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**OHIO ASSOCIATION OF CIVIL TRIAL ATTORNEYS  
ELECTS 2018 OFFICERS/TRUSTEES**

Columbus, Ohio – The Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys (OACTA) during its Annual Meeting on November 16 in Cleveland, elected new officers and trustees for 2018.

New officers include President, **Jill K. Mercer**, Nationwide Insurance, Columbus, Ohio; Vice President, **James N. Kline**, Ulmer & Berne LLP, Cleveland, Ohio; Treasurer, **Jamey T. Pregon**, American Family Insurance, Columbus, OH; Secretary, **Natalie M. E. Wais**, Young & Alexander Co., L.P.A., Cincinnati, Ohio; and Immediate Past President, **Brian D. Kerns**, Bonezzi Switzer Polito & Hupp Co. LPA, Medina, Ohio.

Trustees elected include **Alexander M. Andrews**, Ulmer Berne LLP, Columbus, Ohio; **Jennifer R. Becker**, Bonezzi Switzer Polito & Hupp Co. LPA, Cleveland, Ohio; **Patrick S. Corrigan**, Staff Counsel for the Cincinnati Insurance Company, Cleveland, Ohio; **Mark F. McCarthy**, Tucker Ellis LLP, Cleveland, Ohio; **Paul W. McCartney**, Bonezzi Switzer Polito & Hupp Co. LPA, Cincinnati, Ohio; **Michael M. Neltner**, Staff Counsel for the Cincinnati Insurance Company, Cincinnati, Ohio; **David W. Orlandini**, Collins, Roche, Utley & Garner, LLC, Dublin, Ohio; **David W. Peck**, Rendigs, Fry, Kiely & Dennis, Cincinnati, Ohio; **Daniel A. Richards**, Weston Hurd LLP, Cleveland, Ohio; **Benjamin C. Sassé**, Tucker Ellis LLP, Cleveland, Ohio; **Anne Marie Sferra** (DRI State Representative), Bricker & Eckler LLP, Columbus, Ohio; **Elizabeth T. Smith**, Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease, Columbus, Ohio; and **T. Andrew Vollmar**, Bruns, Connell, Vollmar & Armstrong, LLC, Dayton, Ohio.

The Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys is an organization of attorneys, corporate executives and managers who devote a substantial portion of their time to the defense of civil lawsuits and the management of claims against individuals, corporations and governmental entities. The mission of OACTA is to promote fairness, excellence, and integrity in the civil justice system by providing resources and education to attorneys and others dedicated to the defense of civil actions.

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