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Our purpose is to promote the leadership, advancement and interests of women attorneys through professional education, networking and the exchange of ideas between our members, local bar associations, business and the community.

The OWBF Leadership Institute Continues With Its Inaugural Class



Justice Judith Lanzinger was a presenter at the Public Speaking session of the OWBF Leadership Institute.

On Oct. 13, 2011, the 11 members of the OWBF Leadership Institute's inaugural class attended the second session of the six-session program. This session was dedicated to executive coaching, branding and career strategy. Prior to this session, the class members participated in a 360° assessment and individual one-on-one interpretation sessions with executive coach Dr. Stacy Feiner. Through this process, class members obtained invaluable information about themselves from peers, subordinates, management and clients which, in turn, gave them a unique view of their strengths and developmental needs. Dr. Feiner followed up with the class members during the morning of the program's second ses-

sion by facilitating a dynamic group discussion about the overall results of the assessment, as well as the class member's own specifically-tailored development plans.

Armed with this new insight, the class members interacted with several pre-eminent attorneys during three separate panel discussions designed to address the advantages and disadvantages of working at a law firm, for the government, and in-house for a corporation. The outstanding presenters included Kathleen Ransier (Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease, LLP), Faith Williams (Bricker & Eckler, LLP), Laura Sanom (Faruki, Ireland & Cox, PLL), Sheryl Creed Maxfield (Ohio Attorney General's Office), Jan Allen (Each One Reach One, Women on Fire), Jennifer Spalding (Abbott Laboratories), and Dina Tantra (Beacon Hill Fund Services). Julia Meister of Taft, Stettinius & Hollister, LLP, also provided class members with insight into career and business growth through community service. The day concluded with a presentation and lively discussion presented by award-winning journalist and editor of Columbus Monthly, Sherry Beck Paprocki, geared toward assisting the class members with creating their own personal brands.

The third session of the OWBA Leadership Institute on public speaking started off with a particularly relevant presentation by Justice Judith

Lanzinger titled "Only Connect." Her presentation emphasized one of the most critical purposes of public speaking—making a connection with your audience. There are a variety of ways and styles to achieve this, but most of all your method should be tailored to your audience and your own style of speaking. After Justice Lanzinger's presentation, the session provided the participants with three separate opportunities to speak on various topics and receive feedback and tips from several legal and communication experts, including Dr. John Ludlum, an Otterbein University Communications professor;

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