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Judicial Independence Under Attack: Building the Case for the Defense

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OCT 25 | 8:30AM - 12:45PM

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DESCRIPTION:

Judicial Independence is an important topic for attorneys as it directly ties to lawyers' duties to "further the public's understanding of and confidence in the rule of law and the justice system," as stated in Preamble [6] to the Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct, and "defend judges and courts unjustly criticized," Rule 8.2, Comment [c].

It is a very timely topic as well as threats to the judicial branch have escalated in recent years, particularly in the form of ad hominem attacks on individual judges and legislative assaults on the courts. This half-day program will provide Ohio lawyers with the information and resources they need to defend and advocate on behalf of the judiciary as an integral component of their professional responsibility.

PROGRAM AGENDA

8:00 Registration for In-Person Attendees

8:30 Welcome and Introduction

Stephan W. Stover, Esq.; Chair, Moyer Legacy Committee; Columbus

8:45 View From the Bench

The Honorable Maureen O'Connor; Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Ohio; Columbus

9:00 Marshalling the Facts: Threats to Judicial Independence

A presentation of the rationale for judicial independence; the difference between fair criticism of judicial decisions and wrongful attacks that undermine the public's perception of the fairness and impartiality of the courts; and current legislative attacks on the judiciary.

Kathleen M. Trafford, Esq.; Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP; Columbus

Stephan W. Stover, Esq.; Chair, Moyer Legacy Committee; Columbus

9:45 Listening to the Client: Judicial Panel Discussion

The Panel will be asked to address how judges are able to insulate themselves from public influence when deciding high-profile cases; judicial independence perspectives in state and federal system; the effect of ad hominem attacks and negative campaign advertising on the decision of whether to seek or continue judicial office; the likely impact of the enactment of Ohio SB 80; and whether judges can and should be more proactive in defending against attacks on the judicial system.

Moderator:

David C. Greer, Esq.; Bieser, Greer & Landis LLP; Dayton

Panelists:

The Honorable Maureen O'Connor; Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Ohio; Columbus
The Honorable Jeffrey S. Sutton; Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit; Columbus

The Honorable Michael H. Watson; Judge, United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio; Columbus

The Honorable Richard A. Frye; Judge, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas; Columbus

11:00 Break

11:15 Consulting the Experts I: How to Influence the Public's Understanding of Judicial Independence

A discussion of how lawyers can effectively communicate with the public about the importance of fair and impartial courts and interact with the media to defend judges and the judicial system.

Janica Pierce Tucker, Esq.; Taft, Stettinius & Hollister LLP; Columbus

Thomas Stewart; Communication, Education and Leadership Lecturer, The Ohio State University, Former General Manager of WBNS-TV, Columbus

11:45 Consulting the Experts II: Holding Lawyers and Judges Accountable

A discussion of disciplinary cases under Rule 8.2 for impugning the integrity of a judge or the judicial system and the proper or improper use of affidavits of disqualification.

Richard A. Dove, Esq.; Director, Board of Professional Conduct, Supreme Court of Ohio; Columbus

12:45 Seminar Concludes



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The mission of the Moyer Legacy Committee is to honor the late Chief Justice by sustaining and enhancing the most important tenets for which he stood, including legal and civic education, dispute resolution, personal integrity, ethics, civility, judicial independence and the rule of law.

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