



# FROM THE PRESIDENT

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.

Henry Ford

The Akron Bar Association has a long history of success in so many ways including the coordinated work of its members through its various sections and committees. Totaling over 30, our sections and committees are based on a variety of practice areas, activities, and service to our community. Each committee and section allows for members to become involved in something about which the member is interested.

Each year at the annual meeting, the Bar presents two awards to specifically highlight and celebrate the excellent work of our sections and committees. These two awards are the Committee of the Year award and the Section of the Year award. At the June 2016 annual meeting, Kevin McCue was recognized for his leadership and the work of the Bar Applicants and Students committee, and Jeff Layborne was recognized for his leadership and the work of the Criminal Law section. Kevin and Jeff both epitomize involved, enthusiastic, and committed leaders who work tirelessly to advance the work of their committees and sections. Thank you, Kevin and Jeff, and congratulations on your well-deserved awards.

Through input from membership, the leadership of your Association regularly assesses the structure of the committees and sections to make sure that they are relevant, timely, and purposeful. Further, for the coming year, the leadership of each section and committee has been asked to develop goals for the coming year by their respective September meetings. So, you, as the members of the various sections and committees, can provide input and have ownership in the work of these important activities.

Listed below and on the next page is the leadership of the sections and committees for the coming year. To review a complete description and contact information, click on the name of the section or committee in the table below:

Committees	Chair	Vice Chair
<a href="#">Access to Justice</a>	Larry Scanlon	Darcy Jay
<a href="#">Bar Applicants/Students</a>	Kevin McCue	Robert Redick
<a href="#">Becker Lawyer Fund</a>	John Martin	Adam Morris
CLE	Blake Gerney	Pending
Commission on Judicial Candidates	Lisa Miller/Al Schrader	
<a href="#">Courts</a>	Judge Amy Corrigan Jones	Paul Zindle/Brian Bremer
<a href="#">Diversity</a>	Steve Funk	Bradley Dunn
<a href="#">Fee Arbitration</a>	Derek Cek	Ellen Kaforey
Finance	Lee Walko	

<a href="#">Foundation Gala</a>	Casey Cramer	Elliot Kolkovich
Futures Commission	Clair Dickinson	Paul Filon
<a href="#">Grievance</a>	Sharyl Ginther	Deb Ruby/Chris Nolan
<a href="#">Investigative</a>	David Kennedy	Farhad Sethna
Judicial Campaign Conduct	Orville Reed	Maura Scanlon
<a href="#">Juvenile Court</a>	Dianne Curtis	Laurie Boveington
<a href="#">Law Week</a>	Angelina Gingo	Casey Davis
<a href="#">Lawyers Assistance</a>	Susan Baker Ross John Myers	Steve Grachanin
Membership	Alisa O'Brien	
<a href="#">Mock Trial</a>	Thomas Bown Keith Malick	Jennifer Cundiff
Nominating	Larry Scanlon	
<a href="#">Scholarship</a>	Dan Leffler	Brandon Pauley
<a href="#">Senior Lawyers</a>	Steve Fallis	Jackie Silas-Butler
<a href="#">Unauthorized Practice of Law</a>	William Corgan	
<b>Sections</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Vice Chair</b>
<a href="#">Bankruptcy &amp; Commercial Law</a>	Ryan McNeil	Richard Schroeter
<a href="#">Business/Corporate Law</a>	Elizabeth Yeargin	Jacklyn Palumbo
<a href="#">Corporate Counsel</a>	Laura Ephlin	Beth Raies
<a href="#">Criminal Law</a>	Noah C. Munyer	Kassim Admed
<a href="#">Disability Law</a>	Shannon Sorenson	Kristopher B. Immel
<a href="#">Estate Planning, Probate and Elder Law</a>	Chief Magistrate George Wertz	Rocco Yeargin
<a href="#">Family Law</a>	John Dohner	Magistrate Rhonda Stabler
<a href="#">Health Law</a>	Courtney Johnson	Laura Fryan
<a href="#">Labor and Employment Law</a>	John Myers R. Scot Harvey	Amber Crowe
<a href="#">New Lawyers</a>	Rebecca Black	Jaclyn Palumbo
<a href="#">Paralegal</a>	Natalie Lindsay-Smith	
<a href="#">Real Property and Environmental Law</a>	Jerad Zibritosky	Andrew Schock
<a href="#">Solo and Small Firm Practitioners</a>	Terri Brunsdon	Wesley Buchanan
<a href="#">Women in Law</a>	Theresa Morelli	Angelina Gingo
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Vice Chair</b>
Federal Courts Luncheon and Related Activities	Andrea Whitaker Erin Dickinson	
<a href="#">Professionalism Dinner and Related Activities</a>	Susan Durr	Joe Kodish
<a href="#">Street Law Summit and Related Activities</a>	Rita Rochford	

In addition to the committee leadership presented above, your Board also takes an active role in all committees and sections. Each committee and section has a Board member designated to serve as an ex-officio member to the committee to serve as an ongoing resource as well as a liaison to the Board in an attempt to coordinate efficient work of the committees and sections.

I believe that, by any meaningful definition of success including Henry Ford's, the committees and sections of the Akron Bar are successful. They perform well together; they do good, consequential work; and they are there for you as yet another benefit to your membership in our Association. For those of you who haven't joined a committee or section, consider becoming involved. For those of you who have been and continue to be involved, thank you ... remain involved.

Happy Fall! I look forward to seeing you at a committee or section meeting soon.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Meg", written in a cursive style.

Margaret Andreeff Matejkovic  
Akron Bar Association President