

“More Than Sex, Drugs and Money: Reporting on the Legal System”

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More Than Sex, Drugs and Money: Reporting on the Legal System

Introduction

The Ohio State Bar Foundation is proud to provide this outline and bibliography of its introduction to legal reporting seminar: “More Than Sex, Drugs and Money: Reporting on the Legal System.” As the title indicates, this project grew out of the desire to teach journalism students that the legal system is more than sensational murder trials or celebrities caught driving under the influence.

At the same time, surveys show that most members of the public learn all they know about the legal system from the media. A national survey conducted by the National Center for State Courts in 1999 indicated that 59% of respondents most frequently obtain information about the court system electronically (television or internet), and 50% of respondents most frequently obtain their information from print media.

Our research in preparation for this project indicated that journalism schools and entry-level reporting positions often are unable to spare the time to provide this type of introduction, for the benefit of a journalist new to the legal system. All too often, city desk editors and newscast producers pressure reporters, with little or no knowledge of the legal system, to become instant experts when competing with other media for breaking news. Or those same pressures limit reporters to communicating only the most titillating facts and developments in cases that are, in reality, quite complex. In the daily life of a journalist in a local market, he or she has too little opportunity to educate the reading, listening or viewing public about this most fundamental institution.

Given this environment, the newest members of the Ohio State Bar Foundation in 1999 were charged with the task of producing a project in keeping with the organization’s mission of *promoting public understanding of the law and improvements in the justice system throughout Ohio*. Motivated by the desire to significantly and positively impact the public’s understanding of the law, they realized the most effective way to accomplish such a change would be through the journalists themselves.

Ohio State Bar Foundation and the Fellows Class

The Ohio State Bar Foundation is a not for profit membership organization, whose mission is to promote public understanding of the law and improvements in the justice system throughout Ohio.

The Foundation provides funding for educational and research projects, recognizes excellence in the profession and distributes publications for public use. Each year, leaders in the legal community are invited to join the Foundation as part of that

year's Fellows Class, which undertakes a Fellows Class project. The Fellows Class of 1999 created this seminar curriculum as its Class project.

Realizing that Fellows in the Foundation are lawyers and judges – not working journalists or educators – the Class recruited representatives from the four accredited journalism schools in Ohio. Professors from Bowling Green State University, Kent State University, Ohio University and Ohio State University spent countless hours educating Class members and accomplishing the goals of this project.

The curriculum was tested as a day-long seminar, utilizing journalists, judges and attorneys as panelists and participants. Some 60 college journalism students from schools throughout Ohio, as well as a handful of working journalists, attorneys and judges, served as the audience.

The seminar was an unqualified success and was well-received by students and journalists alike. The Fellows Class of 1999 has attempted to capture its methodology for future replication.

Outline and Bibliography

To help you repeat the success of the seminar, we have included in this packet a working bibliography and resource list that can be distributed to journalism professors, journalism students and local bar associations as a reference tool and information source. Among the information contained in this packet is a brief outline of the topics covered during the seminar, with suggestions and information for discussions and types of participants or speakers to invite to speak in class or at a similar seminar. The information is intended only to serve as a summary of subjects included in the seminar to provide suggestions for future discussions. Should you have an interest in conducting a similar seminar or need information on potential speakers, please contact the Ohio State Bar Foundation for additional information and resources.

In addition, the Fellows Class of 1999 has compiled a list of internet sites including state and national legal resources. Also included in the resource list are the names, addresses and contact information of organizations that may serve as valuable resources and/or have publications available.

