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SAVE THE DATE!

September 3, 2013

OACTA Golf Outing

November 14-15, 2013

President's Message

A Message from President Kurt Anderson

By: Kurt D. Anderson
2013 OACTA President



It has been a busy and interesting summer so far. Exponent hosted OACTA's first-ever webinar, with free CLE to OACTA members on accident reconstruction issues, which was a resounding success. We look forward to Exponent's future webinar programs.

OACTA's Insurance Coverage Committee hosted its third Insurance Coverage Seminar in four years, stepping up to help members meet the CLE requirements for the OSBA's new Insurance Coverage specialty. Thanks to Mike Neltner, Richard Garner and the Insurance Coverage committee for their hard work.

With the sponsorship of SEA, the Young Lawyer's Committee has hosted OACTA Happy Hours in several cities, which have been well-attended and well enjoyed.

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NOMINATE SOMEONE FOR THE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

OACTA is always looking for new nominations for the "Member Spotlight" section of the Update. If you know of anyone who exemplifies both professionalism in the practice of law and has outside activities which would be of interest to the OACTA membership, please submit a nomination via email to:

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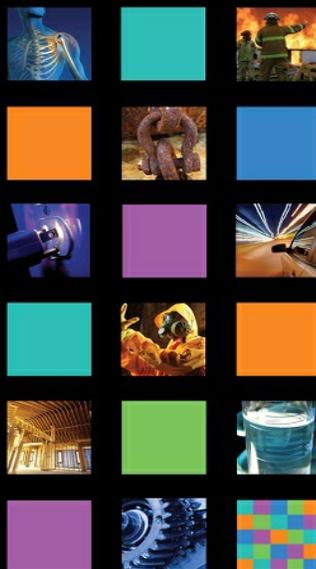


Young Lawyers Committee Update

The Summer Happy Hour Series is back!! The Young Lawyers Committee will be hosting Happy Hours in various cities across Ohio. As part of our efforts to engage members, increase membership networking and provide time for some "fun".

Be on the lookout for emails from OACTA with specific locations. ALL OACTA MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!! We also encourage OACTA members to bring non-OACTA members to learn about the benefits of joining our organization. We also will have two contests: (1) if a non-member joins, the OACTA member who brought the non-member to the Happy Hour will be entered in a raffle for a \$50.00 gift card; and (2) the new OACTA member will also be entered in a raffle for a \$50.00 gift card. The drawing will take place at the November Annual Meeting. These Happy Hours and the prizes are sponsored by S-E-A.

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OACTA Announces 2013 Law Student Diversity Scholarship Recipients

Three (3) scholarships in the amount of \$1,250.00 each will be awarded to: Marissa Black, a student at the The Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law, Alya Sulaiman, a student at The Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law and, Patrice Tisdale a student the University of Cincinnati College of Law. Ms. Black, Ms. Sulaiman and Ms. Tisdale will be recognized at the OACTA Annual Meeting on November 14, 2013. These scholarship recipients will be recognized at the OACTA Annual Meeting.

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OACTA 5th Annual Golf Outing

Bring a Judge, Clients or Guests!

DATE: September 3, 2013

LOCATION: Pinnacle Golf Club, Grove City, OH

Check -In/Practice Range: 11:30 a.m.

Shot-gun Start: 12:30 p.m.

Post-Reception: 5-7:00 p.m.

COST: \$145/golfer (before Aug. 21, 2013); \$50/non-golfer reception

**Support the NFJE and the OACTA Diversity Scholarship
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Tom Glassman's Ukraine Experience

We are all creatures of habit. We eat familiar foods at familiar restaurants. We interact with the same core group of people. Now turn that upside down. Imagine yourself in a situation where you know absolutely no one, you cannot understand anything being said around you, restaurant menus and street signs might as well be written in hieroglyphics, and everyone can instantly tell you are from somewhere

else. I recently experienced it, lived to tell about it, and loved it! I spent two weeks teaching at two law schools in Ukraine, and it was an experience I will remember the rest of my life. Through the Leavitt Institute for International Development, I taught in Odessa, Ukraine, in the Southern part of this historic nation. It was an eye-opening experience on many different levels.

