



# Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association



## 2024 OPAA SUMMER WORKSHOP

June 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

Hotel Breakers Cedar Point, Sandusky, Ohio

We once again will be meeting on the shores of Lake Erie to educate the membership and to enjoy the other activities the area provides. As usual, we will provide both a criminal law track and a civil law track. The criminal side will have presentations on juror misconduct or tampering; an overview of the Organized Crime Investigations Commission; forensic anthropology; and a sexual assault protocol update and House Bill 33. On the civil side we will explore social media and the First Amendment; what to expect for the November election and how the Secretary of State can help with issues; how recreational marijuana will affect public employers; and problems and responses for public employers and First Amendment auditors, discipline, off-duty misconduct, and more! We look forward to seeing all of you at Cedar Point!

Thursday will consist of committee meetings in the afternoon, and a welcoming reception in the evening. A family dinner is scheduled for Friday evening, and a family breakfast for Saturday morning. As usual, training sessions will be held on Friday and Saturday mornings.

The two-day member registration fee of \$350.00 (double for non-members) and one day registration fee of \$200.00 (double for non-members) includes all training, handout materials, Friday's continental breakfast, and all breaks for registrants. In addition, it includes the Thursday evening reception, Friday evening dinner, and Saturday morning breakfast for the registrant and spouse or significant other (please see details regarding additional guests on page 7). In the event of cancellations after Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, the assessment will be \$175.00 (both days) and \$110.00 (one day), to partially cover the cost of meals which will have been guaranteed by that date. Complete details of activities appear in the activities section of this mailing.

**GUEST ROOM RESERVATIONS and TAX EXEMPTION:** Tax Exemption Certificates must be sent to Hotel Breakers and not with your registration form to OPAA. **Cedar Point now uses the standard Ohio Exemption Form regarding guest rooms** which is available online at <https://tinyurl.com/preview/2pxn36w9>.

**GUEST ROOMS CANCELLATIONS:** There is a penalty for cancellation of guest rooms. **If it becomes necessary to cancel a room, please contact Diana first at (614-221-1266) or [diana@hiopa.org](mailto:diana@hiopa.org).** We often have a waiting list of people wanting rooms and we could not only assist them but save you a cancellation fee.

**OPAA REGISTRATION DESK:** The registration desk will be open from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 20th at the Hotel Breakers Main Lobby, and again from 8:00 a.m. to noon on both Friday, June 21st and Saturday, June 22nd at the Hotel Breakers East Conference Center Lobby (located by the Poolside Parlor).

**WELCOMING RECEPTION:** A welcoming reception will be held in the Lakeside Pavilion from 5:30-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 20th. See reception details in the activities section. **Matrix Pointe Software is again graciously sponsoring the bar.**

**FRIDAY EVENING DINNER:** A family dinner buffet will be served in the Lakeside Pavilion from 6:00-9:00 p.m. on Friday, June 21st. **Meal coupons must be presented to participate.** See dinner details in the activities section.

**SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST BUFFET:** A family breakfast buffet will be served in the Lakeside Dining from 7:00-9:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 22nd. **Meal coupons must be presented to participate.** See breakfast details in the activities section.

**TICKETS TO THE AMUSEMENT PARK AND DISCOUNT PARKING PASS:** See details in the activities section.

## Friday, June 21

8:00 – 12:00                    **REGISTRATION** - Hotel Breakers East Conference Center Lobby  
(Located by the Poolside Parlor)

8:00 – 12:00                    **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

## **CRIMINAL TRAINING**

Cedar Point Convention Center Located Behind the Pavilion Areas

9:00 – 10:30                    **The Alex Murdaugh Case: Responding to Allegations of Juror Misconduct or Jury Tampering**

Alex Murdaugh was convicted of Murder, and he filed a motion for new trial alleging that the clerk of courts tampered with the jury by advising them not to believe Murdaugh's testimony and pressuring them to reach a quick guilty verdict. After an evidentiary hearing where a juror indicated they were influenced by the clerk to return a guilty verdict, the judge overruled the motion finding that there was insufficient evidence to overturn the jury's verdict. In this presentation, we will examine the Murdaugh case, Ohio law on jury misconduct, and how the State can respond to allegations of juror misconduct to prevent a reversal of a conviction or the granting of a motion for new trial.

***Philip Bogdanoff***  
***Retired Career Prosecutor***

10:30 - 10:45                    **Break**

10:45 - 12:00

**Organized Crime Investigations Commission**

The Organized Crime Investigations Commission assists local law enforcement agencies in combatting organized crime and corrupt activities. The Commission is composed of members of the law enforcement community and is chaired by the Ohio Attorney General. This presentation will look at the various programs to assist county prosecutors in dealing with complaints of organized crime, corrupt activities, and monitoring current investigations as well as an overview of the commission.

