

Ohio Association of Magistrates 1989 ~ 1999

10th Anniversary Banquet

Four Points Sheraton Hotel Columbus, Ohio

September 23, 1999

Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer Honorary Member

CELEBRATE!

Ohio Association of Magistrates Tenth Anniversary Reception and Dinner

Dear Fellow Magistrates, Guests, and Friends:

I want to thank each of you for attending this special celebration event in the history of the O.A.M. I hope everyone has a great time this evening.

Please take a moment this evening to thank Barbara Norton and the other Past Presidents who have worked very hard to make this anniversary celebration a success.

Sincerely,

Steven L. Hurley

BANQUET PROGRAM

Welcome.....President Hurley

Introduction of Speaker....Past President Parish

Address..... Lieutenant Governor Maureen O'Connor

Presentation of Awards.....Past Presidents And Honors

Closing Remarks...... President Hurley

Music by: Michael D. Bernstein and James Davis



MAUREEN O'CONNOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR FOR THE STATE OF OHIO

Maureen O'Connor was sworn in as Ohio's Lt. Governor on January 11, 1999. As Lt. Governor, O'Connor presides over state and local elected officials. As director of Public Safety, O'Connor oversees a staff of 3,800 that includes the Ohio State Highway Patrol, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, which regulates driver licenses and vehicle registrations, and the Emergency Medical Services, which develops and enhances a statewide, comprehensive, systematic response to injury, illness and fire.

She was appointed a referee in January 1985. During her nine years as a referee in Probate Court, she handled thousands of cases involving adoption, guardianship over the elderly, estates, and mental competency issues. In April of 1993, Maureen O'Connor was appointed to the bench by Governor George V. Voinovich. As a Common Pleas Court judge, Lt. Governor O'Connor handled hundreds of cases involving capital murder, felonious assault, rape, drug trafficking and domestic violence. Additionally, she was elected by her peers to serve as Administrative Judge where she oversaw the day-to-day operations of the court.

Lt. Gov. O'Connor was also a no-nonsense prosecutor with a deep compassion for the needs of at-risk children. Appointed County Prosecutor in 1995, she instituted strong anti-crime measures, including career criminal prosecution and direct indictment programs. In 1996, the voters of Summit County elected her with 57 percent of the vote.

Lt. Gov. O'Connor also used the prosecutor's office to become a vocal advocate for children. As Director of the Summit County Child Support Enforcement Agency, she instituted sweeping reforms which have increased the establishment of paternity by over 25 percent; increased the number of cases with administrative and/or judicial support orders; and increased the collection rate to 40 percent, which exceeds the state and national average. She also referred for prosecution deadbeat parents for failing to support their children.

Because of her excellent work as Summit County Prosecutor, Lt. Gov. O'Connor received numerous civic and professional awards, including the 1997 MADD Law Enforcement Awards.

PRESIDENTS OF THE OAM



Jefferson E. Liston 1989 - 1990



Larry G. Smith 1990 - 1991



Kathleen E. Graham 1991



J. Michael Bernstein 1992

Dennis M. Parish

1996



Barbara L. Norton 1993 and 1994



Beverly L. Moffet 1995



Charles T. Lawrie 1997



Steven L. Hurley 1998 and 1999

FOUNDING MEMBERS

Jefferson E. Liston

Larry G. Smith

Kathleen E. Graham



Nancy I. Ferguson



Margaret Gasper



Wayne E. Strunk

HONORARY MEMBERS

Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer

Jefferson E. Liston

Larry G. Smith

Nancy I. Ferguson



The Honorable Michael Merz



The Honorable Patricia Maiorino



Ann D. Hamilton



Richard L. Eisnaugle



Stephan W. Stover

THE OHIO ASSOCIATION OF MAGISTRATES

A Brief History

J. Michael Bernstein

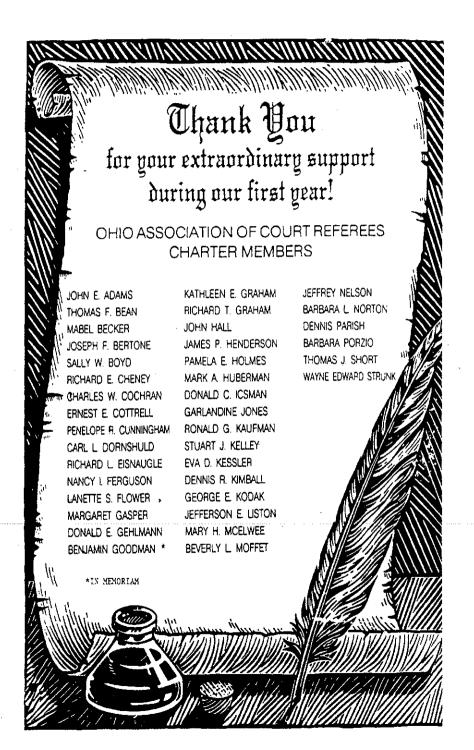
Prior to 1989, while estimated to be many in number, referees in Ohio were to be neither seen nor heard. They did their jobs and suffered in silence. That was all to change. In the Fall of 1987, the Ohio Judicial College offered the first course specifically designed by and for referees.