Finally, the following materials were distributed at the first “More Than Sex, Drugs & Money: Reporting on the Legal System” conference on February 24, 2000:

1. Professional Reporters' Notebooks (supplied by Portage, P.O. Box 5500, Akron, Ohio 44334-0500; (800) 321-2183; www.portagegraphic.com)
2. *The Reporter's Key: Rights of Fair Trial and Free Press* (published in 1994 by the American Bar Association, Division for Media Relations and Public Affairs, National Conference of Lawyers and Representatives of the Media, 750 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL, 60611; (312) 988-5522 phone; (312) 988-5568 fax)


















3. “Covering the Courts,” *Media Studies Journal*, Winter 1998, vol. 12, Issue 1 (published by Media Studies Center, 580 Madison Avenue, 42nd Floor, New York, NY 10022; msj@mediastudies.org)
4. “Censorship and the College Press: What Lesson will Kincaid Provide for the New Millennium?” *Student Press Law Center Report*, Winter 1999-2000, vol. XXI, no.1 (published by the Student Press Law Center, 1815 Fort Myer Drive, Suite 900, Arlington, VA 22209-1817; (703) 807-1904
5. *Covering Campus Crime: A Handbook for Journalists*, 2nd ed. (published by the Student Press Law Center, 1815 Fort Myer Drive, Suite 900, Arlington, VA 22209-1817; (703) 807-1904)
6. *The Legal Handbook for Ohio Journalists*, 1998-99 ed. (published by the Ohio State Bar Association and the Ohio State Bar Foundation, OSBA Media Relations, P.O. Box 16562, Columbus, OH 43216; (800) 282-6556; www.ohiobar.org)
7. “Code of Ethics,” The Society of Professional Journalists
8. Ohio Attorneys’ Code of Professional Responsibility, Canon 7
9. Miscellaneous court documents, including a civil complaint, arrest and search warrants, civil and criminal procedural motions, jury instructions, judicial entries, etc.

If you need assistance in obtaining any of the aforementioned publications, please contact the Ohio State Bar Foundation.

**OHIO STATE BAR FOUNDATION
FELLOWS CLASS OF 1999**

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REPORTING ON THE LEGAL SYSTEM**

**SEMINAR PROGRAM
FEBRUARY 24, 2000**

- 9:00 A.M.** **Introductory Remarks**
 **Kathleen B. Burke, President - Ohio State Bar Foundation**
 **Honorable Paul E. Pfeifer - Ohio Supreme Court Justice**
- 9:15 A.M.** **Reporting on the Legal System: More Than Sex, Drugs & Money**
 **“Where Is the Sex? the Drugs? the Money?”- Roundtable Discussion**
 **Tom Hodson - Moderator**
 **Judge Judith Ann Lanzinger – Common Pleas Court**
 **Robert D. Horowitz – Prosecuting Attorney**
 **Sam Shamansky – Criminal Defense Attorney**
 **Eddith Dashiell – Journalism Professor**
 **Lisa Abraham - Print Journalist**
 **Frederick Wally Griffith - Broadcast Journalism**
 **Robert Murphy – Publisher**
- 10:30 A.M.** **Break**
- 10:45 A.M.** **Breakout Sessions #1, 2 and 3 (concurrent)**
 **#1 Covering a Civil Action - Room 175**
 Ben Kaufman and Judge Judith Ann Lanzinger, Heather Sowald, Moderator
 **#2 Appropriate Roles and Sources – Room 170**
 Sandy Anderson, T.C. Brown, Dave Knox and Joe Smith, Judge John Bessey, Moderator
 **#3 Ethics for Media and Lawyers - Room 183**
 Eddith Dashiell, Michael Distelhorst, and Mike Jones, Scott Sandrock, Moderator
- 12:15 P.M.** **Lunch Discussion Groups**
- 1:00 P.M.** **Keynote Speaker – Richard Carelli, Associated Press, Washington D.C.**
- 2:00 P.M.** **Breakout Sessions #4, 5 and 6 (concurrent)**
 **#4 Covering a Criminal Action – Room 183**
 Mark Rollenhagen, Sam Shamansky and Judge Ann Marie Tracey
 **#5 TV Coverage of the Legal Process – Room 175**
 Carol Luper and Bill Wilkinson
 **#6 Relationship Building – Room 170**
 Lisa Abraham and Mark Weaver, Tom Hodson, Moderator
- 3:30 P.M.** **Break**
- 3:45 P.M.** **Contest Announcement**
 Wrap up and Concluding Remarks
- 4:00 P.M.** **Adjourn**

Seminar Outline

I. Plenary Session

Our seminar opened with an engaging plenary session, using a roundtable of experts who responded to hypothetical situations in covering a legal story. The roundtable was comprised of professionals in the system, including a common pleas judge, a prosecutor, a defense attorney, a print journalist, a broadcast journalist, an editor and an ethicist.

