

SOCIAL EVENTS

Connect with your fellow members and colleagues and enjoy all that the Winter Convention has to offer with our social events.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

CLEVELANDER

834 Huron Road E.

Cleveland

8:30PM - 10:30PM

Join us at the Clevelander, an upbeat bar in downtown Cleveland, to kick off our sixth Winter Convention! Enjoy cocktails and late night fare during this exclusive OAJ only event.



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

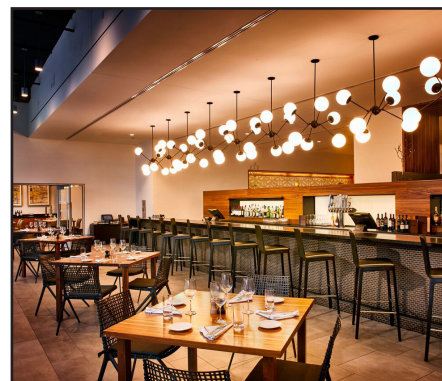
THE BURNHAM RESTAURANT

100 Lakeside Ave E.

Cleveland

5:00PM - 7:00PM

Unwind after a day of seminars at the Burnham Restaurant, the latest from famed Cleveland chef and restaurateur Zack Bruel. Enjoy some delicious hors d'oeuvres and refreshing cocktails!



MASTER SCHEDULE

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Registration & Exhibits.....	7:30 am – 4:30 pm
Plenary Session (1.50 CLE hour).....	9:00 am – 10:30 am
General Session (4 CLE Hours).....	10:30 am – 4:00 pm
Workers' Compensation (4.75 CLE Hours).....	10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Professional Conduct (2.50 CLE Hours).....	1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Friday, November 3, 2017

Registration & Exhibits.....	7:30 am – 3:30 pm
Plenary Session (1 CLE hour).....	9:00 am – 10:00 am
General Session (3.75 CLE Hours).....	10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Medical Malpractice (4 CLE Hours).....	10:00am – 3:00 pm

10.75 Maximum General CLE Hours Possible and 2.50 hours of Professional Conduct

OAJ has applied for credit and is awaiting approval from the Ohio Supreme Court Commission on Continuing Legal Education.
OAJ has applied for Workers' Compensation Specialization credit and is awaiting approval from the Ohio State Bar Association.

2017 WINTER CONVENTION

NOVEMBER 1-3, 2017 | CLEVELAND, OH

We are thrilled to announce our sixth Winter Convention will be held at the new Hilton in downtown Cleveland! This new venue with stunning views will provide you the perfect space to learn and reconnect. OAJ leadership has assembled a stellar faculty to present timely and important topics covering a vast range of practice areas guaranteed to help you become a better advocate and to help you achieve justice for your clients. Over the course of two days, you will have the opportunity to earn just under half of your biennial CLE credits!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

PLENARY SESSION | 1.50 CLE General Hours

9:00 - 10:30 **Trucking Litigation: The Secrets Behind the Tracy Morgan v. Wal-Mart case, Dealing with the Media and Other Practice Pointers**
Benedict Morelli, Esq., New York, NY

Rick Stege, Esq., Solon, OH

1:00 - 1:45 **Uncovering Hidden Overtime Class Action Lawsuits in your Workers' Compensation and Personal Injury Cases**
Hans Nigles, Esq., Massillon, OH

GENERAL SESSION | 4 CLE General Hours

10:30 - 11:15 **Updates in ERISA Law**
David Abney, II, Esq., Frankfort, KY

1:45-2:15 **The Latest from the Ohio Statehouse**
John Van Doorn, Director of Government Affairs at the Ohio Association for Justice, Columbus, OH

11:15 - 11:30 **Networking Break**

2:15 - 2:30 **Networking Break**

11:30-12:00 **Balancing Justice: The Role of Curative Damages in Public Interest Litigation**
Thomas Murray, Esq. & James Murray, Esq., Huron, OH

2:30 - 3:15 **Case Law Update 2017**
Paul Flowers, Esq., Cleveland OH

1:00 - 2:00 **I'm Not Interested in Being a Little Unhappy- Negotiation Strategies that Maximize Recovery**
James Bordas III, Esq., Wheeling, WV

3:15 - 4:00 **Firefighter Statute**
Karen Turano, Esq., Columbus, OH

2:00 - 2:45 **Proving Trucking Safety Standards - Not Simply Minimum Regulatory Compliance**
Andy Young, Esq., Cleveland, OH

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT | 2.5 Professional Conduct Hours

1:00 - 2:00 **Ethics and Social Media**
Charles Kettlewell, Esq., Columbus, OH

2:45 - 3:00 **Networking Break**

2:00 - 2:30 **Professionalism**
The Honorable Nancy Russo, Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, Cleveland, OH

3:00 - 4:00 **Maximizing Recovery Through Focus Groups**
John Camillus, Esq. & Dr. Courtney Camillus, Ph.D., Columbus, OH

2:30 - 3:30 **Litigation and Office Ethics: Emerging Issues**
Gary Leppla, Esq., Dayton, OH

WORKERS' COMPENSATION | 4.75 CLE General

10:00 - 11:00 **Workers' Compensation and Social Security Disability interplay**
Robert M. Trivisonno, Administrator of the Workers' Compensation Department at Nurenberg Paris, Cleveland, OH

11:00 - 12:00 **Hot Topics in Ethics: Chiropractors, Free Speech and Others**

THIS EVENT WILL SELL OUT!

