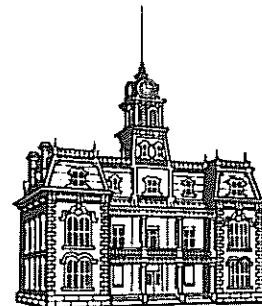


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February 10, 2011

Dear Medina County Bar Association Members,

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our first **Quarterly Luncheon** on Friday, March 18, 2011 (note date change) at 11:45 a.m. Our luncheon will be at Santo Suossos Restaurant, 3725 Medina Road, Medina. Our speaker will be **Bill Weisenberg**, Assistant Executive Director for Public Affairs for the Ohio State Bar Association. Bill will present his annual review of the legislative session just completed and what's in store for this session. A separate flyer with lunch details and cost is attached.

The **Ohio Mock Trial District Competition** was held on February 4, 2010 at the Medina County Court of Common Pleas. The competition is coordinated through the Ohio Center for Law Related Education. The Medina County competition pitted Cloverleaf High School (3 teams) coached by Craig Farrar and legal advisor Matt Bruce against Buckeye High School (2 teams) coached by David Parish and legal advisor Jim Amodio. Five trials were conducted. A team that won at least two trials earned the right to advance to the regional competition to be held at the Medina County Courthouse later in February. Two of our Medina teams -- Buckeye Orange and Cloverleaf Gold -- will advance to the regional competition. Many thanks go out to Bar Association members Michael McNamara, Michael Cretella, Scott Deliman, John Jeandrevin, Andrew Korduba, Keith Brentstuhl for staffing the event, to Matt Bruce and Jim Amodio for advising the teams, and to Andrew Parker for organizing the Medina County program. We especially appreciate the assistance provided by Judge Christopher Collier, Judge James Kimbler, and Judge John Lohn for allowing the use of their courtrooms for the day, for clearing their very busy schedules and acting as presiding judges for the competition.

I am pleased to report that **Andrea Burdell-Ware** has been elected by the members of the Medina County Law Library Association to fill the board vacancy resulting from the resignation of long-time trustee Nevada Johnson. Andrea was subsequently appointed by County Prosecutor Dean Holman to serve on the Medina County Law Library Resources Board, the statutory companion to our local Association. Best wishes to Andrea as she assumes these new responsibilities.

Planning for **Law Day 2011** is underway. Look for a separate email sometime this month with details as to our luncheon and other activities. In the meantime, please feel free to encourage high school seniors graduating this spring to consider participating in the essay contest. Participants must reside in Medina County and plan on attending a post-secondary educational institution this fall. Our Association awards a one time \$2,500 scholarship to the student who submits the best essay. Applications and instructions for participation will be available soon from guidance counselors, the Medina County Library scholarship database, and upon request to aharrison@brownandamodio.com.

The **U.S. Bankruptcy Court for Northern District of Ohio** has drafted proposed amendments to its Local Rules. Comments are invited from local bar associations and attorneys through April 15, 2011. The proposed amendments are on the Court's website and a Notice from the Clerk as to website access and receipt of comments is enclosed.

We hosted a "**Meet and Greet**" new Clerk of Courts David Wadsworth last month and many MCBA members stopped by to say hello. Enclosed is a thank you note from David.

Please note that the Ohio Supreme Court has announced the resignation of **Michael T. Butts** from the practice of law, with disciplinary action pending, effective January 26, 2011.

Committee Assignments for this year are forthcoming. Are there any volunteers for the coveted positions of committee chairmen/women? If so, email me with your generous offer to contribute some of your time. My email is janiszachman@aol.com.

It's February and that means another group of anxious candidates will sit for the **Ohio Bar Examination**. The exam is scheduled for February 22-24, 2011. The candidates from Medina County are: Courtney Bailey, Jacqueline Carlson, Benjamin Chojnacki, William Hanek, Timothy Murray, Larry Obhof, Jayson Roberts and Natalie Soto. Please give last minute encouragement to any candidate you may know and best wishes to all.