Our hypothetical situation involved a “murder for hire” scandal involving a prominent city official. In planning to use this format, the hypothetical situation should be one that (1) captures the attention of the audience, (2) involves each of the panelists, (3) sets up some kind of conflict among panelists, to air differing views, and (4) is primarily a “real life” situation that can be resolved more than one way, depending on how decisions are made.

II. Appropriate Roles and Appropriate Sources

It is essential for journalists to know where to find legal information and resources when reporting on any aspect of the legal system. Our panel explored those sources and the kind of information that is available to journalists.

Our panel consisted of a common pleas judge, a print reporter, a civil trial attorney and a former Ohio Public Radio and NPR reporter who is now on the staff of Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas Moyer.

The participants shared much helpful information and suggestions:

- Communication is important to make sure your story is accurate
- Develop relationships with the bar – both lawyers and judges
- Know the difference between a civil and criminal case
- Be prepared – covering the legal system requires much preparation time
- Judges cannot comment on pending cases, but may speak in generalities
- Always be fair in reporting – a reputation for fairness can help you obtain information
- Use online services for information including Lexis, which may allow you to review the briefs and decisions in a particular case
- Stay in the courtroom throughout the course of a trial – not just for opening and closing arguments and/or the verdict
- Court personnel/bailiffs/clerks of courts are great sources of information about cases
- Get a good law dictionary
- Go to court records for background information
- Police can be valuable sources in criminal matters

III. Covering a Civil Action

Inexperienced journalists must understand the difference between civil and criminal actions, and, accordingly, the differences in reporting on civil and criminal cases. Although civil actions may not get “front page” coverage like sensational criminal matters, they can be equally important and need to be reported accurately.

Our panel consisted of a print reporter, a common pleas judge and a domestic relations attorney. They discussed the stages of a civil case including the complaint, answer, various pleadings and motions, and the disposition of a case, which could be trial, settlement or dismissal. The participants emphasized how many different types of civil actions there may be, and these may provide helpful discussion topics in class. That is, what is involved in a particular claim may require different kinds of reporting depending on its nature. Different types of civil actions include but are not limited to:

- Divorce
- Personal injury
- Product liability
- Breach of contract
- Slander and libel
- Patent cases
- Tax cases
- Environmental issues
- Civil rights
- Employment law issues (discrimination, wrongful discharge)
- Antitrust

IV. Covering a Criminal Action

Journalism students may be most excited about reporting on criminal cases or matters in the legal system. It is important to emphasize the importance of accuracy and fairness in reporting on criminal matters, particularly in light of the heightened attention they often get from the media and the public.

Our panel was comprised of a print reporter, a criminal defense attorney and a common pleas judge. They discussed basic elements to keep in mind when covering a criminal action, including different types of crimes and the different stages of trial.

- Difference between federal trial court and state trial court
State court – mayor’s courts, municipal court, common pleas court
Federal court – United States District courts
- Difference between a misdemeanor and a felony crime
Misdemeanor – crime whose maximum punishment is less than one year in prison
Felony – crime whose maximum punishment is one year or more

- Typical misdemeanor actions will not be covered by reporters – an exception may be high-profile OMVI cases
- Stages of a “typical” misdemeanor OMVI case
 - Traffic ticket
 - Summons – appearance in court
 - Plea – entering plea to charges
 - Pretrial hearing
 - Trial by jury – generally not held because cases often reach a plea before a trial is necessary
 - Sentencing
- Stages of a felony case
 - Preliminary hearing – following arrest
 - Grand jury presentment (or bill of information in federal court)
 - Arraignment
 - Assignment of case to a judge (transfer of case from municipal to common pleas court)
 - Jury trial
 - Sentencing
- Stages of a jury trial
 - Voir dire (preliminary examination of prospective jurors by judge and attorneys)
 - Opening statements
 - Testimony
 - Closing arguments
 - Verdict

IV. Ethics for Media and Lawyers

One of the most important aspects of any kind of reporting, and perhaps most often overlooked, is the ethical standard to which reporters must strive. The Fellows Class of 1999 felt it was crucial to include a discussion of ethics when reporting on the legal system. The panel consisted of a print reporter, a journalism professor and a law professor who teaches courses in ethics.

