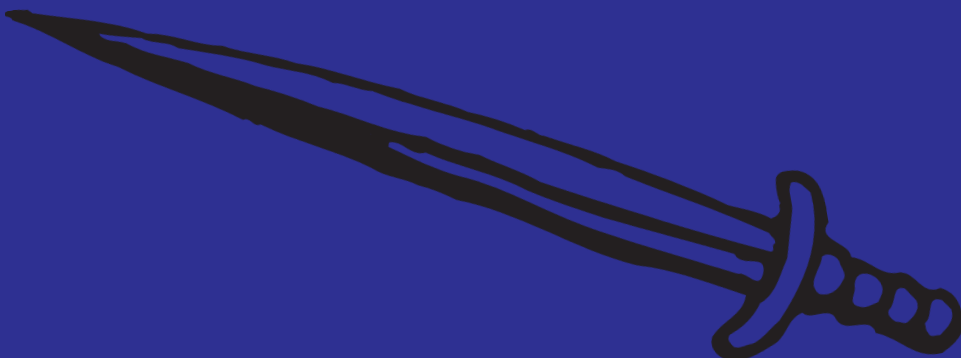




1999 OHIO JURY CONFERENCE:  
*Deliberations on Jury Service*

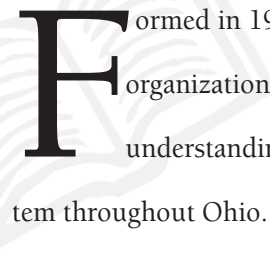


Ohio State Bar Foundation



# INTRODUCTION

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**F**ormed in 1951, the Ohio State Bar Foundation is a charitable organization of Ohio lawyers dedicated to promoting public understanding of the law and improvements in the justice system throughout Ohio. The Foundation's grants program funds a variety of law-related projects that fulfill this mission. Its annual awards program honors individuals and organizations making positive contributions to the legal profession and to their communities.

Foundation membership is a commitment both to the legal profession and to the community, attracting Ohio attorneys and judges who care about social justice and community needs. Each year, a select group of leaders in the Ohio legal community is invited to become Fellows of the Foundation. Since 1998, each year's new group of Fellows is identified as the annual Class.

The inaugural Class, comprised of 29 Fellows, joined the Foundation in March 1998. In addition to learning about the Foundation's mission and values, and about the organizations supported through the Foundation's grants program, the Fellows Class of 1998 met throughout the year to design and execute its Class project, a unique feature of Fellows membership. The Fellows Class of 1998 chose to focus on one of the core values of the Foundation: Assisting the profession, the courts and the community to envision and effect changes which improve the justice system in Ohio. With this goal as its guide, the Fellows Class of 1998 sponsored the 1999 Ohio Jury Conference: Deliberations on Jury Service, which was presented on April 22-23, 1999, in Columbus, Ohio.

In an effort to significantly improve the jury system in Ohio, the objective of the conference was to exchange information and ideas, identify issues and challenges, brainstorm solutions and innovations and create a statewide network of jury managers. The 1999 Ohio Jury Conference

## CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

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brought together lawyers, judges, jury commissioners, secretaries, clerks, court administrators, bailiffs and other court personnel essential to the management of jurors. Not only were conference objectives achieved, but the event provided a springboard for subsequent jury system initiatives in Ohio. The following is a summary of the highlights of the 1999 Ohio Jury Conference, which concludes with information about ongoing jury reform efforts prompted by the conference.

Some 147 jury management professionals, judges and lawyers attended the conference. They represented 41 courts and 29 Ohio counties. Most counties sent multiple members of their jury management teams, thereby satisfying an important objective of the conference sponsors, who hoped a variety of personnel from each court would attend and generate enthusiasm within their team for implementation of new ideas.

At the end of the conference, 63 completed evaluations were returned. Of these, almost all rated the conference and conference materials “overall excellent” and “overall very good.” Perhaps the most ringing endorsement of the conference came from the 32 volunteers who stated they would be interested in participating in future jury management activities sponsored by the Foundation.

### *Pre-Conference Survey Results*

The results of a pre-conference questionnaire sent to 680 Ohio trial courts were announced at the conference. A representative sample of 73 courts responded with data concerning jury service and management throughout the state. Information was gathered about administration staffing and training, jury selection methods and process and jury management issues such as terms of service, orientation and amenities. Some of the survey results included the following:

- Almost 80 percent of the courts send a questionnaire to their prospective jurors prior to the summons for service, which is usually a form letter.
- The term of service required of jurors runs from one day (20 percent of the responses) to six months (two courts). Courts with terms from one to six months generally call jurors only periodically during this term (e.g., every Friday) and jurors are not recalled if they serve on a trial panel.
- Juror orientation generally is handled through lecture by judges or court staff, with 20 courts providing prospective jurors with information sheets or brochures and 10 using audio/visual presentations.
- Only 18 courts indicated the use of an exit questionnaire or other follow-up method to obtain juror input on their jury experience.

