

# COLUMBUS BAR Friday

The Official Weekly News of the Columbus Bar Association

## Don't forget to vote!

**Online voting for the 2009 Preference Poll will be available through Tuesday, September 8.**

A link to the online ballot can be found at [www.cbalaw.org](http://www.cbalaw.org).

## What do you really know about Columbus City Government?

By Jennifer Anne Adair,  
Government Agencies committee chair

Taking a stroll around Downtown Columbus you will find many new projects and developments under way such as the Scioto Mile Park, Franklin County Courthouse and new downtown residential developments. There are also whispers in the air of the new park at the current site of City Center. With the passage of Issue 1 by Columbus voters in early August, the City services of Police and Fire have been saved and many of the closed recreation centers have been promised to be reopened, but for how long?

Columbus is the city we live in, work or play in, but how much do you really know about what is going on? Attend the Government Agencies committee meeting on September 2 at noon and learn about the goals of Columbus City leaders for our future. This meeting is open to all Columbus Bar members.

## Women Lawyers of Franklin County

Judge Judith French of the Tenth District Court of Appeals will provide tips to practitioners during her presentation, titled "Ten Things I Wish I Had Known When I Was Still Practicing Law." A question and answer session will follow.

**Tuesday, September 1, 12:30 p.m.**

Lunch is provided – \$10 for WLFC members and \$15 for non-members. Payment can be made by cash or check (made payable to Women Lawyers of Franklin County) at the door. RSVP by Friday, August 28 to Julie B. Smith at [jusmith@ssd.com](mailto:jusmith@ssd.com).



French

**NEW LAWYERS** committee is ready for another year filled with networking events, community service projects, and professional development opportunities. If you are under the age of 35, or in the first five years of your practice, I hope you'll join us. We are an active group of lawyers who seek to better their practice and the profession. Members come from a variety of practice areas and we have planned a wide assortment of events. Our goal is to make sure members of the committee have opportunities to get to know people in their community and to have fun while we do it. There will be plenty of social networking events this year, as well as community service opportunities. Check the website for an up-to-date list of our activities.

From Kacey Chappelle, Chair, New Lawyers

## Meet Gerry Leeseberg ColumbusLawyerFinder.com

Why did you decide to become an attorney?

I have always admired the legal system's goal of objectively and dispassionately gathering facts and having an impartial voice from the community consider and weigh evidence presented by attorneys representing opposing viewpoints, to reach a just and fair result. That process gives equal voice and opportunity to be heard by the powerless, as well as the powerful.

What experiences (work and personal) help you to be a better attorney?

I worked in many different blue collar jobs through school, and saw how important it is to people to have an opportunity to be successful in providing for their families. I have also seen the chaos and burden that people must cope with when they have suffered serious injuries or losses. My grandmother was widowed at a very young age because of the neglect of a railroad crossing guard, and forced to work and struggle to provide for the care of my mother, as a single parent, during a time when there were not many opportunities for women in the work force. That tragedy shaped and defined both of their lives forever.

What makes your law firm unique?

Our firm is unique in that it is very small, and yet very sophisticated in the level of experience and expertise that we can bring to bear. We have a cohesive group of people who are a second "family," and very much enjoy working and socializing with each other. Everyone is committed to helping our clients, on a personal level as well with the legal fight we wage on their behalf. We help people with cases other firms deem "too small," as well as the other end of the spectrum, such as serving as national trial counsel in complex multi-district pharmaceutical litigation.

Describe your ideal client.

There is no such thing as an ideal client. People are obviously unique, but in some sense they are also the same: everyone comes to us with a vast array of life experiences, good and bad. Some have been able to survive and cope with their life experiences, trials and tribulations better than others, but it is important to respect and understand those who struggle to cope. We see it as part of our mission to help jurors understand who each person is, and why they are the individual person they are, for better or worse. As I tell my clients, I can deal with any situation in their personal life; the only thing I am unable to deal with is dishonesty. If you tell the truth, people will empathize and understand the human condition.



Leeseberg

## Join a Committee – "Live" and Lively

Summer is fading fast and that means the start of the Columbus Bar committee year is right around the corner! Beginning September 1, all your favorite committees are back in action with monthly meetings and other special activities.

New for 2009, we've added a Consumer Financial Services and Banking committee under the leadership of Margaret Stolar, Dreher Tomkies Scheiderer. The group will host

its first meeting on Thursday, September 10 from noon to 1 p.m. Other new committees are coming soon. Watch the Daily Reporter and the Columbus Bar website for additional information.