The panel emphasized the following points:

- Just because something is newsworthy does not necessarily mean that publishing it is the right thing to do
- Present a fair, honest and well-balanced story when reporting on an aspect of the legal system
- The facts may not necessarily be the truth
- Use your common sense and what your parents told you about being fair and telling the truth
- Attorneys and journalists often have different allegiances – finding and reporting the story vs. making the best case for a client – both can act ethically
- The Code of Professional Responsibility governs what attorneys can say to reporters

IV. Relationship Building

As was mentioned in the “Appropriate Roles and Sources” section, it is important for inexperienced journalists to build relationships with members of the bar (both judges and lawyers) throughout their careers. Our panel was comprised of a journalism professor who is a former municipal and common pleas court judge, two print reporters and an attorney. The panelists emphasized several points to consider, including:

- Remember that attorneys in the judicial process are advocates for the client’s position
- The Code of Professional Responsibility governs what attorneys can say to reporters
- It is important to know what constitutes a public record and what is protected – the Ohio Attorney General publishes a helpful resource regarding public records (the “yellow book”, available on-line at www.ag.state.oh.us)
- Hold the office of judge with respect but do not be intimidated by the individual – most judges will gladly answer any procedural questions you may have

IV. TV Coverage of the Legal Process

The Fellows Class of 1999 felt it was important to discuss the differences between broadcast and print journalism and how that affects the reporting process. The panel consisted of a television reporter who covers the courts almost exclusively, and an attorney who often deals with reporters and the media. Some of the highlights of their discussion included:

- Court cases can get very emotional – it is important to maintain your objectivity
- Reporters must be objective but remember that lawyers are not – they are representing their clients and have interests to serve
- An attorney in trial does not have much time to spend with a reporter and vice versa
- As a reporter, think about why the attorney would want to talk to the media in general and you in particular – important to have integrity, build trust and a good reputation
- Know the facts and get all of the information you can possibly get before talking to an attorney or a judge – do not expect them to tell you the facts
- Know the rules about television reporting in courtrooms. Each state court has local rules governing television cameras in the courtroom

Keynote Speaker

Our keynote speaker during the seminar was Richard Carelli, an Associated Press reporter who covers the United States Supreme Court. We were fortunate to have C-Span tape Mr. Carelli's speech, which was later aired on C-Span's *America and the Courts* series. The Ohio State Bar Foundation has copies available of his presentation if you are interested.

Mr. Carelli stressed the importance of legal affairs coverage by the news media. He pointed out that any issue in society that Americans truly care about eventually makes its way into the courts.

Mr. Carelli emphasized the need throughout the news media for reporters and editors who are knowledgeable about or interested in the legal system, as reporting on courts and the legal system can be complicated and the issues often misinterpreted. He indicated that a good reporter reporting on controversial decisions conveys more than who won or who lost, but also supplies the "why" – the court's rationale behind the decision, which is critical for its future interpretation and application to similar cases.

Finally, Mr. Carelli made two promises to journalism students who choose a career in reporting on the legal system: 1) they will never be rich; and 2) they will be forever fascinated.

Conclusion

If you have any questions regarding the information contained in this outline or bibliography or would like information on potential speakers on specific topics, please do not hesitate to contact the Ohio State Bar Foundation at (614) 487-2050. Attached is a list of internet resources and organization contact information. In addition, we have included a list of the members of the Fellows Class of 1999 and their Class advisors. Please feel free to contact any of the members or advisors for additional information.