***Matthew Hilbert, Deputy Director***

***Organized Crime Investigations Commission and***

***Judy Wolford, Prosecutor***

***Pickaway County***

**CIVIL TRAINING**

Breakers East Conference Center Located by the Poolside Parlor

9:00 - 10:30

**Social Media and the First Amendment**

A look at the law, including the recent SCOTUS decision in *Lindke v. Freed*, which answers the age-old question: when can I delete this annoying Facebook comment? Over the last decade, federal courts have struggled to adapt a century of First Amendment jurisprudence to the phenomenon that is social media. This presentation will provide an overview of how the law sits today. Focus will be on when government agencies can moderate content on social media pages and when moderation may violate the First Amendment. We'll discuss forum analysis briefly and spend most of our time with several types of speech that are or are not protected by the First Amendment.

***Ryan Stubenrauch***

***Communication Counsel, Inc.***

10:30 - 10:45

**Break**

10:45 – 12:00

**Ready for 2024: SOS Resources Review – How to prepare yourself and your office for the 2024 November General Election**

This presentation will look at the resources available to prosecutors including directives, advisories, and other items you may need to get through the general election season later in the year. We will also take a look at HB458 and look at issues counties have had and how best to deal with them should they show up again.

***Sarah Huffman, Senior Election Counsel***

***Office of the Ohio Secretary of State***

**Saturday, June 22**

8:00 – 12:00

**REGISTRATION - Hotel Breakers East Conference Center Lobby  
(Located by the Poolside Parlor)**

## **CRIMINAL TRAINING**

Cedar Point Convention Center Located Behind the Pavilion Areas

9:00 - 10:00

### **The Role of Forensic Anthropology in Human Remains Investigations**

This presentation will introduce the field and Forensic Anthropology and the ways a Forensic Anthropologist can contribute to a death investigation. Three main learning objectives will be addressed using case studies: 1: The recovery of human remains from the death scene, 2: The identification of human skeletal remains and 3: Analyzing human skeletal remains for trauma. The importance of training and communication between agencies will be emphasized.

***Dr. Krista E Latham, D-ABFA***

***Professor of Biology & Anthropology***

***Director, University of Indianapolis Human Identification Center***

***University of Indianapolis***

10:00 - 10:15

**Break**

10:15 - 11:15

**Forensic Anthropology continues...**

11:15 - 12:00

### **Navigating New Terrain: Understanding the Updates to the Ohio Sexual Assault Protocol and House Bill 33**

This presentation aims to provide an overview of forensic nursing and Forensic Nursing Network. We will then delve into the recent changes made to The Ohio Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations for Adult/Adolescents. Finally, we will explore House Bill 33 with a specific emphasis on the rights of victims after experiencing a sexual assault.

***Heather Wilde BSN, RN, SANE-A***

***Director of Education***

***Forensic Nursing Network***

## **CIVIL TRAINING**

Breakers East Conference Center Located by the Poolside Parlor

9:00 - 10:30

### **Navigating the Green Transition: Impact of Issue 2 / §3780 on Public Employers in the Shifting Landscape from Medical to Recreational Marijuana**

In November 2023, Ohio voters enshrined adult recreational marijuana use into Ohio Law. This presentation will dive into the nuances of the newly enacted §3780 of the Ohio Revised Code and how civil servants and employers can navigate their questions and concerns involving how recreational marijuana may affect the public workplace. Further discussed in this session will be the powers and rights public employers hold to separate adult recreational marijuana use from the workplace and how to manage instances of the activity creeping into the workplace.

***Jonathan J. Downes***

***Zashin & Rich***

***Columbus, Ohio***

10:30 - 10:45

**Break**

10:45 - 12:00

**The Twists, Turns, Screams and Thrills Awaiting Around Every Corner of Public Employment**

This presentation will review a variety of risks facing public employers on a seemingly daily basis. In addition to reviewing the ongoing issues faced by various officeholders, this presentation will address the appropriate responses to be taken. During the presentation, discussions will be had regarding responding to First Amendment Auditors; disciplining employees for off-duty misconduct; responding to inappropriate behaviors in the workplace and the role of qualified immunity, specifically in a law enforcement agency; and the current state of collective bargaining and its role in attracting and retaining qualified employees. The purpose of the presentation will be to provide guidance regarding how our officeholders should respond to minimize the risk of liability and place the office in the best position for long-term success.

