

TRANSCRIPT

FALL 2018

2018 ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER AWARDEES

This year's Annual Awards Dinner awardees are truly inspiring people. Because of their hard work and dedication, they are making a difference for their communities and for the entire state. We were proud to honor their service at our Annual Awards Dinner this year. Meet the 2018 Annual Awards Dinner awardees!



Cox

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD FOR ATTORNEYS 40 AND UNDER

This year's Community Service Award for Attorneys 40 and Under was awarded to Brandon D. Cox of Tucker Ellis. Brandon continuously demonstrates his pay-it-forward attitude through community service and inspiring the next generation of legal professionals. He volunteers through the Tucker Ellis firm's pipeline partnership with Cleveland Early College (CEC) High School at John Hay Campus. At CEC, Brandon is a co-coordinator of the school's teams that compete in the

Cleveland Mock Trial Championships. His coaching and leadership have contributed to the phenomenal success of the teams – they've won 5 championships and many individual awards. Other coaches are impressed by Brandon's dedication to the students and his effectiveness as a coordinator and coach.

“HE GETS THE BEST OUT OF EVERY STUDENT AND HAS AN UNCANNY ABILITY TO BE EMPATHIC YET FIRM. AND HIS OPTIMISM IS INFECTIOUS – THE STUDENTS ALWAYS APPROACH EACH COMPETITION WITH A “CAN-DO” SPIRIT.”

~ CARTER STRANG, TUCKER ELLIS.

Brandon's community service stretches beyond inspiring the next generation. Through his involvement with the Tucker Ellis pro bono program, Brandon represents economically disadvantaged clients with housing issues and probate disputes. He also works hard to promote diversity in the legal profession - he's a member of the Tucker Ellis Equity & Inclusion Committee and currently serves as the editor of the firm's newsletter, "Diversity Matters."



OUTSTANDING PROGRAM OR ORGANIZATION AWARD

This year's Outstanding Program or Organization Award was awarded to Pro Bono Partnership of Ohio (PBPO). PBPO connects volunteer attorneys from major corporations and law firms in Cincinnati and Dayton with area nonprofits looking for free legal

services tailored to their business needs. These nonprofit social service organizations serve the disadvantaged and work to enhance the quality of life in all neighborhoods throughout their community. / P3

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

CAROL SEUBERT MARX

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Seubert Marx

My time as president of the Foundation is beginning to wind down, and I've been taking some time to reflect on all that this past year has brought.

I'm honored to have been a part of all the accomplishments at

the Foundation that happened this year.

We introduced a new strategic grantmaking initiative, awarded more than \$700,000 in grants and hosted a successful Annual Awards Dinner. I'm grateful to have seen OSBF through all of its efforts in 2018 and look forward to what the future will continue to bring. / P2

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PRESIDENT CONT.

New Strategic Grantmaking Initiative

This year, OSBF announced its new strategic grantmaking initiative, striving to improve the civics knowledge of adults in Ohio, enhance their participation in government, enable their access to justice and improve their perceptions of the judicial system. After reviewing applications, we were proud to award Issue Media Group (IMG) with this grant.

IMG has created Civics Essential, a series of articles that will be published in *Soapbox Cincinnati* and *Fresh Water Cleveland* with corresponding surveys used to test knowledge. Currently, IMG has released four articles with corresponding surveys, and we look forward to the work they will continue to do.

More than \$700,000 Awarded in Grants

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we will award more than \$700,000 in grants in 2018. Helping organizations across the entire state, these grants are making a huge impact in communities all around us. We will be

announcing our fall grantees soon, so keep your eyes out for communications from the Foundation.

2018 Annual Awards Dinner a Huge Success

At the beginning of October, many of us came together for the Foundation's Annual Awards Dinner. It was an inspiring evening spent celebrating those who are working to further our mission and making a difference in their communities. We are grateful to our sponsors and all that were able to attend. We're looking forward to next year's dinner already.

