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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 12<sup>th</sup>, presented awards to recognize attorneys for their service to OACTA, the profession and the community.

The *Lifetime Achievement Award* was presented, to **Stephen V. Freeze, Esq.**, Dayton, Ohio. **Richard M. Garner, Esq.**, Collins, Roche, Utley & Garner LLC, Columbus, Ohio, received the *Outstanding Advocacy Award*. The *Outstanding Young Lawyer Award* was presented to **Christopher F. Mars, Esq.**, Bonezzi, Switzer, Polito & Hupp Co., L.P.A., Cleveland, Ohio. The *Committee Chair of the Year Award* was presented to **Brigid E. Heid, Esq.**, Eastman & Smith, Ltd., Columbus, Ohio. The *Frank Seth Hurd Member of the Year Award* was presented to **Jamey T. Pregon, Esq.**, American Family, 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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