Also, keep in mind the resources of your local city or county bar association to develop topics, provide speakers and generally collaborate in this effort.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Ohio State Bar Foundation is a membership organization of Ohio lawyers dedicated to the promotion of public understanding of the law and improvements in the justice system throughout Ohio.

CORE VALUES

As lawyers, we believe that society is best served by a fair, impartial and accessible system of justice.

As lawyers, we believe that such a justice system results from the combined efforts of private citizens, educators, judges and lawyers.

As lawyers, we recognize a particular obligation to lead such efforts in the following ways:

- Promoting the highest level of professionalism and ethics within the legal profession and the justice system.
- Funding education, research, publications and programs which improve communications and relationships among lawyers, citizens and the courts of Ohio.
- Assisting the profession, the courts and the community to envision and effect changes which improve the justice system in Ohio.

We are committed to effectively managing our investments and expanding our resources to provide support for innovative programs and services that are consistent with our mission and core values.

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Presenters

Kathleen B. Burke (Introductory Remarks) – Kathy Burke is a partner with the Cleveland law firm of Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue, practicing civil litigation with extensive experience in business and commercial litigation and appellate practice including contract disputes, insurance coverage, antitrust and intellectual property litigation. She is president of the Ohio State Bar Foundation and is a past president of the Ohio State Bar Association. She chaired the Ohio Supreme Court Rules Advisory Committee and is responsible for coordinating her firm's professional and public service activities. Kathy earned her undergraduate and law degrees at St. John's University. She worked as an editorial assistant at CBS network news. Among her many activities and honors, she is in the Leadership Cleveland Class of 1998, was named by Cleveland Magazine as one of the Most Influential Women in Business, held office in the Center for Families and Children, including chair of its Children's Services Task Force, and has served on the boards of Notre Dame College of Ohio and the City Club of Cleveland Forum Foundation.

Justice Paul E. Pfeifer (Introductory Remarks) – Justice Pfeifer was elected as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio in 1992. Before joining the court, he was a partner with Cory, Brown & Pfeifer, assistant Crawford County Prosecuting Attorney and assistant Ohio Attorney General. He served in the Ohio Senate (26th District) and the Ohio House of Representatives (15th District). In the Senate, he was assistant president pro-tempore, minority floor leader and served as chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee. In the House, he was a member of the Judiciary and State Government committees. During his legislative career, he authored Ohio's current DUI law, Ohio's death penalty law, established mandatory sentencing for violent criminals, created Ohio's Organized Crime Commission, created the Ohio Tuition Trust Authority and co-sponsored H.B. 511, legislation that streamlined and rewrote Ohio's criminal code. Justice Pfeifer received his law and undergraduate degrees from the Ohio State University. Justice Pfeifer is the author of a regular column on legal issues that is published in newspapers throughout Ohio

Richard Carelli (Keynote Address) – Dick Carelli has covered the U.S. Supreme Court for the Associated Press since 1976. During that time, he has covered the Senate confirmations of eight of the court's current members, as well as the Senate's rejection of Robert H. Bork. Dick joined the AP in late 1969 after working for a newspaper in White Plains, N.Y. His early AP work was based in West Virginia, Ohio and Florida. Dick is a graduate of Ohio University's journalism school and earned a law degree from George Washington University. He was inducted into Ohio University's College of Communications Hall of Fame in 1993. He recently was the primary author of a manual on court coverage, distributed to AP reporters and editors nationwide.

Lisa A. Abraham (Roundtable Discussion, Relationship Building) – Lisa Abraham is a reporter for The Blade in Toledo, where she currently covers city hall. She previously was assigned to a five-reporter investigative team. Before joining The Blade, she worked for 13 years for the Tribune Chronicle in Warren, where she covered organized crime and political corruption in the Youngstown-Warren area. In 1994 she was jailed in Trumbull county for 22 days after she refused to testify before a grand jury investigating the county engineer, with whom she had

conducted several interviews regarding spending improprieties in his office. The jail stay is considered the modern record for an American journalist to be jailed in this country on an ethical stance. Lisa worked for the St. Louis Sun and as an intern at the former Pittsburgh Press and at the Associated Press in Cairo, Egypt, where she covered the 1985 hijacking of the Achille Lauro cruise ship. She is a graduate of the E. W. Scripps School of Journalism at Ohio University.