We are limited to a maximum of 250 registrants per day to keep within constraints of the space.

Be sure to register early and mark the events and CLE sessions that you plan to attend.

Register online at www.oajjustice.org/events or by returning the registration page within this brochure. You can also register by calling the OAJ office at 614-341-6800.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

PLENARY SESSION | 1 CLE General Hours

- 9:00 - 10:00 Mild Traumatic Brain Injury in Motor Vehicle Crash Cases: How to Identify and Prove This to Adjusters and Juries
Steven Gursten, Esq., Farmington Hills, MI

GENERAL SESSION | 3.75 CLE General Hours

- 10:00 - 10:30 Lessons Learned: Uncovering the Truth in a Historic Downed Powerline Case
Romney Cullers, Esq., Eleyria, OH
- 10:30 - 11:15 Prescription Painkiller Overdose Death Cases in the Opioid Epidemic
George Loucas, Esq., Beachwood, OH
- 11:15 - 11:30 Networking Break
- 11:30 - 12:00 Protecting Cyclists and Pedestrians by Preventing Truck Underride
Ken Knabe, Esq., Lakewood, OH
- 1:00 - 1:30 Understanding the Two-Step Process of Electronic Discovery
Dustin Herman, Esq., Cleveland, OH
- 1:30 - 2:15 Robot Cars: The Future of Liability
Daniel Hinkle, Esq., State Affairs Counsel at American Association for Justice, Washington DC
- 2:15 - 3:00 Medicaid & Medicare 2017 Update
Ethan Welch, Esq. & David Banas, Esq., Cleveland, OH

MEDICAL MALPRACTICE | 4 CLE General Hours

- 10:00 - 11:00 The Best Case Is The One I Didn't Take- Case Evaluation at Intake
Jon Perry, Esq., Pittsburgh, PA
- 11:00 - 11:30 Effective Mediation Tools and Current Trends in Mediation
David Schaefer, Esq., Cleveland, OH
- 11:30 - 12:00 A Look from the Other Side- How to Best Communicate and Work with Hospital Legal Departments
Matthew J. Donnelly, Cleveland Clinic Deputy Chief Legal Officer, Cleveland, OH
- 1:00 - 1:30 Medical Malpractice Legal Updates
Paul Flowers, Esq., Cleveland, OH

- 1:30 - 2:00 Medical Malpractice Litigation and Trial- A View from the Bench
Honorable Robert McClelland, Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, Cleveland, OH
- 2:00 - 2:30 Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy- Timing is Everything
Michael M. Djordjevic, Esq., Beachwood, OH
- 2:30 - 3:00 Medical Malpractice Discovery Tricks of the Trade
Romney Cullers, Esq., Eleyria, OH

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HOTEL - NEW LOCATION!

Hilton Cleveland Downtown

100 Lakeside Ave E.
Cleveland, OH 44114
(216) 413-5000
www.hilton.com

This year we will be hosting our Winter Convention at the new Hilton in downtown Cleveland. The hotel is in the heart of Cleveland's vibrant downtown area and connected to the Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland. Popular attractions, dining, and entertainment are just minutes away. With contemporary guest rooms and convenient on-site amenities this hotel is the perfect location for our Winter Convention.

OAJ has reserved room blocks for Wednesday, November 1st and Thursday, November 2nd. The deluxe room rate is \$169.00 a night. Rooms must be reserved by October 11th to receive this room rate. To reserve a room, please contact the hotel directly at (216) 413-5000. *Please be sure to say you are with OAJ to receive this room rate.*



PLENARY SPEAKERS



BENEDICT MORELLI

Benedict Morelli began his career in 1973 as a law clerk in a personal injury law firm, becoming eligible for the bar exam in 1977. After being admitted to the New York State Bar he became a partner and then senior partner of that firm.

Mr. Morelli has been a partner at his law firm since 1981 and a senior partner since 1990. In June, 1998, Mr. Morelli dissolved his firm and started Benedict P. Morelli & Associates, which later became Morelli Law Firm.

Mr. Morelli represents clients in Employment Discrimination cases (including racial discrimination, age discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual discrimination, and gender bias), false arrests, civil rights, complex product liability (including drug product liability – DES, Vioxx, Bextra, Ortho-Evra and Avandia), auto accidents, premises, labor law, and many other types of cases. In each of these areas, Mr. Morelli has gotten multi-million dollar verdicts.

Mr. Morelli has been listed in Best Lawyers in America continuously from 1997 through the present edition. He has also been selected by the New York State Trial Lawyers Association as one of New York's "Superstars."



STEVEN M. GURSTEN

Steven M. Gursten is recognized as one of the nation's top attorneys handling serious auto accident injury and wrongful death cases. He has received the top-reported jury verdict for a car or truck accident in Michigan in four of the past eight years, and holds the top-reported settlement for any Michigan lawyer for a truck accident injury case.

He is a Michigan Lawyers Weekly "Lawyer of the Year" and is listed in Best Lawyers in America. Steve has also been voted a "Best of the Best" Top 100 Lawyer in the state of Michigan according to Super Lawyers for several years.

Steve is an active leader in many legal organizations, including the President of the Motor Vehicle Trial Lawyers Association and a Past Chair of the American Association for Justice Truck Accident Litigation Group.

Steve frequently lectures at legal seminars throughout the country. He is head of Michigan Auto Law, a firm that focuses on helping people injured in car and truck accidents.

