Court: 2025’s Top Cases”**

SPEAKER: Michael Neltner, Esq., Cincinnati Insurance **45**

This session will review the most important insurance coverage cases from Ohio’s courts for 2025 and updates from 2026.

3:15 – 4:15 pm **“Ohio UM UIM What is Past is not Prologue”**

SPEAKER: Adam Carr, Esq. **60**

This session will review the legislative history of Ohio’s UM and UIM Statutes and Newer Caselaw from 2025.

Speaker Surveys: Please take a minute now to fill out your Evaluation Forms since we use those to determine future Speakers and Topics.

4:15 pm **ADJOURN**

TOTAL CLE Minutes/Hours 330 Mins / 5.5 Hours GENERAL