Sandra J. Anderson (Appropriate Roles and Sources) – Sandra Anderson is a partner and trial attorney in the Columbus law firm of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP. Her areas of practice include product liability, personal injury, employment, commercial and contract litigation. She was inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers and has been named in The Best Lawyers in America for business litigation. She was elected a Fellow of the International Society of Barristers. She has served as president of the Columbus Bar Association and serves on the Board of the Columbus Bar Foundation. She is member of the Ohio State Bar Association Council of Delegates and has served on the OSBA Board of Governors for its section on Women in the Profession. She clerked for Judge George Edwards, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and she is a member of the Federal Rules Advisory Committee for the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio. She has taught trial practice courses for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, the Michigan Institute of Continuing Legal Education and the University of Michigan Law School. She earned degrees from Ohio University and Northwestern University School of Law.

The Hon. John P. Bessey (Appropriate Roles and Sources) – Judge Bessey has been on the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas bench since 1994. He holds degrees from Columbus North High School, the Ohio State University and Franklin Law School. He has been a bailiff for Judge Robert Leach, assistant Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney, assistant City Attorney and an attorney in a private law practice. Judge Bessey is a member of the Columbus Bar Association and Ohio State Bar Association and is an alumnus of the National Judicial College and a member of the Ohio Courts Futures Commission. He serves as chair of the Ohio Judicial Conference’s Technology Committee and has been chair of the Franklin County Automatic Data Processing Board, the first judge in Ohio to serve on such a county board. Also the first Franklin County judge to allow jurors to ask questions of witnesses during trial, Judge Bessey was the first judge to routinely send out his decisions to counsel by e-mail. Judge Bessey is a member of the Ohio State Bar Foundation’s Fellows Class of 1999.

Terry (T.C.) Brown (Appropriate Roles and Sources) – T.C. Brown is an investigative/project reporter for the Cleveland Plain Dealer, working in its (Columbus) Statehouse Bureau. He received a National Press Club award and two nominations for the Pulitzer Prize for an environmental series and series on foreign nannies. T.C. covers the Supreme Court of Ohio and the Ohio General Assembly, receiving six awards for investigative, project and news stories on legislators and the governor’s administration. His freelance writing has appeared in Playboy, the New York Times and Columbus Monthly. Previously, T.C. reported for the Columbus Dispatch, Kentucky Post, Columbus Citizen-Journal, Vallejo Times-Herald, Novato Advance, Point Reyes Light, San Francisco State Phoenix, City Sports Magazine and Indian Valley College Echo. T.C. has a journalism degree from San Francisco State University.

Eddith Dashiell (Roundtable Discussion, Ethics) – Eddith Dashiell is associate professor of journalism and assistant director for undergraduate studies at Ohio University. In 1998 she was named assistant director for undergraduate studies, and she is director of journalism studies for the Honors Tutorial Program. Her teaching interests include broadcast journalism, communications law and information gathering. She completed her Ph.D. at Indiana University; she has a Master of Arts degree in history and a Bachelor of Science degree in telecommunications from Middle Tennessee State University. Dr. Dashiell began her teaching career at Middle Tennessee State University after an eight-year career as a broadcast journalist. She has worked as an assistant weekend producer for WSMV-TV, Nashville; news director for KWMU-FM, St. Louis; freelance reporter for National Public Radio and Associate press Radio Network; producer of news and public affairs for WMOT-FM, Murfreesboro, Tennessee; and news editor and producer for WLAC-AM, Nashville. Dr. Dashiell has been honored as a University Professor and as recipient of a Teaching Enhancement/Recognition Award from Ohio University. Her numerous activities, workshops and publications in the journalism education field have included serving as a judge for a variety of broadcasting award competitions.

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