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NOVEMBER 17th LAST MEETING OF THE YEAR

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Malfesance, Misfesance and Nonfesance

Malfesance: wrongdoing or misconduct, especially by a public official.

Misfesance: the performance of a lawful action in an illegal or improper manner.

Nonfesance: failure to act, especially failure to do what ought to be done.

These are terms you and your associates should know and understand. Your understanding of these terms could make the difference in whether or not you become the defendant in a costly law suite.

Attorney, Paul Goldberg, will explain each of these terms to us and give us his expert opinion on how we might keep ourselves out of trouble.

Paul is well qualified to lead us in the right direction. Paul earned his Bachelor of Sciences Degree from Ohio University in 1969. He went on to obtain his Master of Arts Degree from the University of Toledo in 1972 and obtained his JD from the University of Oregon in 1977.

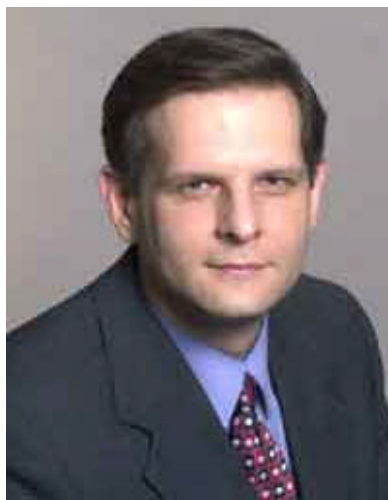
Paul is currently active in private law practice with the firm of GOLDBERG, WURSTER, HAYS as well as serving the City of Oregon as their Law Director since 1991.

"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up." – Thomas Edison

Send us news from your jurisdiction and we'll be glad to publish it. If you have a question that you can't seem to get answered let us know and we'll try to help you out.

Ethnic Protocol

Roman D. Fedkiw, the Director of Multicultural Affairs and International Relations with the Ohio Internet Trade Office will share with us his expertise and try to help us better understand how to communicate with the many varied ethnic groups that make up our citizenry. We should come away from this meeting with a better understanding of the fact that different ethnic groups may perceive things much differently and react to situations in a much different way than we are accustomed to.



Roman D. Fedkiw

Roman was appointed to his position by Governor Bob Taft in September of 2003.

Roman is a lifelong Ohioan, growing up in Cleveland and graduating from the University of Toledo. He grew up in a Ukrainian home where his parents practiced and passed down their cultural heritage and values to him.

Prior to his new appointment, Mr. Fedkiw worked for a Cleveland Government Consulting Firm, where he developed and researched strategies for pending legislation. In addition, he served as an assistant to the Honorary Consul of Ukraine in Parma, Ohio, where he rendered assistance to Ukrainian nationals and helped promote business relations between Ohio and Ukraine.

In May 2005, Mr. Fedkiw was appointed by Governor Taft as the Honorary United Nations Day Chair for the State of Ohio.

Mr. Fedkiw is also an ad hoc member to various Immigrant and Refugee Service Organizations throughout Ohio.

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<http://governor.ohio.gov/multicultural.htm>

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I'm sure no one really needs to worry about hearing this presentation. I mean, isn't that why we chose this profession, to kick back and take it easy.

Just in case, Clemon C. Hodge, MS, LPC, CCDCIII, and EAP Counselor will be with us to discuss stress management.

Clemon obtained his Master of Science from the University of Dayton and his Bachelor of General Studies from Capital University. Clemon is a State of Ohio Licensed Professional Counselor and a State of Ohio Certified Chemical Dependency Counselor III.

Clemon works with the City of Columbus Health Department; Employee Assistance Program

We have e-mail addresses for many of our members that just do not work for one reason or another. If you would, please just send an e-mail to the address below and I'll save your address to my contacts list. That way we will know we have it right. Thanks, Denver

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2006 OCEOA Meeting Dates

- February 16 •
- May 18 •
- August 24 •
- November 16 •

All meetings will be held at the Midwest Hotel & Conference Center on Sinclair Road in Columbus, Toll Free Phone No. 1-877-609-6086

LAW ENFORCEMENT SOLUTIONS PAGE

One of the most difficult parts of working in code enforcement is finding the legally responsible party for a particular violation. We can find the name of the person or entity in the public records, but actually finding where to go to get good service can be a daunting task.

Bill Franck, from LexisNexis is going to tell us about a new service that LexisNexis has to offer. It's called LESP or Law Enforcement Solutions Page.

LexisNexis is the leading provider of public records data to federal, state and local agencies. They have developed this data base and continue to improve it in concert with many federal agencies. The company has been a provider of legal research, public records, news and business information for over 30 years and is the largest employer in Dayton, Ohio (where their headquarters is located).

LESP is a resource that is solely available

to Federal, State and Local enforcement agencies. It is a national data base that is template driven and very intuitive to use. You have the ability to search with partial information (part of a license plate or VIN, a name of a person, an address, etc..) and quickly locate all information associated with that entity. The system actually builds relationships and looks for relatives to allow you a better chance of locating the individual. The reports are all hyper-linked so you can quickly look up information and dig deeper into the facts.

Our presenter, Bill Franck has been with the company for four years. In that time he has worked closely with many police and Sheriff's departments as well as many code enforcement agencies.

Bill will demonstrate how LESP works during the meeting with a live internet feed so you will get a real time feel for how LESP works.

The City of Dayton recently entered into an agreement to access LESP and it seems to be a big help to the code enforcement staff. Many of those currently using LESP will be at the meeting so you can ask how it has been working for them.

Planning for February

We are all aware that there are literally thousands of jurisdictions out there using nearly as many different codes and ordinances to get their jobs done. Some use the ICC PM Code exclusively, some use it to supplement their code and some just use their own unique code. At the February meeting we plan to have a panel discussion designed to share with each other what we are all using and why we use it.

We'd like to encourage you to bring a copy of your code to the February meeting to compare and contrast.

You can now download the meeting registration form and copies of the Enforcer by typing **meetings.oceoa.org** where you would normally enter a URL address. Notice you do **not** need to include a www, doing so will prevent you from reaching the files. Need help? Call 937-333-3916.

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