The 2007 Summer Conference will include an array of premier CLE sessions, including presentations on discovery best practices, rules of professional conduct (implementation issues & practice pointers), tort reform developments (legal & political/judicial), bad faith law & practice pointers, appellate practice pointers from a judicial panel, sinking of the Titanic mock trial (expert evidence techniques & practice pointers), DRI presentation on the paperless trial, how to make ADR a potent tool in the defense arsenal, Ohio legislative update, and trial bar perspectives on case evaluation and settlement negotiations.

**Program**

**Thursday, June 14**

3:00 – 7:00 p.m. Early Registration

4:00 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting

6:00 p.m. Welcome Reception (cocktails and heavy hors d’oeuvres) at the Lodge

6:30 p.m. Board of Trustees Dinner

**Friday, June 15**

7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Exhibit Setup

8:00 a.m. Registration/Continental Breakfast/Exhibits Open

8:25 – 8:30 a.m. President’s Welcome
Scott A. Gilliam, Esq.

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. “COURTS & TORTS: How Recent Ohio Civil Justice Reforms Are Faring in the Courts”
A review of legal and judicial proceedings interpreting the various civil justice reforms enacted by the 125th & 126th Ohio General Assemblies, including civil actions, joint & several liability, medical malpractice and asbestos.

Speakers: Anne Marie Sferra, Esq. and Miranda Motter, Esq., Bricker & Eckler, Columbus

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. “DO YOU KNOW IT WHEN YOU SEE IT? A Primer on Insurer Bad Faith Law & Practice in Ohio”
A practical review of insurer bad faith law in Ohio with an emphasis on preventing and defending bad faith claims and handling discovery requests under Boone v. Vanliner.

Speaker: Matthew R. Planey, Esq., Crabbe, Brown & James, Columbus

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break with Exhibitors

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. “MOUSE CLICKS INSTEAD OF PAPER CUTS: The Electronic Courtroom & The Paperless Trial”
An in-depth look at the use of technology in the courtroom and the benefits of the paperless trial.

Speaker: Kevin C. Schiferl, Esq., Locke Reynolds LLP, Indianapolis, Indiana

3:00 – 3:15 p.m. Break with Exhibitors

A review of pending and enacted legislation from the new Ohio General Assembly, a thumbnail sketch of the new legislature’s makeup, and the legislative outlook for issues of interest to OACTA members.

Speaker: Scott A. Gilliam, Esq., Cincinnati Insurance Company, Fairfield

**Friday, June 15, (Continued)**

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. “HOW ARE WE MEASURING UP? Putting The Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct To Work In Your Practice”
A timely review of implementation issues and practice pointers on the recently adopted Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct

Speakers: Rick Dove, Esq., and Jonathon Marshall, Esq., Ohio Supreme Court, Columbus

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. “JUST THE FACTS PLEASE: Some New Ideas On Discovery Best Practices”
Two practitioners will offer practical advice on discovery best practices and how to get more out of the discovery process through a review of unique discovery issues and a primer on the effective use of paralegals in discovery.

Speakers: Mark Melko, Esq. & Jay Eggsseleh, Esq., Wiles, Boyle, Burkholder & Bringardner; Columbus

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. “VIEW FROM THE SAUSAGE FACTORY: The 127th Ohio General Assembly – More Lawyer Legislators & More Bills”
A review of pending and enacted legislation from the new Ohio General Assembly, a thumbnail sketch of the new legislature’s makeup, and the legislative outlook for issues of interest to OACTA members.

Speaker: Scott A. Gilliam, Esq., Cincinnati Insurance Company, Fairfield
Friday, June 15, (Continued)
3:45 – 4:45 p.m.
“ICEBERG AHEAD! Litigating The Titanic Disaster – The Expert’s Perspective”
Using state-of-the-art demonstrative evidence and expert evidence techniques which can be applied to current day products cases, this mock trial program analyzes the issues which would have arisen if a products liability action had been filed against the designer of the RMS Titanic.
Speaker: Angela Meyer, Ph.D, P.E., Exponent, Menlo Park, California

5:30 -10:00 p.m.
“Dine & Ride” at Kings Island
Bring the family and join us for a picnic dinner at King’s Island followed by full park admission until closing time (10:00 p.m.).

