

Trial Skills Institute to feature interactive panel and live jury deliberations

The Central Ohio Association for Justice is once again partnering with the Columbus Bar Association to present the seventh annual Trial Skills Institute.

Unlike most traditional lecture-style seminars, this event will showcase a complete mock trial from jury selection to closing. Each phase of trial will be demonstrated live: voir dire, opening, direct examination, cross examination and closing argument.

Following each phase, attendees are invited to participate in an interactive panel discussion with the participants and judge. This event provides opportunities to gain trial strategy insight and to learn new techniques from the experienced presenters and judge.

Additionally, the seminar will feature a live jury that will hear and decide the case. Following final arguments, the jury



members will retire to a separate room for deliberations. These deliberations will be monitored by closed-circuit television systems and fed to attendees for a "fly-on-the-wall" perspective of how juries come to their verdicts.

This year's institute presents a civil suit arising out of a police excessive force case. A wide range of speakers will present their thoughts on the mock trial through panel discussions, including Al Gerhardtstein and son Adam Gerhardtstein, of Cincinnati-based Gerhardtstein & Branch. Al Gerhardtstein is nationally-known for his work as lead counsel for Jim Obergefell in last summer's United States Supreme

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Court marriage equality decision. He also represented the family of Samuel DuBose in their civil suit against the University of Cincinnati.

The event will be held on Dec. 2 at the Columbus Bar offices, 175 S. Third St., Suite 1100. For attorneys, the seminar will offer over six hours of CLE course credit. Special rates are available to Columbus Bar members and Central Ohio Association for Justice members, along with a discounted rate for law students interested in attending. A full program and registration can be found on the Columbus Bar website, www.cbalaw.org.

Healthcare open enrollment starts

Through the Affordable Care Act, Americans now have access to healthcare marketplaces. Those seeking new coverage can apply for insurance beginning Nov. 1, for coverage that starts on Jan. 1, 2017. The deadline to apply is Dec. 15.

Even those who are currently covered are encouraged to update their expected income and household information. If expected income has changed, there is a possibility that an individual's premium tax credit will change for 2017.

Through Willis and ConnectedHealth, the Columbus Bar Association created a unique Columbus Bar Association Marketplace, an online marketplace where members and their employees can shop for individual and family health insurance, as well as vision, dental, identity protection, accident insurance, and critical illness coverage.

The CBA Marketplace is designed to give users the tools needed to easily navigate through the shopping process and confidently choose the best coverage based on their healthcare needs and budget.

Those interested can create an account on the CBA Marketplace by visiting the Columbus Bar website, www.cbalaw.org.

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On Oct. 25, the Legal Aid Society of Columbus, the Columbus Bar Foundation and the Columbus Bar Association hosted the 2016 Pro Bono Awards. Pictured left to right are Meghan Rao, accepting the award for Outstanding Service by a Law Firm on behalf of Squire Patton Boggs, In The Trenches Award recipient Walter Messenger, New Attorney Pro Bono Service Award recipient Jyoshu Tsushima, the Legal Aid Society of Columbus Executive Director Tom Weeks, Pro Bono Support Award recipient Joan Sant, and the Columbus Bar Foundation President Tom Hill. Not pictured is Outstanding Pro Bono Service by an Individual recipient Christy Prince.

PROGRAMS AROUND THE BAR:

Annual Networking Night at Nationwide Arena

All members of the Columbus Bar Association are invited to attend the New Lawyers Committee and the Ohio Society of CPAs for their Annual Networking Night at Nationwide Arena. The event takes place on Nov. 15 in the arena's Sky Terrace. An hour of networking will be followed by the Columbus Blue Jackets game at 7 p.m.

Tickets include both the networking event and admission to the game. Tickets are \$20 for Columbus Bar members and \$28 for guests. Advanced registration is required to Donna Sweet at donna@cbalaw.org. More information can be found on the Columbus Bar website, www.cbalaw.org.

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