



OHIO MUNICIPAL ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION

REGISTER FOR OMAA SPRING 2026 SEMINAR

SPRING CRIMINAL SEMINAR VIRTUAL FRIDAY MARCH 27TH

SPRING CIVIL SEMINAR VIRTUAL FRIDAY APRIL 24TH

ONLINE REGISTRATION:

<https://pci.jotform.com/form/260298261021046>

I will be trying something new for this virtual conference. Because there is a significant number of OMAA members who desire to attend both the Criminal and Civil seminars, I have decided to split the seminar dates and allow the same person to register for both at a reduced registration rate. Therefore, if the same person registered for both seminars, he/she will pay the normal rate for the Criminal seminar and only an additional \$100 for the civil seminar. If only one seminar is attended, the rate is the normal rate. The programs are below. The Criminal Seminar is fixed and has Supreme Court CLE approval for 6 hours. The Civil Seminar is in draft form at this point. Garry

2026 OMAA VIRTUAL CRIMINAL LAW SEMINAR

Friday, March 27, 2026

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

EVERY'S LAW

Orly Ahroni, Deputy Criminal Chief, Columbus City Attorney

Zach Klein's Office

Elena Tuhy-Walters, Senior Prosecutor, Columbus City Attorney

Zach Klein's Office

PRESENTERS WILL HIGHLIGHT RECENT LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE STATE CODE REGARDING DOGS AT LARGE AND DOG BITE CASES AND ITS IMPACT ON CURRENT PROSECUTION PRACTICES.

10:00 – 10:15 a.m.

BREAK

10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

MISDEMEANOR DEFENDANTS AND ICE CUSTODY

Panel with Columbus Prosecutor's Office including Melanie Tobias-Hunter, Criminal Division Chief, Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein's Office and Brad Nicodemus, City Attorney, City of Whitehall

A MULTI-JURISDICTION VIEW OF HOW MUNICIPALITIES ARE WORKING WITH DEFENDANTS BEING DETAINED BY ICE AND STRATEGIES ON HOW TO STILL SUCCESSFULLY PROSECUTE CASES WHEN DEFENDANTS ARE IN ICE CUSTODY. PROSECUTORS FROM COLUMBUS AND DEFENDANTS ARE IN ICE CUSTODY. PROSECUTORS WHITEHALL WILL SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES AND POLICIES.

11:15 – 11:30 a.m.

BREAK

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

MOTOR VEHICLE SEARCH AND SEIZURE ISSUES

Jeff Furbee, Senior Police Legal Advisor, Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein's Office

A REVIEW ON THE LAW CONCERNING SEARCH AND SEIZURE AND MOTOR VEHICLES. WHAT IS REQUIRED TO SEARCH A CAR DURING A TRAFFIC STOP, WHEN IS REASONABLE SUSPICION ENOUGH VS PROBABLE CAUSE? WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT FACT SCENARIOS ALLOWING FOR A SEARCH AND SUBSEQUENT SEIZURE BY POLICE?

12:30- 1:00 p.m.

LUNCH BREAK

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

1ST AMENDMENT AND POLITICAL OFFICES/AGENCIES

*Brad Nicodemus, City Attorney, City of Whitehall,
Susan Zurface, Chief Counsel Prosecution, City of Cincinnati
Robert Rickey, Assistant City Prosecutor, City of Cincinnati*

A DISCUSSION OF THE DIFFERENT LEGAL CONSIDERATION INVOLVED WHEN MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WANT TO ENGAGE IN PROTEST AT PUBLIC MEETINGS. WHEN THESE PROTESTS EXTEND TO SOCIAL MEDIA AND EMAILS TO THE PUBLIC AGENCY, CAN THERE BE ANY LIMITATION?

2:00 – 2:15 p.m.

BREAK

2:15 – 3:15 p.m.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE - AI/OWL LLC

Jack Spiller, EVP, Client Success, AI OWL LLC

CURRENT STATE OF AI OFFERINGS ACROSS ALL MEDIA PLATFORMS INCLUDING GOOGLE AND MICROSOFT. WHAT ARE THE PRIVACY CONCERNS FOR PUBLIC AGENCIES USING THESE PLATFORMS, HOW CAN THEY BE USEFUL IN DAY-TO-DAY WORK?

3:15 – 3:30 p.m.

BREAK

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

TRIAL PRACTICE – AUTHENTICATION AND ADMISSION OF EVIDENCE

Dave Pelletier, Appellate Director, Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein's Office

Victoria Lowry, Assistant Prosecutor, City of Cincinnati

ADMISSION AND AUTHENTICATION OF DOCUMENTS IN A TRIAL USING A HYPOTHETICAL THEFT CASE. THIS SESSION WILL HELP PROSECUTORS BRUSH UP ON THEIR RULES OF EVIDENCE AND TRIAL PRACTICE SKILLS.

2026 OMAA VIRTUAL CIVIL LAW SEMINAR
Friday, April 24, 2026

- 9:00 am -10:00 am **HOMELESS ISSUES, WARMING STATIONS AND SHELTERS**
Steve Dunbar Section Chief, Property Action Team, Zach Klein City Attorney's Office
- 10:15 am -11:15 am **INCOMING DRONES FROM LABOR AND LITIGATORS – DEFENDING AGAINST ARBITRATIONS, NEGOTIATIONS, AND LAWSUITS**
Jonathan Downes, Zashin and Rich Law Offices
- 11:15 am -11:30 am **BREAK**
- 11:30 am -12:30 pm **ANNEXATION**
Donnette Fisher, Law Director, Xenia
- 12:30 am -1:00 pm **LUNCH**
- 1:00 pm -2:00 pm **OHIO'S SB 56 BECOMES LAW, USHERING IN MAJOR CHANGES FOR CANNABIS AND HEMP MARKETS**
Matt Koppetch, Bricker and Graydon Law Offices
- 2:00 pm -2:15pm **BREAK**
- 2:15 pm -3:15 pm **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**
- 3:15 pm -3:30 pm **BREAK**
- 3:30 pm -4:30 pm **ADA WEB CONTENT REGULATIONS: IS YOUR MUNICIPALITY PREPARED?**
Joshua Cartee, Assistant City Attorney, Lara Baker-Morrish, Chief Counsel, Deputy City Attorney, Zach Klein City Attorney's Office, Janae Miller, Vice Chair, Columbus Advisory Commission on Disability Issues.