During the Spring and Summer of 1989, six referees, Jeff Liston, Larry Smith, Kate Graham, Wayne Strunk, Nancy Ferguson and Peg Gasper, spent numerous hours over coffee and food (soon to become a tradition) drafting a constitution, by-laws and giving birth to the Ohio Association of Court Referees. On September 23, 1989, at the Mariott Hotel in Columbus, Jeff Liston opened the first statewide meeting of referees with 67 hopeful members present. Trustees were elected, by-laws passed, and the day was highlighted by a presentation of the first ethics course for referees by Justice C. Craig Wright.

The initial Board consisted of the following: Beverly Moffet (Domestic Relations), Richard Graham (Juvenile), Dennis Greaney (Municipal Court), Stew Roberts (Common Pleas), Tim Hamman (Probate), Barbara Norton (District 1), Albert Deneke (District 2), J. Michael Bernstein (District 3), William Medley (District 4), Charles Cochran (District 5), Jeffrey Nelson (District 6), Robert Bannon (District 7), Larry Smith (District 8), Donald Gehlman (District 9), Nancy Ferguson (District 10), John O'Neill (District 11), Mary McElwee (District 12), and Kate Graham, Peg Gasper, Wayne Strunk, Patricia Maiorino, Garlandine Jones, and Jeff Liston (all At-Large representatives).

The first meeting was followed by a Board meeting at which Jeff Liston was elected President, Larry Smith, First Vice-President, Wayne Strunk, Second Vice-President, Kate Graham, Treasurer and J. Michael Bernstein, Secretary.

During the first year the Board established the following as goals for the new association: 1) to increase members; 2) to establish a newsletter for statewide distribution; 3) to create credibility for both referees and the Association and 4) to improve education. The first budget for the Association was \$5,300 and dues were established at \$35.00 per year.



From the beginning, the Association created committees to study and rewrite Civil Rule 53 and the related rules. Working with the Supreme Court, Criminal Rule 19 became effective and during 1990, the name of the Association was changed to The Ohio Association of Court Referees and Magistrates. Over five years were spent writing, rewriting, and working on the rules to do away with the position of referee and establish the position of magistrate. The first time the new rule was presented to the Supreme Court, it failed. But during 1994, Barbara L. Norton and J. Michael Bernstein were invited to spend the afternoon with Justice Andy Douglas. As a result, the Justice backed the new rule and it was with great celebration that the 1995 annual meeting welcomed the new age of our profession. That year, the Association changed its name to the Ohio Association of Magistrates.

Spring meetings were established in 1993 and the decision was made that these meetings would move around the state. The first Spring Meeting was held in Canton.

The association has enjoyed and benefited from a very close working relationship with the Supreme Court, especially Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer and Justice Andrew Douglas. The Chief Justice has addressed the Association on numerous occasions. Members of the OAM are now on almost every Supreme Court committee, commission, task force and board.

From the efforts of six hard working referees, the boards of trustees of the Association, all the members and the following who have served as officers, we have become a true profession and an integral part of the judicial system in the State of Ohio.

1989: Jeff Liston, President Larry Smith, First Vice-President Wayne Strunk, Second Vice-President J. Michael Bernstein, Secretary Kate Graham, Treasurer

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1991: Larry Smith/Kate Graham, President Wayne Strunk, First Vice-President Jeff Nelson, Second Vice-President J. Michael Bernstein, Secretary Kate Graham/ Patricia Maiorino/ Dennis Greaney, Treasurers 1992: J. Michael Bernstein, President Wayne Strunk, First Vice-President Jeff Nelson, Second Vice-President Yvonne Billingsley, Secretary Dennis Greaney, Treasurer

1993: Barbara Norton, President Wayne Strunk, First Vice-President Jeff Nelson, Second Vice-President J. Michael Bernstein, Secretary Kate Graham, Treasurer

1994: Barbara Norton, President Bev Moffet, First Vice-President Jeff Nelson, Second Vice-President Charles Lawrie, Secretary Peter Outcalt, Treasurer

1995: Bev Moffet, President Charles Lawrie, First Vice-President Jeff Nelson, Second Vice-President Tom Tompkins/Mark Huberman, Secretary Peter Outcalt, Secretary

1996: Dennis Parish, President Charles Lawrie, First Vice-President Tom Bamburowski, 2nd Vice-President Mark Huberman, Secretary Peter Outcalt, Treasurer

1997: Chuck Lawrie, President Mark Huberman, First Vice-President Tom Bamburowski, 2nd Vice-President Ken Roll, Secretary Kate Graham, Treasurer

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2000: It Could Be You!