Columbus Bar committees provide a lively way to stay on top of the latest changes in your area of practice, and connect with other Columbus Bar attorneys. Meetings are free and open to all Columbus Bar members. As a committee

member, you will receive meeting notices, electronic materials, access to a committee specific listserv, advanced notice of relevant CLE programs, and a host of other benefits. Detailed information about each committee is on our website along with an easy way to sign up for 2009-2010. Visit [www.cbalaw.org](http://www.cbalaw.org) committees and click "Join a Committee" at the top or call our offices, 221-4112.

## Attention A-L attorneys CLE Season in Full Swing

Days are getting shorter, CLE seminar schedule is close to full, and if your last name begins with A-L you only have four more months to finish up your CLE requirements and report your hours to the Supreme Court. The Columbus Bar stands ready to help you complete your hours with the wide range of programs on the docket.

Our new Masters Series offers nearly 24 hours of in-depth programming incorporating traditional CLE methods with interactive sessions and other innovative teaching

tools. Topics scheduled before December 31 include Business Development, Labor and Employment Law, Evidence and Hearsay, and Professionalism, with additional topics planned for 2010. The New Lawyer Training Program, now available in short one or three-hour sessions, is open to everyone, perfect for young lawyers or experienced professionals interested in changing areas of practice.

Our curriculum also includes numerous three-hour programs focused on substan-

tive law, law office management, marketing, technology and other areas to help you develop business, keep you up-to-date on important changes in your practice area, and increase your bottom line.

As always, the Columbus Bar staff is available Monday – Friday from 8 to 5 to answer any questions you have about CLE. For assistance or to register for a CLE program, log onto our website at [www.cbalaw.org/cle](http://www.cbalaw.org/cle) or call the CLE Department at 221-4112.

## "Check Your Privacy Rights" And other employment issues

The Masters CLE Series will kick off September 10 with a Labor & Employment Law program offering a combination of presentations and panel discussions. Chief Justice Thomas Moyer will present a segment on Professionalism; and Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray, OSU Professor Ruth Colker and William Nolan join together for a discussion on ADA, state and federal developments.

Other panel topics include "Practical Considerations in

Reviewing Leave Requests," and "Check Your Privacy Rights at the Door, Please!" – discussing the use social media to screen employees, email rights, and employee monitoring developments.

"Accommodating Religious Diversity," a review of EEOC guidelines, legislative and judicial developments, and Justice Sotomayer's potential impact will be presented by David Ball and Fazeel Khan; and "ERISA for Employment Lawyers" by Anthony Ciriaco. "Card Checks

and Other Legislative Hot Buttons" completes the panel discussions.

Serving as panels are Kimberly Hensley, Ann Koerner, John Marshall, Bradd Siegel, Fred Gittes, Kristin Seifert Watson, Larry Feheley, and Mike Womack. Joelle Khouzam is the moderator.

The CLE Easy Pass seminar earns 6.25 hours, includes 1.0 professionalism, from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Go online to register, [www.clalaw.org/cle](http://www.clalaw.org/cle), fax to 514.340.2081, or call, 614.221.4112

## At Your Service

*May we help you?* Every weekday in September and October, between the hours of 11:45am and 1:15pm, we'll have a dedicated staff person on hand assisting members with registrations for CLE, trouble-shooting any log-in problems on our new website design, updating directory information, and explaining any of the client and career-building programs that we offer members. Come a little early to your committee meetings or stay a few minutes afterwards and we'll help you get the biggest return from your Columbus Bar membership.

## SERVING NOTICE



Saia and DiCarlo

JON J. SAIA, Saia & Piatt, presented NICKY DICARLO with the 2009 St. Michael Law Day Scholarship award. DiCarlo was one of twelve 8th grade students who entered the contest for the \$750 Scholarship Award, 2009/2010 tuition to continue education at a parochial high school in the Columbus area. The essay topic was "Should illegal immigrant workers be allowed to stay in the United States?"

PARTNERS IN SURVIVAL, a free seminar for couples from Men Against Breast Cancer, national non-profit designed to educate men to be effective caregivers when breast cancer strikes a female loved one. Participants will learn skills to help them deal with everyday problems common before, during and after cancer treatment. Presented by Komen Columbus and the Young Survival Coalition on Saturday, August 29, 8:30–12:30 p.m. Register at

614-470-0300 or  
[mabcevent@youngsurvival.org](mailto:mabcevent@youngsurvival.org).

