OWBA Celebrates 21st Year at Annual Meeting

By Judge Judith French

Members and friends of the Ohio Women’s Bar Association (OWBA) gathered at the Columbus Sheraton on May 10, 2012, for its annual meeting. It was a great opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of the past year and look ahead with plans for the future.

The day kicked off with continuing legal education sessions focusing on the careers and duties of in-house counsel, both within government and corporations. We were fortunate to have the participation of many talented lawyers willing to talk about their career paths, discuss their daily responsibilities, and give advice to anyone who works with in-house counsel.

The afternoon education sessions focused on best practices at trial and on appeal. Trial judges and practitioners offered advice for men and women appearing before trial judges and juries, including advice about the most effective methods of communication and presentation. The appellate judges and practitioners focused on best practices at trial that ensure a better appeal, including methods for preserving the record at trial and diplomatically prodding a trial court to make final decisions.

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