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***“The trial by jury is a great institution, one worth preserving. The question is, can we improve on a great institution? Of course we can.”***

***– The Hon. B. Michael Dann***

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Geographically, the findings indicated that northwestern Ohio has the best juror reporting rate, with turnout close to 100 percent. Northeast Ohio included more metropolitan courts but reported considerably lower juror turnout. Although counties in the northeast region often have larger budgets for jury management, they tend to provide relatively little in the way of juror information and questionnaires. Many of the courts in this region do not provide any questionnaires before service or any mechanism for collecting juror feedback about the system. These courts often have a larger pool of jurors available for service, but sometimes only one third of available jurors report for service.

Results from courts in southwest Ohio were comparable to the northeast region with a lower rate of juror turnout, sometimes only 40 percent. In southeast Ohio, there was very little court-to-court consistency on juror turnout rate and in providing information to jurors. The only consistent variable there was the lack of annual jury management budgeting.

## *Opening Remarks*

Following the announcement of the survey results at the conference, the Honorable Thomas J. Moyer, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio, presented an historical overview of our jury system, which set the stage for the final jury conference of the millennium.

Chief Justice Moyer explained that early juries were panels of experts, appointed by the English king to deliver a particular verdict. The Magna Carta first guaranteed defendants a trial by their peers. Even then, juries were routinely denied food, water and even restroom facilities until they reached a decision consistent with that of the Crown. Jurors returning verdicts disagreeable to the king might have their estates seized, their homes burned, or their reputations impugned.

One of the most notable early juries heard the 1670 case against William Mead and William Penn (the future founder of Pennsylvania) for preaching Quakerism on the streets of London. The jury found in favor of the defendants and the head judge ordered the jury four times to return with a different verdict. The jury refused – and went without food and water for days. When they finally returned with a “not guilty” vote, they were fined and jailed alongside the defendants. Eventually, a higher court freed the jurors, establishing the unquestionable sovereignty of a jury to acquit without fear of government reprisal.

Recent jury reforms initiated by the Chief Justice in Ohio have included the repeal of eight statutory exemptions from jury service and an increase in the ceiling on juror compensation to \$40 per day of service. Further reforms are being discussed by the Ohio Courts Futures Commission and individual courts across Ohio.

## Issues and Challenges Identified

Working through small groups based on the size of the counties served by their courts, the conference participants identified a number of issues and challenges in jury management in Ohio, which were addressed throughout the day. Led by G. Thomas Munsterman, director of the Center for Jury Studies at the National Center for State Courts in Williamsburg, Va., the small groups reported back to the plenary session on issues from all aspects of jury management, such as juror source lists, juror education, interacting with jurors as decision-makers and accommodation of jurors. Some of these issues were:

- the need to educate the public about the importance of jury service; the need for instructional videos and broader access to the same (through libraries, cable TV public access channels, the Internet)
- the incidence of people not registering to vote and other attempts to avoid jury duty
- the need to update board of election lists and to consider the use of new and different jury source lists; jury pool diversity
- funding and staffing the jury management system; updating existing juror education
- the length of jury duty and the inconsistencies of the length of service among courts
- the need to educate employers about jury duty obligations and for employers to pay employees serving jury duty
- the issue of increased juror compensation and the effect of increased juror compensation on litigation costs
- addressing courts with a low percentage of response to juror summons; dealing with “no shows”
- the need for better juror orientation – even before their arrival at court
- new problems caused by eliminating the age exemption; re-examination of certain exemptions for judges and court personnel
- the need to address a wide array of juror accommodation issues, such as parking, appropriate waiting areas, amenities for elderly and disabled jurors, security for jurors after dark, juror stress, handling disgruntled jurors and related concerns
- how to deal with juror boredom and the feeling that their time is wasted on certain cases, such as those that settle the day of trial after the jury has been seated

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***“We’re from almost all over the state, northeast Ohio, southeast Ohio, northwest Ohio, urban counties, suburban counties and rural jurisdictions. What we found refreshing in our discussions was we all had the same issues and challenges ...”***

***– Participant***

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- *the need for the applicable judge to minimize jury downtime and to explain the process or situation causing the delay or downtime*
- *the need to examine the issue of increased juror involvement in trials, such as through juror note-taking, juror questions to witnesses and other jury innovations*

A panel of former jurors then discussed their experiences and made suggestions for change, including:

- *increased juror compensation*
- *elimination of “ceremonial” jury commissioners*
- *allowing jurors to ask questions and take notes during testimony*
- *providing a transcript of testimony to the jury*
- *accommodating jurors when emergencies arise*
- *ensuring that jurors serve a reasonable amount of time each day and be allowed to leave court at 4:30 or 5 p.m. daily*
- *providing free parking for jurors*

These panelists concluded that good jury management is a simple matter of caring about jurors as people. They expressed the view that when courts become known for respecting the needs and concerns of jurors, more people genuinely will want to serve on juries and the overall image of our judicial system will improve.

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***“Jurors are ambassadors of our justice system, for ill or for better.”***

***– Judge Dann***

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## ***Keynote Address***

The Hon. B. Michael Dann of the Superior Court of Arizona in Phoenix, a recognized leader in jury trial reform efforts, entertained and informed the conference participants during his keynote address. He shared creative – sometimes incredible – excuses he has received from people who wished to avoid jury duty, before delineating several serious reasons to re-examine and improve the jury system.

Judge Dann noted that although available technology, dispute resolution methods and pretrial practice and procedure have changed dramatically in recent years, “there have been no material changes to the jury trial

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***“I got off the elevator the first morning and there was a friend of mine, a policeman, saying ‘What are you doing here?’ I said, ‘I’m going to serve jury duty.’ He said, ‘Man, you didn’t get out of that?’ And this is a policeman!”***

***– Keith Boyt, former juror***

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itself in well over 100 years.” This is despite the fact that social scientists, researchers, jury experts and jurors themselves have been calling for change for decades.

Judge Dann explained that jurors are ambassadors of the justice system, for good or for ill, and a better experience makes a better ambassador. Reform efforts could improve juror experiences, increase their confidence in their verdict and increase the public’s confidence in that verdict, thereby enhancing the credibility of the entire judicial system.

Three years ago, Arizona was the first state to adopt statewide rules implementing jury reforms in both civil and criminal cases that were jury focused, not just jury friendly. These rules were intended to enhance the rights and abilities of jurors and to provide jurors with the up-to-date tools they need to decide today’s cases. These reforms included:

- *giving juries permission to discuss the evidence from the outset of the trial, as long as the discussions take place in the jury room, all jurors are present, and all jurors have the chance to hear and participate in the discussion*
- *establishing time limits for each party’s case and an estimated length of trial, and then informing the jury of these time restrictions*
- *providing juries with as much substantive law as possible early in the trial, such as through preliminary jury instructions, so they know the rules of the game*
- *allowing jurors to take notes*
- *providing notebooks to jurors in lengthier or more complicated cases with items such as key documents, deposition testimony and witness photographs*
- *allowing jurors to ask questions (although through the judge, not directly of the witness)*
- *requiring that final jury instructions be drafted in plain English*

Judge Dann emphasized that, to be effective, adopted jury reforms should be mandatory rather than left to the discretion of the individual trial judge and should be adopted statewide rather than in a piecemeal fashion.

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***“Something was proposed, ... and the argument was, ... ‘We’ve never done it that way.’ The jurors [on the reform committee] said, ‘Wait a minute. That’s not good enough. You have to have legitimate, solid reasons for not doing something which on its face would appear to help jurors understand the case and better decide the case.’ [So the lawyers on the reform committee] came out of there with the perspective of a juror.”***

***– Judge Dann***

Educators and psychologists have told courts what tools jurors need, and the changes advocated by national experts are designed to make the trial a more participatory event for jurors. The purpose of these reforms is to make the trial an educational experience, not to do away with the adversarial system. By emphasizing this educational component, practitioners will come to learn that the lawyer who best educates the jury is the one most likely to win the case.

The key to the success of Arizona’s statewide reform committee, according to Judge Dann, were the five former jurors on the committee who were neither lawyers nor judges. These members required legitimate, solid reasons for deciding against suggested reforms that appeared to help jurors understand and better decide a case. Lay person jurors were not persuaded by the lawyers’ arguments that Arizona courts “had never done it that way.”

Judge Dann suggested that others considering such reforms empathize with the juror. He stated:

Imagine yourself sitting in a jury box deciding an important case. Ask yourself, what tools would you like to have? ... Would you like to take notes? Most would; some wouldn’t. Would you like to be able to ask questions if there’s some term that’s confusing ...? Would you like to discuss the case with your fellow jurors during the trial, so long as you are told not to make up your minds on important issues until you’ve heard everything and begun your deliberations? . . .

True empathy for the juror thus will positively impact jury reform efforts and result in better recommendations and procedures to be implemented in the judicial process.

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**CONFERENCE  
PARTICIPANTS  
REPORT BACK**

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**E**ach conference participant had the opportunity to attend two of four small group sessions focusing on different substantive areas of jury management: (1) Enhancing Juror Comprehension; (2) Funding Resources; (3) Innovations in Juror Accommodations; and (4) Jury Management Technology. Participants from each group summarized the results of their discussions for those in the plenary session. The following are some of the concerns, ideas and suggestions presented:

### *Enhancing Juror Comprehension*

- *Note-taking by jurors: Concerns were raised about jurors' ability to assess witness demeanor if occupied with note-taking, which was countered by the assertion that both can be done well, such as when cases are tried to the bench. Instructing jurors on the scope of note-taking and the importance of observation may resolve the issue. In any event, juror notebooks should be restricted to the courtroom for the length of the trial.*
- *Juror questions: Participants discussed whether jurors who posed questions to the court (either for the court itself or to be presented to a witness) held more sway with their fellow jurors, and whether such questions showed bias. Another topic of discussion, on which the group reached consensus, was that juror questions were not overly time-consuming in the context of the overall trial.*
- *To increase juror understanding, it was suggested that mini opening statements be presented before voir dire and that jury instructions be given to the jurors (in writing if possible) early in the trial.*
- *It was stated that the juror educational process should begin with the initial jury summons.*

### *Funding Resources*

- *While it was suggested that we move to state funding of the jury system, this was considered unlikely given the present local funding structure.*
- *Session participants agreed that we must assess ways to cut costs in the current system and re-allocate funds (some suggestions: calling fewer jurors at a time; using regular mail rather than certified mail for sending jury summons; using a juror call-in system; utilizing technology to make more efficient use of available funds).*

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***“A colonial-era lawyer ... would walk into today’s courtroom and it would look pretty familiar, the arrangement, the elevated bench, the black dress, everything but the wigs ... the terminology, the sequence of events, the way they treat jurors, pretty much the same.”***

***–Judge Dann***

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- Although it was agreed that we must maximize court user fees, it was noted that such fees must be balanced against what the legal market can bear.
- A final suggestion was to consider different rates of juror pay. For example, those whose employers pay their regular wages for the day they serve on a jury might be compensated less by the jury system than others.

## ***Innovations in Juror Accommodations***

- Praise was given to the Hamilton County Administration of Justice Program, under which jurors are given the option of donating their jury fees back to the court for improvements or to the local United Way. In Hamilton County, juror donations, which totaled \$365,000, funded a community education program, including school tours of the courts, a student tour guide book and rotating artwork, and further funded various juror amenities, such as free cable TV, a juror handbook, lower parking fees, free telephones and fax machines, computer lines, a microwave and a refrigerator in the jury waiting area.
- Praise also was given to the Franklin County Municipal Court, which provides flexible reporting times for jurors, facility tours, judges who interact with prospective jurors, a mock trial program, a wide movie selection, computer access for juror waiting time and other amenities designed to make jurors feel comfortable at the courthouse.

Other suggestions for accommodating jurors included:

- Provide flexible reporting times (e.g., 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.; 1:30 p.m.).
- Send parking directions with the juror summons.
- Use a polling system for jurors with reminder cards.
- Allow jurors to watch non-jury cases.
- Engage jurors in a mock trial program used by attorneys to help settle cases.
- Listen to jurors’ suggestions.
- Treat jurors with dignity and respect.

## *Jury Management Technology*

- *It was suggested that better use of one of the most basic technological instruments – the clock – would result in more efficient trials.*
- *A concern was raised about the confidentiality of jurors' identities in sensitive cases, such as those involving purported mobsters or militia activities. In such cases, juror numbers might be utilized rather than juror names, with other technological steps to be taken to protect individual jurors.*
- *Other time-saving technological suggestions included submitting jury instructions on diskette, providing (and encouraging the use of) computers in the courtroom and providing interactive voice response systems for juror call-in systems.*
- *Participants cautioned that juror needs must be considered when implementing new technology (for example, any telephone call-in juror reporting system should anticipate and provide for jurors who possess only a rotary telephone).*

## *Direction for Action*

At the end of the conference, Mr. Munsterman asked conference attendees what jury management initiatives they would like to see following the conference.

One participant suggested that a statewide jury quality improvement plan be established, with pilot projects conducted in various areas of the state. Next, there was consensus that a report summarizing the findings of the conference be sent to all judges, county commissioners, court administrators and relevant associations.

Participants then noted that the Ohio Jury Managers Directory provided with the conference materials was the start of a jury management association, which could be a liaison group to judges' and court administrators' associations. There also was consensus to hold another conference next year to continue the jury reform movement taking place.

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***“The Ohio State Bar Foundation  
should push for jury reform.”***

***–Participant***

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Finally, a conference participant made the following plea: “The Ohio State Bar Foundation should push for jury reform. If the Foundation represents or consists of people who do not favor substantial reform, then push for less controversial areas of jury reform. Reform should be implemented by rule when possible and should not be left to the discretion of individual courts or judges.”

Mr. Munsterman and Judge Dann then described jury reform experiments in other states. For example, New York removed all juror exemptions and named a reform committee of lawyers who had been jurors. This committee recommended fewer last minute settlements, the allowance of juror note-taking and juror questions, re-instructing the jury during the trial and a special instruction not to rely on the legal advice from any lawyer on the jury. New York also publishes a quarterly newsletter entitled Jury Pool News, as well as a videotape for school children to role-play as jurors, with accompanying teacher materials.

Given the newly created Ohio Jury Managers Directory and the interest expressed by conference participants, the two speakers strongly suggested that an Ohio jury managers association be considered. Judge Dann went on to propose that the Ohio jury managers approach the Supreme Court of Ohio to establish a statewide jury reform committee, which should include jury managers, trial judges, attorneys in different areas of practice, former jurors, social scientists and others from relevant organizations. The jury reform committee then could recommend directly to the high Court specific ways to improve Ohio’s jury system.

## CONCLUSION

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The 1999 Ohio Jury Conference accomplished its primary objective of bringing together jury management professionals from across Ohio to exchange information, network and brainstorm innovative solutions to common obstacles. The survey of Ohio trial courts gathered important information about the present jury system infrastructure. The Ohio Jury Managers Directory supplies the basic tools for an ongoing dialogue among those who interact with jurors. Issues of concern and recommendations generated at the conference have provided the basis for reform-related discussions at every level of the Ohio court system.

The conference highlighted the significant need for a means of communication among jury managers statewide, as well as the need for a network to exchange news, ideas, information and education among these professionals. Although jury managers may wear other hats (as clerks, court administrators, bailiffs, judges, court reporters, etc.), the very real need for interaction with colleagues who are similarly focused on improving the jury system in Ohio has reached a critical point. Ohio is a leader in many other areas of court reform, and jury management in this state is overdue for serious assessment and improvement.

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***—Fellows Class of 1998***

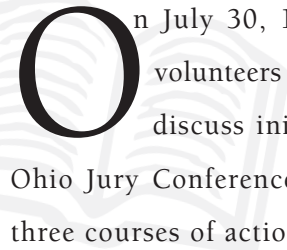
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The sponsoring Foundation Fellows Class of 1998 originally set out to initiate significant improvements in the overall jury system in Ohio. The conference provided a critical starting point for meaningful statewide jury reform. The Foundation and several individual Class members have pledged to continue working toward such improvements, as well as to follow up on the specific issues raised at the conference.

These ongoing efforts of the bench, the bar and – most importantly – professional jury managers, will benefit the overall system of jury service in Ohio. The crowning achievement, however, will be significant improvement in the experience of those Ohioans asked to perform this fundamental function of citizenship.

## EPILOGUE

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**O**n July 30, 1999, a group of jury managers and other volunteers met with the Ohio State Bar Foundation to discuss initiatives generated in the wake of the 1999 Ohio Jury Conference. This planning group decided to pursue three courses of action, with the support of the Foundation.

First, all jury managers throughout Ohio, particularly those who attended the conference, will be invited to join in efforts generated by the conference.

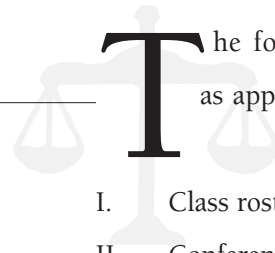
Second, a committee will plan the 2000 Ohio Jury Managers Conference, which will be convened in Spring 2000 in Columbus for all Ohio jury management professionals. Part of the Foundation's support will be maintaining a Web site about the upcoming event and serving as the conduit for information about the conference.

Third, a committee will explore the steps necessary to form a professional association of jury managers. This organization would work toward statewide improvement of the jury system through networking, continuing education, pursuing legislative issues, forming partnerships with and providing liaisons to other organizations, and addressing other administrative matters.

Anyone interested in finding out more about these efforts should contact Laralyn Sasaki, program director at the Ohio State Bar Foundation, at (800) 282-6556; mail to 1700 Lake Shore Dr., P. O. Box 16562, Columbus, Ohio 43204.

# APPENDICES

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The following materials are attached to this official report as appendices:

- I. Class roster of the OSBF Fellows Class of 1998
- II. Conference program for the 1999 Ohio Jury Conference
- III. Speaker biographies for the 1999 Ohio Jury Conference
- IV. An attendees list for the 1999 Ohio Jury Conference

Other materials produced for the 1999 Ohio Jury Conference, which are available from the Ohio State Bar Foundation for a nominal fee, include the Ohio Jury Managers Directory, a bibliography of relevant sources, and conference registration and handout materials.

## APPENDIX I

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### *Fellows Class of 1998*

Steven Alan Bennett, Columbus  
Louis R. Bertrand, Ravenna  
Barry M. Block, Dayton  
David S. Bloomfield, Columbus  
Katherine D. Brandt, Cleveland  
Paula Brooks, Columbus  
Hon. James G. Carr, Toledo  
Stuart W. Cordell, Ashtabula  
Frank R. DeSantis, Cleveland  
Hon. Charles Doneghy, Toledo  
Craig F. Frederickson, Toledo  
Michael L. Hardy, Cleveland  
David Hooker, Cleveland  
Barbara J. Howard, Cincinnati  
Virginia E. Lohmann, Columbus  
John Cruse Merchant, Cincinnati  
Thomas P. Moushey, Alliance  
David Ondrey, Chardon  
David L. Parham, Cleveland  
Laralyn M. Sasaki, Columbus  
Hon. Steve C. Shuff, Tiffin

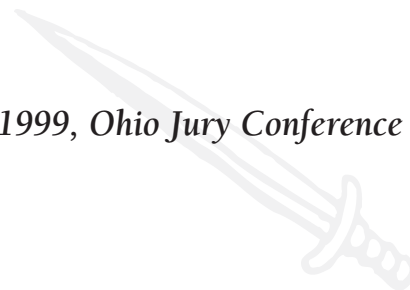
Bruce M. Soares, Canton  
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Mark A. Thomas, St. Clairsville  
Paul F. Ward, Columbus  
Robert C. Weber, Cleveland  
Sam B. Weiner, Columbus  
John J. Williams, Cincinnati  
Thomas J. Wilson, Youngstown

#### ***Class Advisors***

Jean Atkin, Toledo  
Hon. Joseph T. Clark, Lancaster  
Rick Dove, Columbus  
Hon. Richard Rogers, Marion  
Thomas Shields, Columbus

## APPENDIX II

### Program for the April 23, 1999, Ohio Jury Conference



- 8:30 a.m. Registration
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome – Sally Bloomfield, President of the Ohio State Bar Foundation
- 9:10 a.m. Opening remarks – Supreme Court of Ohio Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer  
*The status of jury reform efforts in Ohio*
- 9:30 a.m. “Order in the Classroom” video presentation – G. Thomas Munsterman,  
Director, Center for Jury Studies of the National Center for State Courts
- 9:45 a.m. “Identifying Issues and Challenges in Jury Management”  
*Working through small groups based on the size of the counties served by their courts, conference participants identify the issues and challenges in jury management, raising concerns to be addressed throughout the day*
- 10:30 a.m. Break-out groups report back to plenary session – G. Thomas Munsterman  
*Framing the major issues from all aspects of jury management: juror sources, juror education, interacting with jurors as decision-makers, overall management and accommodation of jurors*
- 11:15 a.m. “Voices of Experience” – Judge Joseph T. Clark, panel moderator  
Keith Boyt (Franklin County), Samuel Gresham, Jr. (Franklin County), Judge Thomas J. Osowik (Lucas County), Lorraine Ray (Fairfield County), Jim Readey (Franklin County)  
*Discussion by those called to jury duty about the challenges of the jury trial process in helping jurors better understand the case at trial, educating jurors about their duties, and basic accommodations.*
- Noon Lunch and keynote speaker – Superior Court of Arizona Judge B. Michael Dann  
*Judge Dann speaks of guiding the courts of Arizona through initiatives that have positioned that state to be on the cutting edge of jury reform nationally*
- 1:30 p.m. Seminar sessions

“Enhancing Juror Comprehension” – Judge Joseph T. Clark (Fairfield County), Judge B. Michael Dann (Maricopa County, Arizona), Judge Judith Ann Lanzinger (Lucas County), David Lowe (Geauga County), Sam Weiner (Franklin County)  
*Discussion of the optimum use of jurors in the courtroom, juror comprehension of the case and enhancing juror deliberations*

“Funding Resources” – Jim Drubert (Montgomery County), Larry Long (County Commissioners Association of Ohio), Rep. Jon Peterson (Delaware), Paula Brooks (Franklin County) moderator  
*Potential resources available to judges and court administrators*

“Innovations in Juror Accommodations” – Tom Shields (Franklin County Jury Commissioner), Fritz Meyer (Hamilton County Jury Commissioner)  
*Management tools to help make jurors feel respected, comfortable and valued during their service.*

“Jury Management Technology” – G. Thomas Munsterman, Judge Jon Spahr (Licking County)  
*Use of various technologies outside the courtroom to assist the jury system manager to address summoning, juror information, orientation, facilitating jury service by persons with disabilities, and jurors payment.*

- 2:15 p.m. Break
- 2:30 p.m. Repeat seminar sessions  
*Each conference attendee may attend two different afternoon sessions; teams from each court can cover all four sessions this way.*
- 3:15 p.m. Report-out from each seminar session  
*Reporters highlight the results of their sessions, comparing concerns and sharing innovative ideas.*
- 3:30 p.m. “Where do we go from here?” – G. Thomas Munsterman  
*Developing a direction for action by everyone involved with jury management – judges, attorneys, clerks, court administrators, jury commissioners, bailiffs, etc.*
- 4 p.m. Endnote – Judge B. Michael Dann  
*Inspirational remarks and practical recommendations about how to deal with obstacles to reform.*
- 4:15 p.m. Closing remarks – Sally Bloomfield
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn

## APPENDIX III

### Speaker biographies for the 1999 Ohio Jury Conference

#### Opening Remarks

Sally W. Bloomfield is a partner in the Columbus law firm of Bricker & Eckler. Ms. Bloomfield practices public utility and administrative law and serves as general regulatory counsel. Ms. Bloomfield is a member of the Riverfront Commons Corporation, the YWCA Board of Trustees, Thurber House Board of Directors, Community Housing Network Board of Directors, Rotary Club of Columbus, Ohio Commodores, the Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority, the Ohio State Bar Association Council of Delegates, the National Council of College of Law, The Ohio State University, and the American Bar Foundation. She is president of the Ohio State Bar Foundation.

Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer of the Supreme Court of Ohio has served as Ohio's chief justice since 1987. Chief Justice Moyer's initiatives include programs to provide citizens with more control of resolving their disputes at less cost and in a reasonable time; adoption of strict contribution limits for judicial campaigns; changes in rules governing the conduct of lawyers and judges, and stricter enforcement; resisting attempts by militia-related groups that attack the justice system by taking the law into their own hands; and developing offsite court and other education programs to further children's understanding of Ohio's justice system.

#### Identifying Issues and Challenges in Jury Management

G. Thomas Munsterman is Director for the Center for Jury Studies of the National Center for State Courts and was one of the incorporators of the Center for Jury Studies. He is author or co-author of several jury system management publications, including *Jury System Management*, *Jury Trial Innovations*, and *Manual for Cooperation Between State and Federal Courts*. He was a consultant to New York's Jury Project and the California Blue Ribbon Commission on Jury System Improvements, and he is directing research into the recently introduced jury reforms in Arizona. He has a column on "Jury News" in the quarterly publication *Court Manager*. He has served on the faculty for many state judicial education programs and has been a faculty member at the National Judicial College for 10 years.

#### Voices of Experience

Judge Joseph T. Clark is completing his third six-year term on the Fairfield County Common Pleas Court. Previously, he served as Lancaster Municipal Court Judge and was a trial lawyer for 13 years, including being City Prosecutor from 1967 to 1973. In 1992, he retired with the rank of Captain from the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General Corps and served the last six years as a member of the Navy-Marine Corps Trial Judiciary as a General Court-Martial Military Judge. An author and educator in judicial matters, Judge Clark is Chair of the General Administration and Court Reform Committee of the Ohio Judicial Conference and a member of its Executive Committee, a member of the Ohio Supreme Court Rules Advisory Committee, and a member of the Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association Board of Trustees.

Keith Boyt is an instructor of Radio/Television-Media Arts at Ft. Hayes, Columbus Public Schools. He has more than 20 years experience as a radio personality and station management. Mr. Boyt has served as a visiting teacher and guest lecturer for communications and media relations at the college and university level. In his work as a conciliation specialist in the Columbus Communities in Schools program, has provided conflict management, mediation, and other dispute resolution services in school-based settings. He has received Ohio University's *Outstanding Achievement in Broadcasting* award, as well as *Media Legend* by the Columbus Association of Black Journalists (1997) and the *Golden Ruler* by the Columbus Public School Board (1995).

Samuel Gresham, Jr. is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Columbus Urban League. Among his initiatives has been the construction of a new \$2.3 million headquarters in 1994, a \$1.1 million grant for drug prevention programming in Columbus Public Housing developments in 1995 (the largest grant of this type in the city), a \$150,000 grant for a community computer center in 1996, a League Youth Association computer summer camp program, the League Leadership Institute service leadership development service, and the Marketable Office Skills Training Center. He has been professionally recognized as President of the National Urban League Association Executives in 1997.

**Judge Thomas J. Osowik** has been the Presiding Judge of the Toledo Municipal Court since 1998. He has been a Municipal Court Judge since 1991. Previously Judge Osowik was a solo general practitioner as well as Assistant Attorney General for the State of Ohio from 1982 until 1991. He is the author of 11 published opinions. Judge Osowik is a graduate of the University of Toledo and its Law School. He is a member of the Toledo, Ohio, and American Bar Associations.

**Lorraine Ray** is an associate professor of office technology at Ohio University-Lancaster and has taught there since 1978. Previously, she taught for the Toledo Public Schools, the University of Toledo, Owens Technical College, and Monroe County Community College. Ms. Ray directs a church choir in Zanesville and is in leadership in Bible Study International. She also has been active in local community theatre.

**James A. Readey** is a trial lawyer with 28 years of trial experience who now concentrates his practice in alternative dispute resolution services. Mr. Readey is an author and a frequent lecturer locally and nationally at seminars and workshops on a variety of dispute resolution topics. He is a member of various legal associations and a former President of the Columbus Bar Association. Mr. Readey is a past Chairman of the International Association of Defense Counsel's Special Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution, and was the first Chairman of the Ohio State Bar Association's Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution. He was a leader in establishing one of the country's first Settlement Week programs, a concept which has now spread nationwide, and he also has been involved in nationally spearheading an effort to promote the use of pre-suit mediation.

## ***Keynote Address***

**The Hon. B. Michael Dann** of the Superior Court of Arizona, Phoenix, has been a trial judge for 18 years. Recently, he chaired the Arizona Jury Trial Reform Committee and has spoken throughout the United States and in two other countries in support of the kinds of reforms adopted and used in Arizona. He received the 1997 Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence at the U.S. Supreme Court for his national work in jury trial reform. Judge Dann received his education at Indiana University (B.S.), Harvard Law School (LL.B), and University of Virginia Law School (LL.M).

## ***Enhancing Juror Comprehension***

**David Lowe** is a partner/shareholder in the firm of Thrasher, Dinsmore & Dolan, L.P.A., in Chardon, Ohio. He is a 1959 graduate of John Carroll University and received his law degree from Cleveland State University in 1970. He served as an Assistant Attorney General and Special Counsel to the State of Ohio from 1971 to 1983. He is a member of the Defense Research Institute, the Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys, and the Cleveland Association of Civil Trial Attorneys. He belongs to the Ohio State, Greater Cleveland, Lake County, and Geauga County Bar Associations, and was president of the Geauga Bar for two terms. He has tried between 150 and 175 jury trials to completion.

**Judge Judith Ann Lanzinger** has been a trial judge since 1985, serving in Lucas County Common Pleas general division after three years in Toledo Municipal Court. She received her undergraduate and juris doctor degrees from the University of Toledo where she has served as a College of Law adjunct professor for the last ten years. In 1992 she earned a Master of Judicial Studies from the National Judicial College and University of Nevada, Reno, and she has taught judicial courses in seven states as well as in Kiev, Ukraine and in Moscow. She is the vice-chair of the Ohio Judicial College Board of Trustees, and she serves as co-chair of the Public Education & Awareness Task Force of the Ohio Courts Futures Commission. Judge Lanzinger served as a juror in a civil trial in common pleas court in February 1994.

**Samuel B. Weiner** is a Columbus attorney concentrating in the area of criminal defense. He has tried more than 200 jury trials to conclusion, in all types of felonies, misdemeanors, and traffic offenses. He specializes in forfeiture cases in both federal and state court. Mr. Weiner is a member of numerous state and federal bars, and he is a member of the Franklin County Public Defender's Commission; the Certified Criminal Trial Practice, National Board of Trial Advocacy; and the Best Lawyers in America.

## APPENDIX III, CONT.

### *Speaker biographies for the 1999 Ohio Jury Conference*

#### *Jury Management Technology*

**Judge Jon R. Spahr** is the presiding judge of the Licking County Common Pleas Court in Newark, Ohio. He has served on the Court of Common Pleas since 1983. After practicing law for 15 years, he was Licking County Municipal Court Judge from 1979 until 1982. From 1994 to 1996 he served as the chair of the Ohio Judicial Conference. He has been active in the Ohio Judicial College and the National Judicial College. He is the president of the Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association and is a member of the Licking County, Ohio State, and American Bar Associations.

#### *Funding Resources*

**The Hon. Jon M. Peterson** represents the 80<sup>th</sup> District in the Ohio House of Representatives. Formerly Delaware County Auditor, Rep. Peterson previously served as Deputy Auditor in Delaware County, Franklin County Finance Director, Franklin County Deputy Auditor, and Budget/Management Analyst in the Office of Budget and Management. Rep. Peterson has chaired the Delaware County United Way Campaign, the Andrews House Annual Fund Drive, and the Delaware County Heart Association Annual Drive. He is a past president of the County Auditor's Association of Ohio.

**Larry L. Long** has been Executive Director of the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio since 1986. He has been with the CCAO since 1974, serving first as management specialist, then assistant director, and chief lobbyist. CCAO is the oldest organization in the United States representing county government. Mr. Long has held positions with the U.S. Department of Defense Intelligence Agency, Ottawa County Regional Planning Commission, Ohio Department of Economic and Community Development, Land Use Planning and Community Development Services, and Ohio's Appalachia Program. Currently, Mr. Long is publisher of *County News Magazine* and editor of *County Commissioners Handbook*. He is Executive Director of the County Risk Sharing Authority, a self-insurance program currently insuring more than 40 counties.

#### *Innovations in Juror Accommodations*

**Fritz Meyer** has served as the Jury Commissioner for Hamilton County for the past nine years. He implemented and oversees the Administration of Justice Fund, which enables jurors to donate either all or a portion of their fees back to the court. Since its inception in 1991, jurors have donated approximately \$365,000 back to the courts. Other programs established in the Jury Commission Office under Mr. Meyer include the Community Education program that provides guided tours of the courthouse for the grade schools and high schools in Hamilton County. Over the past three years, more than 22,000 students and teachers have toured the court facilities. The Art Education Program allows students to display their artwork in the Jury Commission Office waiting rooms. Mr. Meyer has 15 years experience teaching and coaching at the high school and college level.

**Tom Shields** is the Jury Commissioner of Franklin County Municipal Court, a position he has held since 1985 after serving as Deputy Service Bailiff. He initiated and completed the change from manual records keeping to specialized barcode software for jury management. Mr. Shields was a member of the Jury Management Project Team with the Ohio Supreme Court from 1992 to 1993, which wrote new jury standards for all Ohio Trial Courts. Mr. Shields assisted on the Jury Study project "Jurors Understanding of Capital Murder Instructions" with professor James Frank of the University of Cincinnati, division of Criminal Justice. He received the "Award of Merit" from the Columbus Bar Association in 1998, and he was nominated for the 1997 "J.E.M. Award" at the National Conference on Jury Efficiency and Management.

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