Saturday, June 16

8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast/Exhibits Open

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
“What Do You Mean Settle? How to Make ADR, Mediation & Negotiation a Potent Tool In The Defense Arsenal”
A refreshing but practical look at the unique techniques and strategies which today’s defense litigators can use to resolve cases outside of the courtroom, with an emphasis on the human factors aspects of dispute resolution advocacy.
Speaker: Amy Mass, Esq., Hanover Insurance Group, Columbus

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
“PLEASE CITE TO THE RECORD: Appellate Practice – A View from the Bench”
A panel of three Ohio jurists representing each level of the Ohio court system will offer appellate practice advice, including practice pointers for preserving the record for appeal, arguing and briefing your case, and making your case in the Supreme Court.
Panelists: Judge Charles Schneider, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas; Judge Lisa Sadler, Tenth District Court of Appeals; and Justice Maureen O’Connor, Ohio Supreme Court (invited)
Moderator: Irene Keyes Walker, Esq., Tucker, Ellis & West, Cleveland (invited)

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break with Exhibitors

10:45 – 11:15 a.m.
“Do You Have Authority? Plaintiff Counsel’s Perspective on Case Evaluation & Settlement Negotiations”
A member of the plaintiff’s bar offers his perspective on case evaluation and settlement negotiations.
Speaker: Frank Ray, Esq., Chester, Willcox & Saxbe, Columbus

11:15 – 11:45 a.m.
“From the Courthouse to the Statehouse: The Public Policy Perspectives of the Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers”
The president of the Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers will discuss OATL’s public policy philosophy and its legislative initiatives for 2007.
Speaker: Mark Kitrick, Esq., Kitrick, Lewis & Harris, Columbus

11:45 a.m. Adjourn

Hotel Reservation Request Information

Great Wolf Lodge
6100 Kings Island Drive
Mason, Ohio 45040

A block of rooms has been reserved at a discount rate of $199 plus applicable taxes. This rate does include passes to the waterpark. The room block is good through Monday, May 14, 2007. Requests received after May 14, 2007 will be accepted based on room and rate availability. It is imperative that you indicate you are with OACTA when making your reservations. Make your room reservation today by calling 800.913.9653.

For more information, visit http://www.greatwolflodge.com/locations/Mason/.

Directions

From Cincinnati
Take I-71 N toward Columbus
Take the Western Row Rd exit 24 to Kings Island Dr - go 0.7 mi
Bear left at Kings Island Dr - go 0.9 mi
Resort will be on your right

From Dayton
Take I-75 S toward Cincinnati
Take the OH-63 exit 29 to Monroe/Hamilton - go 0.5 mi
Turn left at OH-63 E - go 3.1 mi
Turn right at OH-741 - go 6.7 mi
Bear left at Kings Mill Rd - go 0.1 mi
Bear right at Kings Island Dr - go 1.0 mi
Resort will be on your left

From Columbus
Take the I-71 S ramp to Cincinnati - go 81 mi
Take the OH-741 N exit 25 to Mason - go 0.3 mi
Bear left onto the OH-741 ramp - go 122 ft
Turn left at OH-741 - go 0.3 mi
Bear right at Kings Mill Rd - go 0.1 mi
Bear right at Kings Island Dr - go 1.0 mi
Resort will be on your left

Continuing Legal Education
Pending 9.50 hours of with the Ohio Supreme Court Commission on Continuing Legal Education and with the Kentucky Bar Association CLE Commission.
Name (please print): ____________________________________________________________

Preferred name for badge: ______________________________________________________

Company: ______________________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________ City: __________________________ State: _____ Zip: ______

Phone: __________________________ Fax: __________________________ Email: __________________

Spouse/Guest Name (if attending) __________________________________________________

___ Check here if you have any disability-related or dietary needs that require accommodation in order to fully participate in this meeting. If so, attach a written description of your needs.

___ Check here if you would be interested in a Friday night “dine-around” option as an alternative to Kings Island (coordinated group dining in the area).

Conference Registration Fees

Member: $250  $___________

Non-member: $300  (Non-member fee includes OACTA membership through December 2007.) $___________

Students/Young Lawyers  (Those who have less than 5 years in practice.) $___________

Member: $187.50  Non-member: $225

Office Administrator: $50  $___________

Judges: Complimentary  $___________

Friday Evening Picnic

Adult: $25.95  Children: $24.95  $___________

Total Amount Due: $___________

In order for your registration to be valid, please indicate the number of people attending each event:

Event  # Attending

Friday Continental Breakfast

Friday Lunch

Friday Evening Picnic

Saturday Continental Breakfast

(Should the number of attendees above change prior to the meeting, please notify the OACTA office right away!)

Method of Payment

___ Enclosed is my check made payable to: OACTA.

___ Please charge my credit card (___ MasterCard  ___ Visa  ___ Discover Card  ___ American Express)

Card # ____________________________________________ Exp. Date: __________

Cardholder Name ____________________________________________________________

Authorized Signature: _________________________________________________________

Cancellations must be made by Monday, June 4, 2007, to receive a full refund. Cancellations after that date will be charged a $50 service fee.