Honorees

Jeff Liston: Founding Member, Honorary Member, Past President 1989-1990, First Board, Charter Member

Larry Smith: Founding Member, Honorary Member, Past President 1990-1991, First Board, Past Officer (First Vice-President-1989), Former Board Member.

Kathleen Graham: Founding Member, Past President 1991, First Board, Charter Member, Past Officer (Treasurer-1990, 1991, 1993, 1997, 1998), Fall Conference Chair-1997, 1998, Former Board Member.

Wayne Strunk: Founding Member, First Board, Charter Member, Past Officer (Second Vice-President-1989, 1990 and First Vice President 1991-1993), Former Board Member.

Nancy Ferguson: Founding Member, Honorary Member, First Board, Charter member, Past Officer (First Vice-President-1990), Former Board Member.

Margaret Gasper: Founding Member, First Board, Charter Member, Former Board Member.

Richard Eisnaugle: Honorary Member, Charter Member, Former Board Member. J. Michael Bernstein: Past President 1992, First Board, Past Officer (Secretary-1989-1991, and 1993), Former Board Member.

Barbara Norton: Past President 1993 and 1994, First Board, Charter Member, Former Board Member.

Beverly Moffet: Past President 1995, First Board, Charter Member, Past Officer (First Vice-President-1994), Former Board Member.

Dennis Parish: Past President 1996, Charter Member.

Charles Lawrie: Past President 1997, Past Officer (Secretary-1994, First Vice-President 1995 and 1996), Fall Conference Chair-1993.

Steven Hurley: Past President-1998, Current President-1999.

Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer: Honorary Member.

Ann Hamilton: Honorary Member, Former Board Member.

Michael Merz, J.: Honorary Member.

Stephan Stover: Honorary Member.

Patricia Maiorino, J.: Honorary Member, First Board, Past Officer (Treasurer 1991), Former Board Member.

John Adams: Charter Member.

Thomas Bean: Charter Member.

Mabel Becker: Charter Member.

John Hall: Charter Member.

James Henderson: Charter Member.

Pamela Holmes: Charter Member.

Mark Huberman: Charter Member, Past Officer (Secretary 1995, 1996 and First Vice-President 1997 and 1998). Current First Vice-President 1999.

Joseph Bertone: Charter Member.

Sally Boyd: Charter Member.

Richard Cheney: Charter Member.

Charles Cochran: Charter Member, First Board, Former Board Member.

Ernest Cottrell: Charter Member.

Penny Cunningham, J.: Charter Member.

Carl Dornshuld: Charter Member.

Lanette Flower: Charter Member (Deceased).

Donald Gehlmann: Charter Member, First Board, Former Board Member.

Ben Goodman: Charter Member (Deceased).
Richard Graham: Charter Member, First Board.

Donald Icsman: Charter Member.

Garlandine Jones: Charter Member, First Board, Former Board Member.

Ronald Kaufman: Charter Member. Stuart Kelley: Charter Member. Eva Kessler: Charter Member.

Dennis Kimball: Charter Member.

George Kodak: Charter Member.

Mary McElwee: Charter Member, First Board, Former Board Member. Jeffrey Nelson: Charter Member, First Board, Past Officer (Second Vice-

President-1991 to 1995), Former Board Member.

Barbara Porzio: Charter Member. Thomas Short: Charter Member.

Dennis Greaney: First Board, Past Officer (Treasurer-1992), Former Board Member.

Stew Roberts: First Board.

Tim Hamman: First Board, Former Board Member. J. Albert Deneke: First Board, Former Board Member.

William Medley, J.: First Board Robert Bannon: First Board.

John O'Neill: First Board, Former Board Member.

Tom Bamburowski: Past Officer (Second Vice-President 1996 to 1998), Current

Second Vice-President 1999.

Yvonne Billingsley: Past Officer (Secretary-1992), Former Board Member.

Peter Outcalt: Past Officer (Treasurer 1994 to 1996), Former Board Member. Kenneth Roll: Past Officer (Secretary 1997 and 1998), Current Secretary 1999,

Fall conference Chair-1996.

Thomas Thompkins: Past Officer (Secretary 1995), Fall Conference Chair -1994 and 1995), Former Board Member.

Gregory Theile: Current Officer (Treasurer 1999).

Yolanda Gwinn: Fall Conference Chair-1990 and 1991.

Kay Kolehmainen: Fall Conference Chair-1992, Former Board Member. C. David Warren: Fall Conference Chair-1995, Former Board Member.

OTHER FORMER BOARD MEMBERS

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David Garretson
Rexann Hosafros
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