CAPITAL University Law School welcomes a new incoming class of nearly 250 students this year, having received more than 1,450 applications – a 15 percent increase over last year. Other facts about this entering class: 50 percent are women; 15 percent are students of color; range in age from 21–55, average age being 26; and 11 students hold a graduate degree.

Cincinnati-based law firm DINSMORE & SHOHL and Louisville-based Woodward Hobson & Fulton have announced the merger of their firms, bringing 54 attorneys to Dinsmore which has grown by more than 150 lawyers in the last two years.

STEPHEN E. CHAPPELEAR, managing partner of Hahn Loeser, Columbus, was recognized by Best Lawyers 2010 in the field of commercial litigation.



Nolan

WILLIAM A. NOLAN, a partner with Barnes & Thornburg, was named to the list, The Best Lawyers in America, 2010, for his practice in education law and labor & employment law.



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## Welcome back to committees!

Columbus Bar committee meetings begin again **September 1.**

**Wednesday, September 2  
Labor & Employment Law  
Noon – 1 p.m.**  
Matthew Austin & Eve Ellinger,  
Co-chairs

**Wednesday, September 2  
Government Agencies  
Noon – 1 p.m.**  
Jennifer Adair, Chair  
Topic: The Future of Columbus: A Discussion with City Council and some of the topics that will be discussed include: the impact of the passage of Issue 1 and the "City Center" project.

**Thursday, September 3  
Common Pleas  
Noon – 1 p.m.**  
Magistrate Mark Petrucci and Clint Charnes, Co-Chairs  
Speaker: Judge Patrick Sheeran  
Topic: Voir Dire

**Thursday, September 3  
Employee Benefits  
Noon – 1 p.m.**  
Anthony Ciriaco, Chair  
Speaker: Linda Mendel, Vorys Sater Seymour & Pease  
Topic: The new regulations issued under the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH)

**Tuesday, September 8  
Probate  
Noon – 1 p.m.**  
Jane Higgins, Chair  
Speaker: The Honorable Eric Brown, Franklin County Probate Court  
Topic: Probate Court Update

**Wednesday, September 9  
Federal Court  
Noon – 1 p.m.**  
Jeffrey Yeager, Chair  
Speaker: Donald A. Wochna, Vestige Digital Investigations  
Topic: Electronic Discovery and Investigations

**Wednesday, September 9  
Environmental Law  
Noon – 1 p.m.**  
Nate Orosz, Chair  
Speaker: Chris Korleski, Director of Ohio EPA  
Topic: Update on current and future developments, rulemaking, and initiatives at Ohio EPA.

**Wednesday, September 9  
Business Tax  
Noon – 1:15 pm**  
Necol Russell-Washington and Brian Close, Co-chairs  
Speakers: David S. Jackson, Carlile Patchen & Murphy, and Christina Peters, Ernst & Young Taxing Matters Series: Payroll Taxes – No Longer Just Passing Through

**Thursday, September 10  
Bankruptcy  
Noon – 1:00 pm**  
Christal Caudill, Chair  
Speakers: W. Mark Jump, Esq. and Nannette Dean, Esq.  
Topic: C.A.R.E. Care is a national program developed to reach High School and College age students regarding financial literacy. The program was founded by John C. Ninno, II, Chief Judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of New York. The CARE program is now underway here locally. Mark Jump and Nannette Dean will discuss the program and how attorneys and staff can get involved.