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Hot Topics in Employment Law

After a long winter, warm weather has finally arrived in Ohio. As temperatures heat up, the OACTA Employment Law Committee thought this would be a good time to pass on some current "hot topics" in employment law. This article will focus on recent developments of which all attorneys should be aware when defending employment law claims.

Also included with this article is a link to a survey from the Employment Law Committee. As the new Chairperson of the Employment Law Committee, I and the new vice-chair, Genevieve Anderson, wanted to reach out to the OACTA membership by sending similar articles throughout the year that are tailored to topics of interest to the general membership. Please take a moment to complete the survey so that we can accomplish this goal and keep our membership informed of new developments that are relevant to your practice.

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Reminger Co. LPA Selected by The Plain Dealer as "Top Workplaces 2013" for 3rd, Consecutive Year

In a profession known for its high pressure, high stress, long hours, and adversarial battles, not all law firms would be considered great places to work. OACTA congratulates Reminger Co LPA, where a number of OACTA members practice, for the firm's recognition by the Cleveland newspaper, the Plain Dealer, as a Top Workplaces 2013, for the third year in a row. The Plain Dealer surveyed nearly 50,000 employees. Only 100 companies were selected as Top Workplaces. Congratulations to all OACTA members associated with Reminger for their efforts and success in creating a great place to work!

In Memoriam

Nick Satullo

We were saddened to learn of the passing of OACTA Member and former OACTA Professional Liability Committee Chair, Nick Satullo, of Reminger Co., L.P.A. in Cleveland. On behalf of OACTA, we express our deepest condolences to Nick's family and colleagues.

M. Andrew Sway

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of OACTA member M. Andrew Sway, a partner in the Columbus office of Smith, Rolfes & Skavdahl Co. LPA. On behalf of OACTA, we express our

deepest condolences to Andy's family and colleagues.

MEMBER NEWS

The OACTA Update features a "Member News" section, which is designed to highlight and inform our membership of the personal and professional accomplishments of our tremendously gifted and talented OACTA members. If you or another member of your firm or practice meet the above criteria, please provide a brief, one-paragraph description to the editors of the Update: Tony Brown (tonyb@bakerfirm.com), or Joe Borchelt (jborchelt@reminger.com).

We look forward to your submissions and the opportunity to share your many accomplishments with our organization.

Tim Fitzgerald joins Cleveland Law Firm

Timothy J. Fitzgerald has joined the Cleveland law firm of Koehler Neal LLC as a member. Tim's practice continues to focus on commercial and business litigation in state and federal courts, and appellate practice before state and federal courts of appeals and the Supreme Court of Ohio. He is certified by the Ohio State Bar Association as an Appellate Law specialist and serves as one of the twelve members appointed to the OSBA's Appellate Law Specialty Board where he serves as its vice-chair. Tim has also authored amicus briefs on behalf of OACTA before the Supreme Court of Ohio, including *Eastley v. Volkman* (2012), *Lang v. Holly Hill Motel, Inc.* (2009), and *Smith v. Conley* (2006). He has argued in eight cases decided by the Ohio Supreme Court and has handled over 200 appeals before the intermediate state and federal courts of appeals in Ohio. Tim obtained his undergraduate degree from Marquette University and his law degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

Jane Lynch Elected to FDCC

Green & Green, Lawyers is proud to announce that Jane M. Lynch has been elected to the Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel (FDCC). To be selected, a candidate must be nominated by two current members, and go through a vigorous vetting process. Membership invitations are limited to 1000 U.S. member attorneys in private practice.

Ms. Lynch is a 1982 magna cum laude graduate of the University of Dayton Law School. She is a shareholder and principal of Green & Green, Lawyers, and is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and the Ohio Northern and Southern U.S. District Courts.



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