***Benjamin Albrecht, Partner***

***Fishel Downey Albrecht & Riepenhoff, LLP***

***New Albany***

WE HAVE APPLIED FOR 5.5 GENERAL CREDIT HOURS FOR THIS TRAINING FROM  
THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO COMMISSION ON CONTINUING LEGAL  
EDUCATION



# OPAA SUMMER WORKSHOP ACTIVITIES

JUNE 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024  
HOTEL BREAKERS (CEDAR POINT)  
SANDUSKY, OHIO

Fill out the **Activities Registration Form** and mail (along with payment where applicable for additional meals) **no later than June 5th** to OPAA to ensure that you and/or your family have a reserved spot for the functions you have chosen. If you are not participating in any activities, simply mark the form “not participating.”

## **THURSDAY, JUNE 20th – WELCOMING RECEPTION**

A family meal and host bar will be held in the Lakeside Pavilion from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. **Matrix Pointe Software** will again sponsor the bar. *Be sure to stop by their table at the back of the Criminal Track room to say hello and thank them for their generosity.*

## **FRIDAY, JUNE 21st – FAMILY DINNER AND REFRESHMENTS**

A family dinner buffet will be held from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the Lakeside Pavilion. The registration fee covers the dinner for registrant and spouse or significant other. **A cash bar will be available during the dinner.** ***\*\*Please see information below regarding costs for additional guests. Meal tickets are required.***

## **SATURDAY, JUNE 22nd – FAMILY BREAKFAST BUFFET**

A family breakfast buffet will be served from 7:00 – 9:30 a.m. in the Lakeside Dining Room which is located behind the Pavilion Area. The registration fee covers the breakfast for registrant and spouse or significant other. ***\*\*Please see information below regarding costs for additional guests. Meal tickets are required.***

## **\*\*MEAL FEES FOR ADDITIONAL GUESTS:**

It is necessary to charge a fee for all guests other than the registrant’s spouse or significant other at the Family Dinner Buffet and Family Breakfast Buffet. There is no charge for the Welcoming Reception.

The charges are as follows: **Children 2 and under, no charge; Adults and children 3 and older (yes, Cedar Point considers them to be adults and charges accordingly), dinner \$37.53 per person; breakfast \$20.79 per person (sales tax of 8% included in price).**

**Payment for additional meals must be made at the time the activity registration form is returned to OPAA, as meal tickets WILL NOT be issued until payment is received!**

**SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS:** If anyone in your party has special dietary needs, contact Diana by Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. OPAA will accommodate requests if they can be supplied by the venue at no additional cost. Any additional cost must be borne by the registrant, and they will be notified in advance.

**CEDAR POINT AMUSEMENT PARK DISCOUNT TICKETS:** OPAA is able to provide our group with a discount price with tax of \$44.82 (ages 3 and older) per person per day. Children 2 and under are free. All Amusement Park tickets are now being sold digitally directly through the Cedar Point Store. OPAA’s log in credentials are: [www.cedarpoint.com/save](http://www.cedarpoint.com/save) with Username: OPAA and the Password: opaa (both are case sensitive). Since all tickets are now being done digitally directly through Cedar Point, OPAA **will not** be selling paper Cedar Point Amusement Park Tickets at the OPAA Registration Desk. Tickets will be valid for one day only (Thursday, June 20th; Friday, June 21st; Saturday, June 22nd, Sunday, June 23rd). Please check with Cedar Point for their combined or special passes for the parks.

**CEDAR POINT DISCOUNT ON PARKING FOR REGISTRANTS NOT STAYING AT THE HOTEL BREAKERS:** Cedar Point is offering OPAA a discount rate of \$13.50 (includes tax) per car/per day on parking vouchers and are also being sold digitally directly through the Cedar Point Store. OPAA's log in credentials are: [www.cedarpoint.com/save](http://www.cedarpoint.com/save) with Username: OPAA and the Password: opaa (both are case sensitive). **For those registrants that are staying at the Hotel Breakers, your parking is included in your room cost.**

**HOTEL BREAKERS GUEST ROOM INFORMATION:** Be sure to follow all the Breakers' instructions below, as OPAA cannot intervene with guest room issues. The only exception to this is: **If it becomes necessary to cancel a room, please contact Diana (614-221-1266) before cancelling. We often have a waiting list of people wanting rooms and we might be able to assist them in obtaining a room and save you a cancellation fee!**

Please make your guest room reservation with the Cedar Point reservationist or online using OPAA's group code **OPAA24. ROOMS MUST BE BOOKED ON OR BEFORE 5/20/24.** If the credit card will not be available at check in, full payment must be made prior to the guest's arrival. For tax exemption to apply, an Ohio Sales Tax Exemption Form must be completed, <https://tinyurl.com/preview/2pxn36w9> and the reservationist will instruct you to fax or email it to them to give you your total with the tax exemption. If you have further questions when making the reservation, please feel free to ask for a supervisor. If you book online, you can then email the tax exemption form to [jfosco@cedarpoint.com](mailto:jfosco@cedarpoint.com) along with your confirmation number, and she will apply the tax exemption and send the balance due total to you at that time.