As we get closer to saying goodbye to 2018, I'd like to take this time to say thank you. Thank you to all who have helped make this a successful year for the Foundation. Without our Fellows and our supporters, there would be no "us". Thank you for all that you do. Let's finish the year strong.

Regards,
Carol Seubert Marx



#GIVING TUESDAY

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 27

Save the Date

ARE YOU READY FOR #GIVINGTUESDAY?

On Tuesday, November 27, OSBF will celebrate its 4th annual day-of-giving campaign, and we've made giving easier than ever. All it takes is one text to start a donation to the Foundation.

Each year, #GivingTuesday follows Thanksgiving, Black Friday and Cyber Monday. It's a day where people come together to give to the causes and the missions that mean the most to them. OSBF is once again participating in this day of giving, and we hope you'll consider making a donation.

More than ever, we need your help to move our mission forward. This fall, we received a record number of grant applications - totaling more than \$1.2 million. With your donations, we can continue awarding more grants across the state to make sure that organizations have the funds to serve their communities.

To give, simply text the word NOW to 614-502-5964 and follow the prompts. You can also give by visiting the OSBF website at [OSBF.ORG/DONATE/](https://osbf.org/donate/) or by calling our office at 614-487-4477.

After completing your donation, why not send a quick Facebook post or share a quick tweet letting others know you gave? It could be the push your friends need to make a donation, too!

AWARDEES CONT.

PBPO gives attorneys a way to meaningfully engage with their communities through their areas of expertise while allowing nonprofit organizations to focus their resources on their missions rather than securing expensive legal services. From contracts to employment law, lobbying to fundraising, PBPO helps countless nonprofit organizations continue their work improving the conditions in their communities.

“PRO BONO PARTNERSHIP OF OHIO CREATES AN ATMOSPHERE WHERE WE’RE ABLE TO SERVE ALL OF OUR CONSTITUENTS. IT’S NOT JUST THE UPPER CLASS THAT’S GETTING THEIR LEGAL NEEDS MET, IT’S ALL OF THE CONSTITUENCY.”

~ LISA RAUCH, VP & COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONAL ATTORNEY, FIFTH THIRD BANK



Seeds

RAMEY AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED COMMUNITY SERVICE

This year’s Ramey Award for Distinguished Community Service was awarded to Melinda Seeds. Early on, Melinda knew that she had a desire to help families and children. She’s spent much of her career working closely with social workers, counselors, courts, probation officers, medical providers and

the police to ensure positive outcomes for kids and families in crisis or that come into contact with the justice system.

Every year, Melinda single-handedly writes, directs and produces a murder mystery play as a key fundraiser for Camp O’Bannon – a camp that supports troubled and disadvantaged kids by teaching them social skills and self esteem. Each year, her event raises thousands of dollars for the organization.

“MELINDA IS TRULY ONE OF LICKING COUNTY’S UNSUNG HEROES. SHE SERVES WITHOUT A REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OR ACCOLADES OF ANY KIND.”

~ SHEENA SJOSTRAND-POST



Karp

RITTER AWARD

This year’s Ritter Award was awarded to Marvin Karp. Throughout his career, Marvin Karp has exemplified professionalism, integrity and ethics. He has served on numerous committees and commissions where he’s promoted professionalism across the entire legal system - improving the justice system not only in Ohio, but around the entire nation.

In 1988, Marvin was quoted in a New York Times article stating that the courtroom ethic had become “litigation is war, the lawyer is a gladiator and the object is to wipe out the other side.” In response to these increasingly “Rambo-like” tactics in the courtroom, Marvin chaired two efforts to create “A Lawyer’s Creed of Professionalism.” In 1989, the late Chief Justice Thomas Moyer appointed Marvin to serve on the Supreme Court of Ohio Committee to Study Creeds of Professionalism. This committee adopted the lawyers creed and was the precursor to the court’s commission on professionalism.

Decades later, when Marvin served as Chair of Commission on Professionalism in 2012 and 2013, he led efforts to provide best practices for proper conduct, civility and respect for attorneys. After his service on the Commission on Professionalism ended, Marvin’s efforts to improve professionalism still continued.

