

## **February 2017 Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting called to order at: 6:02**

**Meeting Adjourned at: 6:44**

**Number of Members in Attendance: 62**

**Motion made and approved to accept Minutes from the January 2017 Meeting without a reading.**

### **MEMBER LIST**

**At the end of 2016, we had 495 members. At the beginning of this meeting we already have 429 dues paying members for 2017. That is compared to 396 at the same time last year. We still have 70 Members from 2016 that have not renewed or have not indicated they will be renewing for 2017. All that have not renewed have received several emails, including a minimum of three individual emails regarding their non-renewed status. If you are already on the list, you have received several emailings from Tim Clemens. If you are not receiving Tim's emails, see him after the meeting to correct/verify your information. YOUR EMAIL INFORMATION IS GOING TO BE USED FOR WEBPAGE CONTACTS. PLEASE MAKE SURE IT IS CORRECT.**

### **2017 OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES**

**The following were elected as Officers and Trustees at our January Monthly Meeting.**

**President: Judge Brian F. Hagan**

**Vice President: Joe Burke**

**Vice President: Mary Catherine Barrett**

**Treasurer: Terri Lastovka**

**Secretary: Tim Clemens**

**Trustees:**

**1) Hugh A. Carlin**

**2) Ashley Jones**

**3) Joe Jerome**

**4) Judge Brendan Sheehan**

**5) Stanley Stein**

## **WEB PAGE UPDATE**

The webpage is and has been up and running. Not everyone has registered his or her information on the page. Please do so.

**EVERYONE** needs to go to our webpage and make sure your information is correct. To do that, go to [westshorebarassociation.org](http://westshorebarassociation.org), click on "Current Membership" click on "Alphabetical Membership List" scroll to your name and view your current information.

To update your webpage information you need to:

- 1) Go to [westshorebarassociation.org](http://westshorebarassociation.org)
- 2) Click on "Current Membership"
- 3) Click on "Attorney Website Information Form"
- 4) Complete all fields, including "Areas of Practice"
- 5) You can add your email address and/or link to your website
- 6) Once completed, click on "Submit by Email" in the upper right corner of the form or save the form to your computer and then send it as an attachment to an email to [wsbarassociation@aol.com](mailto:wsbarassociation@aol.com)
- 7) You can also send in a photo as an attachment with the completed form.

## **LISTSERV**

If you are not receiving notifications, please let us know so we can pass your information onto our IT folks. **LISTSERV** is a huge benefit of being a member of WSBA.

**AS A REMINDER, PLEASE THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE POSTING ON LISTSERV BEFORE YOU POST IT**

Some of you have had your personal emails hacked/phished. Some of those have resulted in some of your fellow members receiving unwanted emails. The best way to protect yourself and those on your personal disbursement lists is to change you password on you personal email accounts. As of today, there have been no issues created by anyone hacking into the WSBA **LISTSERV**. This is a personal email account issue.

## **CLE's**

**Our 2017 CLE's are being planned by our CLE committee. Our CLE Committee is made up of Members Joe Burke, Tim Clemens, Veronica Dever, Chris Murray, and Drue Skyard. The committee will be meeting soon to begin planning for our 2017 CLE's. More information will be communicated as the process continues.**

**All of our CLE's are held at Umerly Hall, which is across the parking lot from the Rocky River Court. Members are charged \$50 and non-members are charged \$75 for each CLE. Announcements will be posted on our web page, on the Rocky River Court's web page, and notices will be sent electronically.**

**Periodically, we also have opportunities to attend other CLE's. We will do our best to keep everyone informed when those opportunities arise.**

