

# Affiliate Connection

## OCLRE announces new officers

The Ohio Center for Law-Related Education (OCLRE) Board of Trustees has elected a new slate of officers. They are Marion Smithberger, director of the Columbus Bar Foundation, president; Columbus attorney Thomas E. Friedman, vice president; and Rachelle Johnson, director of legal services for the Ohio Education Association, treasurer.

Also serving on the board are Lee Belardo, Avon, representing the Ohio State Bar Association; Jennah Craig, representing the Ohio Attorney General's office; and Gary Daniels, representing the American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio Foundation.

Immediate past president Daniel Hilson, Roetzel & Andress, and former treasurer Rick Dove, Supreme Court of Ohio, will continue their service on the board of trustees.

OCLRE, best known for its Ohio Mock Trial Competition, provides law and citizenship curricula to teachers in grades 5 through 12. OCLRE is sponsored by the OSBA, the Supreme Court of Ohio, the Ohio Attorney General and the ACLU of Ohio Foundation. Additional funding is provided by the Ohio State Bar Foundation. ■

## Call for nominations

The Ohio State Bar Foundation welcomes nominations for its 2008–2009 Awards Program through Aug. 1. Each year, notable members of the bench, bar and law-related organizations are recognized by their peers in this professional honorary of Ohio lawyers. For award nomination forms and criteria, visit [www.osbf.net](http://www.osbf.net), or contact Beth Gillespie at (800) 282-6556 or [bgillespie@osbf.net](mailto:bgillespie@osbf.net). ■



## Judge Reginald Routson receives OJMA award

Hancock County Common Pleas Court Judge Reginald J. Routson was awarded the Ohio Jury Management Association (OJMA) Award of Excellence on April 24. Routson was recognized for his work on the Supreme Court of Ohio 25-member Task Force on Jury Service, which reviewed jury management in Ohio and offered recommendations for improvement. In Findlay/Hancock County, Routson created a highly professional juror orientation video, urged the creation of a never-before offered jury assembly area and offers options to jurors such as taking notes and asking questions during trials. In addition, he donates his time and energy to providing many educational courses related to jury service throughout Ohio. Routson's ongoing commitment to jury service includes plans for a project to educate jurors about legal definitions and assumptions that may impact their deliberations.

Previous recipients of this award include the Ohio State Bar Foundation; Hamilton County Common Pleas Court Jury Commissioner Fritz Meyer; G. Thomas Munsterman, National Center for State Courts Center for Jury Studies; Fairfield County Common Pleas Court Judge Joseph Clark (ret.), judges of the General Division of the Common Pleas Court for Montgomery County; Supreme Court of Ohio Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer; and the Franklin County Municipal Court judges.

The goal of OJMA is to promote and enhance jury service through excellent jury management in Ohio. The organization celebrated its 10th annual Ohio Jury Services Conference, which was begun as an Ohio State Bar Foundation Class of 1998 project. OSBF continues to support the organization.

For more information contact OJMA Director Vicky Unger at (614) 487-4475 or [vunger@osbf.net](mailto:vunger@osbf.net). ■

Above: Franklin County Municipal Court Jury Commissioner and Ohio Jury Management Association Trustee Thomas Shields presents Judge Reginald J. Routson with the OJMA Award of Excellence.

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