Marvin has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to growing and developing lawyers through their careers with a focus on professional and ethical conduct. He has published regularly and spoken on professionalism at a variety of CLE programs throughout the United States. Currently, Marvin mentors many lawyers at his firm Ulmer & Berne in Cleveland.

“IN ALL SINCERITY, IF I WAS ASKED TO SELECT JUST ONE ATTORNEY WHOSE SINGULAR EFFORTS HAVE ADVANCED PROFESSIONALISM AND ETHICS IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW, NOT ONLY IN THIS STATE BUT NATIONALLY, WITHOUT HESITATION I WOULD CHOOSE MR. KARP.”

~ JUDGE MICHAEL P. DONNELLY



NEW THIS YEAR, WE SHARED VIDEOS ON EACH OF OUR AWARDEES TO INTRODUCE AND CELEBRATE THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

YOU CAN WATCH EACH AWARDEE’S VIDEO NOW AT [YOUTUBE.COM/OSBFFOUNDATION](https://www.youtube.com/osbfoundation).

ALL RISE

2018 ANNUAL DINNER REVISITED



OSBF Staff



FELLOWS NOMINATIONS—ALL NOMINATIONS DUE DECEMBER 15

A Fellow is a member of the Foundation – attorneys who give their time, talent and treasure to advance the law and build a better justice system through community service efforts and monetary donations to the Foundation.

HOW DO I BECOME A FELLOW?

Fellows must be nominated. Self-nominations are welcome, too. All nominations are due by December 15 and are reviewed by the Membership Committee. Final approval is required by the Board of Trustees.

WONDERING WHY THE FELLOWS PROGRAM IS SO IMPORTANT?

Here's what one of our Fellows had to say...

"Being an OSBF fellow provides you an opportunity to learn about and participate in some of the amazing charitable work happening across the state. I was thrilled to learn about how OSBF funding is helping to provide immigration-related legal services for Ohioans in need. It was a powerful and moving experience to help a refugee on their path to United States citizenship. I'm proud that OSBF is assisting in this life-changing work and inspired to do more in my local community to help migrants and refugees." - Joseph

TO NOMINATE SOMEONE AS A FELLOW OR TO SELF-NOMINATE, VISIT [OSBF.ORG/WHO/FELLOWS/](https://osbf.org/who/fellows/).

HONOR. REMEMBER. CELEBRATE.

Honor the exceptional, celebrate an occasion or recognize the significant people in your life with a charitable gift to OSBF. Tribute gifts are an easy way for you to support OSBF grantmaking initiatives and to ensure special colleagues, friends and family receive the statewide recognition they deserve.

To make and dedicate a gift, visit [OSBF.ORG](https://osbf.org) and click “Donate Now” at the top.

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Gifts made between April 1 and October 23, 2018.

IN MEMORIAM

The Foundation is saddened to learn about the passing of Stanley B. Schneiderman and William E. Rathman.

RECIPIENTS OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD FOR ATTORNEYS 40 & UNDER, FALL 2018

Each year, OSBF awards the Community Service Award for Attorneys 40 and Under to deserving attorneys who are serving their communities. To qualify, the service must be outside of their practice area and without compensation. This year, we've been proud to present awards to many individuals who have distinguished themselves in their districts with an impressive community service record early on in their career.

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Elizabeth E.W. Weinewuth

DISTRICT 7
Jeanna V. Jacobus

DISTRICT 13
Hon. Carla J. Baldwin

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DISTRICT 18
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DISTRICT 6
Megan M. Farley

DISTRICT 12
Brandon D. Cox

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OSBF's 2017 financial information can be accessed at OSBF.org. The information has been extracted from the audit report performed by John Gerlach & Company, LLP. A complete copy of the audited financial statements is available upon request.

ON THE DOCKET

November 9
Fellows Class Meeting Cincinnati

November 16
Board of Trustees Meeting

November 27
#GivingTuesday

December 15
Fellows Nominations Deadline

February 15
Spring Grant Application Deadline

December 31
Fellows Pledges Due



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