## **2017 DUES**

**WE STILL HAVE 70 MEMBERS FROM 2016 THAT HAVE NOT RENEWED FOR 2017. As you can imagine, between Terri Lastovka, Tim Clemens and our IT guys, it takes several hours to maintain and update our Membership lists, LISTSERV and our Webpage. We are still accepting renewal dues for 2017. To stay active and to have no interruption of your LISTSERV access, we need your 2017 dues by February 17, 2017. Please write a check to WSBA for \$25 and submit same to Terri Lastovka along with your 2017 dues form. Or you can download and complete the dues invoice from our web site and follow the instructions on the form. We also have dues forms at the door this evening. Dues are \$25/Calendar Year January 1<sup>st</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup>.**

## **REMAINING 2017 MONTHLY MEETING DATES**

**Tuesday March 7, 2017**

**Tuesday April 4, 2017**

**Tuesday May 2, 2017**

**Tuesday June 6, 2017**

**Tuesday September 5, 2017**

**TBD Clam Bake/General Meeting**

**Tuesday November 14, 2017 (General Elections November 7th)**

**Tuesday December 12, 2017 (Holiday Party)**

**TREASURER'S REPORT FROM TERI LASTOVKA  
MOTION AND PASSED TO ACCEPT TREASURERS' REPORT**

<b>Balance as of December 31, 2016</b>		<b>\$15,746.36</b>
<i>Deposits:</i>		
Dues Collected	\$600.00	
Meeting Fees Collected	\$470.00	
<b>Total Deposits</b>		<b>\$1,070.00</b>
<i>Payments:</i>		
Meeting - Bartender	\$24.00	
Meeting - Beachcliff	\$446.00	
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>\$470.00</b>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease)</b>		<b>\$600.00</b>
<b>Balance as of January 31, 2017</b>		<b>\$16,346.36</b>

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:**

From Amanda Hawkins, Jaclyn Celebrezze and Joe Jerome

The committee is looking into developing a "Closed" Facebook Page for WSBA Members.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chili/Soup/Pastry cook off is on Sunday February 19, 2017 from 1:30PM-4:00PM at Renuvo Salon in Rocky River. Contact Joe Jerome for details and Registration at [jbl@jeromelaw.com](mailto:jbl@jeromelaw.com) or [km1@jeromelaw.com](mailto:km1@jeromelaw.com).

2017 Social Calendar is below. These are proposed social events throughout 2017.

## 2017 WSBA SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	COORDINATOR	CONTACT INFO	
Feb. 19	Chili Cook Off @ Renuvo	Joe Jerome	JBj@Jeromelaw.com	\$0-5
March	March Madness @ Dave & Busters	Nick Froning	nicholas.froning@gmail.com	\$0
April	Wine Tasting @ Whole Foods	Amanda Hawkins	AmandaJHawkinsJD@gmail.com	\$2-\$10
May	Kentucky Derby Party @ Buffalo Wild Wings	Jackie Celebreeze	JC@celebreezelaw.com	\$0
May	Cleveland Yacht Club Party	Lynn Lazzaro	lawlass@aol.com	\$25
June	Cleveland Indians Game w/ Cleveland Marshall	Joe Jerome	JBj@Jeromelaw.com	\$20
July	Concerts in the Park @ Lakewood/Rocky River	Joe Jerome	JBj@Jeromelaw.com	\$0
August	Golf Outing @ Elyria Country Club	M.C. Barrett	barrett@ohioadoptionlaw.com	\$85
Sept.	Cavs Pre Season Game & Party	Eric Cherry	EricJCherry@gmail.com	TBA
Oct.	Annual Clambake @Edgewater Yacht Club	Tom/Elsa Pavlik	esqtcp@gmail.com	\$30
Nov.	Concert @ Bowling Party @ Mahall's	Susan Stephanoff	sstephanoff@theleadcounsel.com	TBA
Dec.	Annual Christmas Party @ Beachcliff Tavern	Judge Hagan	WSBA EVENT	\$0-\$50

### NEW LAWYER COMMITTEE REPORT:

**LEIGH PRUGH:** Leigh passed around a sign-up sheet to gauge interest in mentoring only in one's specifically desired practice area, and/or on specific matters. I received the sheet back, and I have admittedly done exactly nothing with it. But I still want to pursue this and continue to gauge interest, and ultimately try to come up with something that can be put on the website. If anyone would like more information, or has questions, I'd be happy to talk, Please send me an email off list. Good work can be accomplished when good people serve as mentors. Even in a limited capacity.