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# COLUMBUS BAR *Friday*

## CLE At-A-Glance

**August 28**

Friday, 9:00am-12:15pm

### Ohio's LGBT Legal Landscape

3.0 Hours including 2.0 Hours Family Relations Law

Certification Credit

Event #: OT090828

Members: \$105 prepaid / \$120 day of

Non-members: \$150 prepaid / \$165 day of

Non-attorneys: \$75 prepaid / \$90 day of

CLE Easy Pass Eligible



**September 9**

Wednesday, 12:15pm – 1:15pm

### Taxing Matters: Payroll Taxes – No Longer Just Passing Through

1.0 CLE Hour

Event #: TX090909

Members: \$35 prepaid / \$40 day of

Non-members: \$50 prepaid / \$55 day of

Non-attorneys: \$25 prepaid / \$30 day of

CLE Easy Pass Eligible



**September 10**

Thursday, 8:30am-4:30pm

### Masters Series: Labor & Employment Law

6.25 CLE Hours

Event #: MS090910

Members: \$210 prepaid / \$240 day of

Non-members: \$300 prepaid / \$330 day of

Non-Attorneys: \$150 prepaid / \$180 day of

CLE Easy Pass Eligible



**September 11**

Friday, 9:00am- 5:00pm

### Masters Series: Business Development in a Down Economy

6.50 CLE Hours including 1.0 hour ethics

Event #: MS090911

Members: \$210 prepaid / \$240 day of

Non-members: \$300 prepaid / \$330 day of

CLE Easy Pass Eligible



**September 14**

Monday, 12:15pm – 1:15pm

### How to Try the Perfect Divorce Case

1.0 CLE Hour

Event #: DR090914

Members: \$35 prepaid / \$40 day of

Non-members: \$50 prepaid / \$55 day of

Non-attorneys: \$25 prepaid / \$30 day of

CLE Easy Pass Eligible



**September 16**

Wednesday, 1:30pm – 4:45pm

### Environmental Law: The Emerging Renewable Energy Credit Market & Associated Rules in Ohio

3.0 CLE Hours

Event #: EV090916

Members: \$105 prepaid / \$120 day of

Non-members: \$150 prepaid / \$165 day of

Non-attorneys: \$75 prepaid / \$90 day of

CLE Easy Pass Eligible



**September 24**

Thursday, 9:00am – 11:45am

### Annual Requirements Seminar Of Nomadic Lawyers, Incongruous Clients and Psychic Meltdown

(video)

2.5 CLE Hours including 1.0 ethics, 1.0 professionalism, and 0.5 substance abuse

Event #: RQ090924

Members: \$105 prepaid / \$120 day of

Non-members: \$150 prepaid / \$165 day of

Non-attorneys: \$75 prepaid / \$90 day of

CLE Easy Pass Eligible



**September 25**

Friday, 9:00am-4:30pm

### Domestic Relations Counseling & Case Law

6.0 CLE Hours (lunch included in the cost)

Event #: DR090327

Members: \$220 prepaid / \$250 day of

Non-members: \$310 prepaid / \$340 day of

Non-attorneys: \$160 prepaid / \$190 day of

CLE Easy Pass Eligible



**October 14**

Wednesday, 12:15pm – 1:15pm

### Taxing Matters: COD Income Rules – Increasingly Important in a Trouble Economy

1.0 CLE Hour

Event #: TX091014

Members: \$35 prepaid / \$40 day of

Non-members: \$50 prepaid / \$55 day of

Non-attorneys: \$25 prepaid / \$30 day of

CLE Easy Pass Eligible



**October 23**

Friday, 9:00am- 4:45pm

### Master Series: Evidence and Hearsay

6.0 CLE Hours

Event #: MS091023

Members: \$210 prepaid / \$240 day of

Non-members: \$300 prepaid / \$330 day of

CLE Easy Pass Eligible



**October 28**

Wednesday, 1:30pm – 4:45pm

### Health Care Reform

3.0 CLE Hours

Event #: HC091028

Members: \$105 prepaid / \$120 day of

Non-members: \$150 prepaid / \$165 day of

Non-attorneys: \$75 prepaid / \$90 day of

CLE Easy Pass Eligible



**October 30**

Friday, 9:00am – 11:45am

### Annual Requirements Seminar Of Nomadic Lawyers, Incongruous Clients and Psychic Meltdown

(video)

