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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 Presentation and Annual Business Meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup>, presented awards to recognize individuals for their service to OACTA, the profession and the community.

The *Excellence in Advocacy Award* was presented, to **Jeffrey W. Hutson, Esq.**, Columbus, Ohio. **W. Charles Curley, Esq.**, Weston Hurd LLP, Columbus, Ohio, received the *Distinguished Contributions to the Profession Award*. The *Respected Advocate Award* was presented to **Craig P. Scott, Esq.**, The Law Offices of Craig Scott & Co., LPA, Columbus, Ohio. **Chief Justice Sharon L. Kennedy**, Supreme Court of Ohio, received the *Public Service Award*. **David C. Comstock, Jr., Esq.**, Bonezzi Switzer Polito & Perry, Canfield, Ohio, received the *Outstanding Advocacy Award*. The *Outstanding Young Lawyer Award* was presented to **Phillip M. Sarnowski, Esq.**, Roetzel & Andress, Columbus, Ohio. The *Committee Chair of the Year Award* was presented to **Michael M. Neltner, Esq.**, Cincinnati Insurance Company, Cincinnati, Ohio. The *Frank Seth Hurd Member of the Year Award* was presented to **Brigid E. Heid, Esq.**, Eastman & Smith Ltd, Columbus, Ohio. OACTA congratulates these award recipients for their outstanding contributions and their dedication to the legal profession!

The Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys (OACTA) 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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