**RESERVATIONS TELEPHONE NUMBER: 419-627-2106**

**GROUP CODE: OPAA24**

**ONLINE RESERVATIONS: <https://reservations.cedarpoint.com/cedarpoint/>**

- **Cutoff Date for our hold/block of rooms is 5/20/24.**
- When using the online reservations link all boxes must be filled in before your room choices appear.
- When using the online reservations link - in the *Special Code* box select *group/block* and in the *Code Box* use *OPAA24*.
- Individuals (not group contact) are responsible for reservations, deposits, and cancellations.
- First night's full payment due at the time of booking.
- Payment Plans may be arranged with a reservationist at the time of booking if preferred.
- A \$50.00 fee applies to any cancellation. First-night deposit is forfeited for any cancellation received within 72 hours of arrival.
- Rooms are on hold for Thursday, June 20, 2024, and Friday, June 21, 2024.

Standard rooms, non-lake view, 1 king bed (\$289+tax Thu night) (\$299+tax Fri night);

Standard rooms, lake view, 1 king bed (\$299+tax Thu night) (\$309+tax Fri night);

Standard rooms, non-lake view, 2 queen beds (\$339+tax Thu night) (\$349+tax Fri night);

Standard suite, non-lake view, 2 queen beds & a pullout sofa bed (\$399+tax Thu night) (\$409+tax Fri night);

Standard suite, lake view, 2 queen beds & a pullout sofa bed (\$419+tax Thu night) (\$429+tax Fri night).

**Tax Exemption Form is submitted to Hotel Breakers and not to OPAA.**



**OPAA SUMMER WORKSHOP ACTIVITIES REGISTRATION FORM**

**WELCOMING RECEPTION (Thursday, June 20th) Meal Coupon Not Required**

\_\_\_\_\_ Registrant  
\_\_\_\_\_ # of Additional Adults (spouse or significant other, at no charge)  
\_\_\_\_\_ # of Children 3 and older (see pricing information)  
\_\_\_\_\_ # of children 2 years old or less (at no charge)  
\_\_\_\_\_ I (we) will not be attending the welcoming reception.

**FAMILY BUFFET DINNER (Friday, June 21st) Meal Coupon Required \$37.53**

\_\_\_\_\_ Registrant  
\_\_\_\_\_ # of Additional Adults (spouse or significant other, at no charge)  
\_\_\_\_\_ # of Children 3 and older (see pricing information)  
\_\_\_\_\_ # of children 2 years old or less (at no charge)  
\_\_\_\_\_ I (we) will not be attending the family buffet dinner.

**FAMILY BREAKFAST BUFFET (Saturday, June 22nd) Meal Coupon Required \$20.79**

\_\_\_\_\_ Registrant  
\_\_\_\_\_ # of Additional Adults (spouse or significant other, at no charge)  
\_\_\_\_\_ # of Children 3 and older (see pricing information)  
\_\_\_\_\_ # of children 2 years old or less (at no charge)  
\_\_\_\_\_ I (we) will not be attending the family breakfast buffet.

\_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Name (Please Print Clearly)

As previously stated, the registration fee covers all meals for the registrant and spouse or significant other. However, there is a charge for all additional guests including children 3 and over. **Payment for additional guests is to be made at the time the activities sheet is returned to OPAA. Please make checks payable to OPAA. Meal tickets WILL NOT be issued until payment is received.**

**TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION IN CHOSEN ACTIVITIES, EACH PERSON REGISTERED MUST RETURN A COPY OF THIS REGISTRATION FORM BY WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2024.**

**(EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT TAKING PART IN ACTIVITIES, THE OPAA STAFF NEEDS THIS FORM. PLEASE WRITE “NOT PARTICIPATING” AND RETURN FORM.**

**Please Return Form to:**  
Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association  
196 East State Street, Suite 200  
Columbus, Ohio 43215  
Fax: 614-221-0753  
[diana@ohiopa.org](mailto:diana@ohiopa.org)

**PLEASE HAVE THE LAST THREE (3) PAGES OF THIS MAILING  
COPIED AND DISTRIBUTED TO EACH PERSON REGISTERED TO  
ATTEND THE 2024 SUMMER WORKSHOP AND INSTRUCT EACH  
REGISTRANT TO FILL OUT THE ACTIVITIES REGISTRATION FORM  
TO BE RETURNED TO OPAA.**