## **SPEAKER:**

**KATIE ONDERS CMBA LAWYER REFERRAL PROGRAM** The Membership cost is \$125/year for solos. Currently, there are about 140 on the Referral List. Areas of Practice include but are not limited to Employment Law, Family Law, P.I. and Torts, SSD, Bankruptcy

## **UPCOMING CLE's**

**Judith Layne** advised of the **New Cuyahoga County GAL Training**, Saturday February 11, 2017 and Friday February 25, 2017. See details in attached flyer.

**Juvenile Trial Practice-Evidence and Witness Testimony** on Friday February 17, 2017 at **Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court**. See attached flyer

**Child and Family Services Advocates for Cuyahoga County OVI Practice and Procedure-Part One** Friday March 24, 2017 See attached flyer.

## **CANDIDATES:**

The following candidates spoke at our Meeting.

- 1) **Andy Bemer: Rocky River Law Director**
- 2) **Judge Donna Congeni Fitzsimmons: Judge Rocky River Municipal Court**
- 3) **Mike Maloney: Westlake Law Director**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**New GAL Training Registration Form**

NAME (print) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Check Enclosed     VISA     MasterCard

American Express     Discover

Credit Card No. \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (needed only if using Credit Card) \_\_\_\_\_

Check Sessions Attending

\$250 both 2/11 and 2/25 Sessions if registration is received by 2/3/17

\$300 both 2/11 and 2/25 Sessions for registration received after 2/3/17

\$150 2/11/17 Session I if registration is received by 2/3/17

\$175 Session I for registration received after 2/3/17

\$150 2/25/17 Session II if registration is received by 2/3/17

\$175 Session II for registration received after 2/3/17

Make checks payable to CFACC. Mail the completed form with payment to: CFACC, 9300 Quincy Ave., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Cleveland, Ohio 44109

Seen and email completed registration form to info@cfadvocates.org. All email reservations must include a credit card number, expiration date, CVV code, and signature. See Program Details for Cancellation policies and Special Accommodations. Contact: info@cfadvocates.org; Email info@cfadvocates.org; Phone (216) 443-3377

**Child and Family Advocates of Cuyahoga County  
9300 Quincy Avenue, 3rd Floor  
Cleveland, OH 44106**

**New GAL Training  
February 11 and February 25, 2017**

Child and Family Advocates of  
Cuyahoga County and  
Cuyahoga County  
Court of Common Pleas,  
Juvenile Division and  
Domestic Relations Division

**New Guardian ad Litem Training**

**Pre-Service Training  
for Guardians ad Litem**

Saturday, February 11, 2017

And

Friday, February 25, 2017

Location:  
Cuyahoga County  
Metzenbaum Center  
3343 Community College Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

**New Guardian ad Litem and CASA Training**  
**Saturday, February 11, 2017**  
**Session I Agenda**

8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Registration

8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Ohio Juvenile Law and Rules  
Gail Nanowsky, Attorney at Law, GAL

Child and Family Advocates of Cuyahoga County

9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Ethics: Conflicts of Interest; Confidentiality;  
GALS -- Balancing Your Dual Appointment  
Gail Nanowsky, Attorney at Law, GAL

10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Role of the GAL and CASA in Juvenile Court  
Christina Joliet, Esq., GAL  
Michelle Blazina, MSW, LSW, Program Director  
Child and Family Advocates of Cuyahoga County

12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. Lunch (provided)

12:45 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Introduction to Diversity: Multicultural Awareness  
Joy Kennedy, LSW,  
Asst. Cuyahoga County Public Defender

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Children's Services Agencies:  
Assessing Risk and Safety  
Lara Parks, Senior Supervisor  
Cuyahoga County Division of  
Children & Family Services

3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

ADR: Local Resources and Service Practice;  
Records Checks;  
Juvenile Court Case Walk-Through  
Kaye Ranke, Magistrate, Juvenile Court  
Michelle Blazina, Program Director

4:30 p.m. Adjourn

**Program Details**

**Accreditation** Child and Families Advocates of Cuyahoga County is requesting 10.0 hours of CLE credit with 3 hours of Professional Conduct for Sessions I and II of New GAL and CASA Training. The total number of CLE hours is 13.00. Both sessions cover all of the topics mandated by Rule 48 of the Ohio Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio. To apply for guardian ad litem appointments in Cuyahoga county Juvenile Court or Domestic Relations court, attendees must attend both days of this training.

**Location** Cuyahoga County Metzbaum Center 3343 Community College Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44115. Parking is free at the Metzbaum Center.

**Lunch** Lunch will be provided at both sessions. Please identify any dietary restrictions on your registration form.

**Cancellation** We cannot issue refunds for cancellation received less than 5 days before the start of the February 11, 2017 session. The registrant will receive the course materials. All other cancellations are subject to a \$50 processing fee.

**Special Accommodations** Please contact CFACC at 216-443-3377 or by email info@cfadvocates.org for any special accommodations.

**Questions regarding Juvenile Court Guardians ad Litem** Call CFACC at 216-443-3377 or email info@cfadvocates.org.

**Questions regarding Domestic Relations Court Guardians ad Litem** Call Mark Felber at 216-443-8290.

**New Guardian ad Litem and CASA Training**  
**Saturday, February 25, 2017**  
**Session II Agenda**

8:30 a.m. 8:45 a.m. Registration

8:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Basic Psychopathology for Adults and Children Stages of Development, Interviewing Skills  
Sandra McPherson, Ph.D., GAL  
Child and Family Advocates of Cuyahoga County  
10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The Invisible Thief: Alcohol and Other Drugs and Their Impact on Families  
James Joyner, CGDCILE  
Joyner & Associates

12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. Lunch (provided)

12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Family Dynamics  
Domestic Violence and Its Effects  
Tim Boehnlein, Advocate Supervisor  
Domestic Violence Unit, Witness/Victim Service Center, Cuyahoga County

**Break Out Session:**

2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. CASA Volunteers Working a Case, Contact Requirements, Documentation, Court Hearings, Boundaries, Case Assignment Meeting, Case Supervisor  
Michelle Blazina, MSW, LSW, Program Director,  
or  
Other Issues for GALS; GAL Fees; Billing for Abuse/Neglect, Delinquency, and Private Custody Cases in Juvenile Court  
Judith Layne, Esq., GAL

Executive Director, Child and Family Advocates of Cuyahoga County

3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Break

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Professionalism for GALS and CASAs  
Judith Layne, Esq., GAL

4:30 p.m. Adjourn



Child and Family Advocates of Cuyahoga County

Presents

**Juvenile Trial Practice – Evidence and Witness Testimony**

Friday, February 17, 2017

This course has been approved by the Supreme Court of Ohio  
Commission on Continuing Legal Education for 3.00 total CLE hours instruction.

*Meets OAC 120-1-10 requirements for 3 hours of Assigned Counsel Training*

Location: Cuyahoga County Juvenile Justice Center

9300 Quincy Ave., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Human Resource Training Room, Cleveland OH 44106

Registration: 12:30pm Seminar: 1:00-4:15pm

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**AGENDA**

- 12:30-1:00 p.m.      **Registration**
- 1:00-2:00 p.m.      **Overview of the Rules of Evidence – Hearsay, Exceptions, and Witness Testimony**  
**Magistrate Je’Nine Nickerson and Magistrate Kaye Ranke**  
**Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court**
- 2:00-3:00 p.m.      **Witness Testimony – How to Approach Experts, Police Officers, and Child Witnesses**  
**Joshua Barnhizer, Assistant County Public Defender, Felony Division**  
**Cuyahoga County Public Defender Office**
- 3:00-3:15 p.m.      **Break**
- 3:15-4:15p.m.      **Panel Discussion: Trial Tactics - Direct and Cross-Examination of Witnesses**  
**Magistrate Je’Nine Nickerson, Magistrate Kaye Ranke, Joshua Barnhizer**

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**Registration Form**

**Juvenile Trial Practice – Evidence and Witness Testimony**

Friday, February 17, 2017

Location: Cuyahoga County Juvenile Justice Center

9300 Quincy Ave., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Human Resource Training Room, Cleveland OH 44106

Early Registration:  \$80 before 2/10/17     \$75 after 2/10/17     \$30 Materials Only

(Registration fee must be pre-paid by cash, check or credit card in order to qualify for the early registration)

NAME (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ City, Registration # \_\_\_\_\_

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  Assigned Counsel - Juvenile Court

Assigned Counsel \_\_\_\_\_

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Registration: Online at [www.cfadvocates.org](http://www.cfadvocates.org) Mail completed registration form and payment to CFACC, 9300 Quincy Ave., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Cleveland, Ohio 44106, or scan and email to [info@cfadvocates.org](mailto:info@cfadvocates.org) (all email reservations must include a credit card number, expiration date, and signature). Make checks payable to the CFACC. CANCELLATIONS must be received in writing three business days prior to the program. Refunds will be charged a \$15 administrative fee. Substitutions or transfers to other programs are permitted with 24 hours written notice in advance of the program. Participants needing special arrangements to attend this program are asked to contact CFACC at (216) 443-3377 at least one week prior to the program. Contact: Trammie Young, Training Coordinator– Email [tyoung@cfadvocates.org](mailto:tyoung@cfadvocates.org) – Telephone (216) 443-3377.

**Child and Family Advocates of Cuyahoga County**

**OVI Practice and Procedure – Part One**

Friday, March 24, 2017 – Submitted for 3.00 Hours of General CLE

*Meets state requirements for 3 hours of Assigned Counsel CLE for OVI Practice and Procedure*

Location: Cuyahoga County Juvenile Justice Center

9300 Quincy Ave., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Human Resources Training Room, Cleveland OH 44106

Registration: 12:30pm Seminar: 1:00-4:15pm

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**AGENDA**

- 12:30-1:00 p.m.      **Registration**
- 1:00-1:45 p.m.      **The OVI Ticket, Testing, and Administrative License Suspension**
- 1:45-2:45 p.m.      **Arraignment, Pretrial, and Discovery in OVI Cases**
- 2:45-3:00 p.m.      **Break**
- 3:00-4:15p.m.      **Motion Hearings, Trial, Sentencing and Penalties**

**Faculty**

**Honorable Kenneth R. Spanagel  
Judge, Parma Municipal Court**

OAC 120-1-10: Attorneys appointed to represent indigent clients or juveniles in misdemeanor OVI cases must have completed a minimum of six hours of continuing legal education, certified by the Ohio Supreme Court Commission on Continuing Legal Education, focused on OVI practice and procedure. This training will satisfy 3.0 hours of the OAC training requirement.

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**Registration Form**

**OVI Practice and Procedure Part One**

**Friday, March 24, 2017**

**Location: Cuyahoga County Juvenile Justice Center**

**9300 Quincy Ave., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Human Resources Training Room, Cleveland OH 44106**

Early Registration:  \$60 before 3/15/17     \$75 after 3/15/17     \$30 Materials Only

(Registration fee must be pre-paid by cash, check or credit card in order to qualify for the early registration)

NAME (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Atty. Registration # \_\_\_\_\_

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  Assigned Counsel - Juvenile Court

Check Enclosed  VISA  MasterCard  American Express  Discover  Assigned Counsel \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV Code \_\_\_\_\_

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