2.5 CLE Hours including 1.0 ethics, 1.0 professionalism, and 0.5 substance abuse

Event #: RQ091030

Members: \$105 prepaid / \$120 day of

Non-members: \$150 prepaid / \$165 day of

Non-attorneys: \$75 prepaid / \$90 day of

CLE Easy Pass Eligible



**November 6**

Friday, 9:00am – 12:15pm

### Nuts & Bolts of Bankruptcy: Part 1

3.0 CLE Hours

Event #: BK091106

Members: \$105 prepaid / \$120 day of

Non-members: \$150 prepaid / \$165 day of

Non-attorneys: \$75 prepaid / \$90 day of

CLE Easy Pass Eligible



**November 10**

Tuesday, 9:00am – 11:15pm

### New Lawyer Training: Workers Compensation & Social Security Disability

2.0 CLE Hours

Event #: NL091110

Members: \$70 prepaid / \$80 day of

Non-members: \$100 prepaid / \$110 day of

Non-attorneys: \$50 prepaid / \$60 day of

CLE Easy Pass Eligible



**November 11**

Wednesday, 12:15pm – 1:15pm

### Taxing Matters: Business Bankruptcy and Taxation

1.0 CLE Hour

Event #: TX091111

Members: \$35 prepaid / \$40 day of

Non-members: \$50 prepaid / \$55 day of

Non-attorneys: \$25 prepaid / \$30 day of

CLE Easy Pass Eligible



**November 17**

Tuesday, 9:00am – 10:00am

### New Lawyer Training: Introduction to DUI

1.0 CLE Hour

Event #: NL091117a

Members: \$35 prepaid / \$40 day of

Non-members: \$50 prepaid / \$55 day of

Non-attorneys: \$25 prepaid / \$30 day of

CLE Easy Pass Eligible



**November 17**

Tuesday, 10:15am – 11:15am

### New Lawyer Training: Introduction to Basic Criminal Law

1.0 CLE Hour

Event #: NL091117b

Members: \$35 prepaid / \$40 day of

Non-members: \$50 prepaid / \$55 day of

Non-attorneys: \$25 prepaid / \$30 day of

CLE Easy Pass Eligible



**November 17**

Tuesday, 11:30am – 12:30pm

### New Lawyer Training: Specialized Courts

1.0 CLE Hour

Event #: NL091117c

Members: \$35 prepaid / \$40 day of

Non-members: \$50 prepaid / \$55 day of

Non-attorneys: \$25 prepaid / \$30 day of

CLE Easy Pass Eligible



**November 18**

Wednesday, 9:00am – 12:15pm

### Meeting Dynamics for Lawyers: Conducting & Participating in Effective Meetings.

3.0 CLE Hours

Event #: PM091118a

Members: \$105 prepaid / \$120 day of

Non-members: \$150 prepaid / \$165 day of

Non-attorneys: \$75 prepaid / \$90 day of

CLE Easy Pass Eligible



**November 18**

Wednesday, 1:30pm-4:45pm

### Persuasive Communications in the Courtroom

3.0 CLE Hours

Event #: PM091118b

Members: \$105 prepaid / \$120 day of

Non-members: \$150 prepaid / \$165 day of

Non-attorneys: \$75 prepaid / \$90 day of

CLE Easy Pass Eligible



**November 19**

Thursday, 9:00am- 12:15pm

### Master's Series: Lincoln on Professionalism

*Prepared and produced by the Atlanta Bar Association*

*in cooperation with the Georgia Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism*

3.0 CLE Hours including 1.0 ethics, 1.0 professionalism, .50 substance abuse

Event #: MS091119

Members: \$105 prepaid / \$120 day of

Non-members: \$150 prepaid / \$165 day of

Non-attorneys: \$75 prepaid / \$90 day of

CLE Easy Pass Eligible



**December 1**

Tuesday, 9:00am – 12:15pm

### New Lawyer Training: Client Interviews, Depositions, & Discovery

3.0 CLE Hours

Event #: NL091201

Members: \$105 prepaid / \$120 day of

Non-members: \$150 prepaid / \$165 day of

Non-attorneys: \$75 prepaid / \$90 day of

CLE Easy Pass Eligible



**December 1**

Tuesday, 1:30pm – 4:45pm

### Real Property Update

3.0 CLE Hours

Event # RP091201

Members: \$105 prepaid / \$120 day of

Non-members: \$150 prepaid / \$165 day of

Non-attorneys: \$75 prepaid / \$90 day of

CLE Easy Pass Eligible



**December 2**

Wednesday, 9:00am – 11:45am

### Ethics, Professionalism & Substance Abuse – Live Annual Requirements

2.5 CLE Hours including 1.0 ethics, 1.0 professionalism, and 0.5 substance abuse

Event #: RQ091202

Members: \$105 prepaid / \$120 day of

Non-members: \$150 prepaid / \$165 day of

Non-attorneys: \$75 prepaid / \$90 day of

CLE Easy Pass Eligible



**December 2**

Wednesday, 1:30pm – 4:45pm

### Cashing In: Selling Your Law Practice

3.0 CLE Hours

Event #: PM091112

Members: \$105 prepaid / \$120 day of

Non-members: \$150 prepaid / \$165 day of

Non-attorneys: \$75 prepaid / \$90 day of

CLE Easy Pass Eligible



**December 3**

Thursday, 9:00am – 12:15pm

### OVI – Part 1

3.0 CLE Hours

Event #: LI091203a

Members: \$105 prepaid / \$120 day of

Non-members: \$150 prepaid / \$165 day of

Non-attorneys: