



Public Records and the Courts

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Presenter Bios

Jan Antonoplos is the Clerk of the Delaware County Common Pleas Court. She was appointed to that position in 2002, elected in November of 2002, and then reelected in 2004. Prior to serving as Clerk, she served as Township Trustee for Washington Township. In 2002, she was appointed to the Privacy and Public Access Subcommittee of the Supreme Court of Ohio Advisory Committee on Technology and the Courts by Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer

Sol Bermann is the Manager of Operations for the Technology Policy Group, Ohio State University. He is a recognized authority on data protection and is the conference coordinator for TPG's nationally renowned privacy conference series (www.privacycon.org). Mr. Bermann is a member of the Electronic Records Committee for the state of Ohio and serves as Vice Chair of the Privacy and Public Access Subcommittee of the Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Technology and the Courts for the Supreme Court of Ohio. He has worked with the U.S. Department of Justice and the National Criminal Justice Association on the privacy aspects of their Design Principles for an Integrated Justice System. He has authored a number of articles on privacy and data protection, and speaks to government and industry groups regularly on the topic. Mr. Bermann holds a J.D. from the Moritz College of Law at The Ohio State University, a Master's Degree from the University of Virginia and a B.A. from Beloit College.

Judge John P. Bessey has been a judge in the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, General Division, since 1994. He received his B.S. from Ohio State University and his J.D. from Franklin University. He has served as an Assistant Franklin County Prosecutor, Assistant City Attorney for the City of Columbus, and engaged in private practice in Columbus, Ohio for over twenty-one years. Judge Bessey is an alumnus of the National Judicial College where he attended a week long course on court room technology. He has served as a member and chairman of the Franklin County Automatic Data Processing Board; Chairman of the Ohio Judicial Conference Technology Committee; and Chairman of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, General Division, Technology Committee. He chairs the Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Technology and the Courts. Judge Bessey has attended numerous symposiums, conferences and seminars on technology related matters.

Audra Osmeña DeVictor is the Deputy Attorney General for the Constitutional Offices Section of Ohio Attorney General Jim Petro's Office. As the public records officer, she oversees the Attorney General's Public Records Unit. The Public Records Unit provides training to public officials and their staff members regarding their obligations under the Sunshine Laws. Additionally, the Public Records Unit annually updates the Attorney General's "An Ohio Sunshine Laws Update", also known as the "Yellow Book." Ms. DeVictor received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Miami University in 1991 and her juris doctorate from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law in 1996. Before joining the Attorney General's Office, Ms DeVictor worked at the Auditor of State's Office as well as the Ohio Department of Taxation. Ms. DeVictor is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association.

Chris Davey is Director of the Office of Public Information for the Supreme Court of Ohio. He is a veteran public relations strategist with 10 years of experience in Ohio politics and the media, who has also served as director of public affairs for the Ohio Attorney General's Office. Davey holds bachelor's and master's degrees in journalism from The Ohio State University, where he was a 2002 Fellow in the Kiplinger Public Affairs Journalism Program. He has worked as a private political and media relations consultant, as a

Statehouse correspondent for the *Dayton Daily News* and the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, and is the first vice chair of the board of trustees for Alvis House, a statewide Ohio non-profit community corrections corporation.

Judge Sheila G. Farmer has served on the Fifth District Court of Appeals since 1993. Prior to that, she was on the Stark County Court of Common Pleas, General Division from 1983 to 1992. From 1972 to 1982, she was the presiding and administrative judge for the Massillon Municipal Court. Judge Farmer is a graduate of Marymount College and received her J.D. degree from Case Western Reserve University School of Law. Judge Farmer served on the OSBA/Supreme Court Task Force on Gender Bias Steering Committee and served on the Ohio Judicial Conference Ethics Committee. She is currently Co-chair of the OJC Public Confidence and Community Outreach Committee, as well as the 1st Vice Chair of the Judicial Conference.

Judge Thomas J. Grady has been a judge of the Second District Court of Appeals since 1989. Prior to this he was in private practice for over 10 years. Among Judge Grady's professional memberships are the American Judges Association, American Bar Association, Ohio State Bar Association and Dayton Bar Association. Judge Grady received his B.A. from Cleveland State University and his J.D. from the University of Kentucky College of Law. In 2004, Judge Grady chaired an Ohio Judicial Conference ad hoc committee that produced a report on Public Records, Privacy and the Internet.

Judge Eugene A. Lucci has been a Lake County Common Pleas judge since 2001. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Lucci was a trial attorney from 1980 to 2000, a municipal acting judge from 1988 to 2000, a municipal police officer from 1975 to 1982, and a special sheriff's detective from 1995 to 2000. Judge Lucci serves as the Co-chair of the OJC Public Confidence and Community Outreach Committee and serves on the Ohio Jury Instructions Committee. He is writing his thesis to complete his Master of Judicial Studies degree at the University of Nevada, Reno, and is taking courses toward the doctoral degree in judicial studies.

Alan D. Miller is managing editor/news for *The Columbus Dispatch*. A native of Orrville in northeastern Ohio, he worked as a reporter and photographer at his hometown weekly newspaper and *The Wooster Daily Record* during high school and college breaks, and as an editor for those papers after graduation from Ohio University. He also worked at *The Canton Repository* before coming to *The Dispatch* as a reporter in 1984. At *The Dispatch*, Alan Miller has covered regional news, urban affairs, Columbus City Hall, and higher education as a reporter. He was an assistant city editor, state editor and assistant managing editor before becoming managing editor in 2004. He writes a monthly column about old-house repair for *The Dispatch* and teaches journalism at Denison University in Granville. He has bachelor's and master's degrees in journalism from Ohio University.

Martin D. Susec is an Assistant Attorney General for the Constitutional Offices Section of the Ohio Attorney General's Office and has developed a specialization in public records law. A large portion of Mr. Susec's responsibilities at the Ohio Attorney General's Office involves the area of public records and open meetings law. Mr. Susec graduated from The Ohio State University College of Business in 1992 and the University of Akron School of Law in 1996. Before serving with the Attorney General's Constitutional Offices Section, Mr. Susec practiced law for three years in the Attorney General's Charitable Law Section. He is admitted to practice in Ohio, the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, and before the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio. Mr. Susec is a member of the Columbus Bar Association's Committee on the Unauthorized Practice of Law and the Technology and Law Committee.