Our green cover **Membership Directory** is several years old. The Executive Committee is considering updating it this year and we would like to hear from you. Do you use the directory? Is there additional information we should add to each member's listing? Should the community resources section be enhanced? What should be different in Membership Directory 2.0? Any offers of assistance in the time consuming process of compiling and editing the update will be most gratefully appreciated.

New Members: We welcome a number of attorneys joining our Association for the first time in 2011. They are (to date): Fadi Boumitri, Keith Brenstuhl, Stacy Emhoff, Jared Hoover, Matthew Kern, Lillian Ortiz, Lisa Oleksy, Joe Powell, Rebecca Smith, Thomas Tetlak, Alicia Vidika, Christopher Wetherbee, Christopher Yugulis and George Zucco.

I recall when I came to Medina in 2005....Jay and I knew no one. We went to the County Fair one night after house hunting and happened to meet **Mary Kovack** staffing a booth. She was gracious and helpful---she told me about the amazing law library with 24 hour access, where the Bar Association met for lunch meetings and put me in touch with Bruce Parish, who later became not only my employer but a mentor extraordinaire. I attended the next bar luncheon, held those days at the Odd Fellows hall above what is now Marie's Café. I recall that every attorney present introduced himself or herself to me and many were also generous with invitations and so on.

Our Association is much larger now and it does seem more difficult to be involved and stay connected. But we are, at the core, a fine group of professionals who have much to share to those new to the practice of law or to our community. Please join me this year in becoming acquainted with a new member or two. I'll certainly introduce our new members at upcoming quarterly meetings. In the meantime, won't you search out a new member (or perhaps a bar admission candidate) and offer some sage advice, a practice tip or a referral and make that individual feel welcome? I know how much I appreciated how graciously I was received as a new member and I suspect our newest colleagues will feel the same.

In closing and sadly, I share with you that our friend and associate **Connie Gent Hendricks** is gravely ill. She has been the County's premier advocate for neglected, abused and dependent children as attorney for Medina County Job and Family Services and her work has improved the lives of many children. Please keep Connie in your thoughts and prayers.

Respectfully,

Janis Hutchins Zachman
President

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MEDINA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY LUNCHEON MEETING

Friday, March 18, 2011
11:45 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

SANTO SUOSSO'S RESTAURANT
3725 Medina Road, Medina, OH

SPEAKER: Bill Weisenberg, Assistant Executive Director
for Public Affairs for the Ohio State Bar Association

MENU: Classic Italian Lasagna, Green Beans, Fresh Garden Salad, Italian Bread
and Butter, Beverage. Vegetarian entrée available.

COST: \$16.00 per person

Please return registration form and payment to MaryAnn Lapina, Executive
Secretary, 93 Public Square, Medina, OH 44256 by Tuesday, March 15, 2011.
Checks payable to Medina County Bar Association.

NAME(s): _____

Number Attending: _____ Number Vegetarian Meals Requested: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Telephone Number: _____

NOTICE

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULES

Pursuant to the authority of the district court as provided in Rule 9029 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio has drafted proposed amendments to the Local Bankruptcy Rules. The proposed amendments can be found on the Research and Forms/Code & Rules menu of the court's website at www.ohnb.uscourts.gov.

Any comments to the proposed rule changes must be submitted no later than April 15, 2011. Comments may be mailed or emailed to the court. Emailed comments should be sent to bill_kurtz@ohnb.uscourts.gov; your comments may be included in the body of your email message or on a separate attached document. If comments are sent via the U.S. Mail, please address them to:

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Kenneth J. Hirz
Clerk

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Janis,

I just wanted to take a moment to thank you and Executive Committee of the Medina County Bar Association for arranging the "Meet and Greet" for me on Wednesday, January 26th.

I really enjoyed meeting everyone that took time out from their busy schedules to introduce themselves and welcome me to my new position as Medina County Clerk of Courts.

I look forward to providing a friendly and efficient Clerk's office with some technology improvements to make everyone's life easier.

Best regards,

David B. Wadsworth