

# TRANSCRIPT

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## MISSION IN ACTION

BY BEVERLY GRAVES  
CONSULTING PROGRAM COORDINATOR

OSBF Fellows bring our mission to life through community engagement. It's one thing to articulate with words what we at the OSBF hope to accomplish, but when a Fellows Class volunteers for a day with one of our grantees, or a Fellow visits a classroom to teach students about the constitution or their legal rights and responsibilities as they become adults, that's true impact.

Constitution Classroom, FWD@18, and B4USend are programs developed by Fellows who identified a need and executed a solution. Fellows are now teaching these programs and making a difference. When an 18-year-old student finds out during a B4USend presentation that a prospective employer can ask for social media account passwords and check their posts, the inevitable response—"But that's my private business"—begins the discussion by which we, as attorneys, can engage in meaningful ways.

New Fellows Classes are meeting our grantees and volunteering at every meeting. For example, by going to Cleveland's Ronald McDonald House this past year, members of the 2017 Fellows Class saw firsthand how our grant money supports the well-being of families and children with challenges, disabilities, and exhausting health care needs that don't end once they return home. A Foundation grant to the Ronald McDonald House's Red Tree House Initiative helps these families access legal and educational resources that give hope and confidence during difficult times. By preparing meals at the House, our Fellows gave parents a boost, so they could focus on their sick children instead of on the mundane tasks normally draining a person's spirit at the end of a long day. As these Fellows learned what a few helping hands and a grant can do, they became a part of the Foundation's story. / P3

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

CAROL SEUBERT MARX  
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF TRUSTEES



*Seubert Marx*

The excitement continues at the Foundation! The Trustees participated in a strategic planning workshop during the February Board Meeting. We were energized by the discussions surrounding our Fellows experience, grantmaking program, development opportunities and public relations outreach. The staff will continue to hone the outcomes and present the final plan to the Board later this year.

We look forward to announcing the Strategic Grant Award Recipient on May 1 – Law Day. We received many stage one applications and invited several of those organizations to participate in the second stage of the process. We are reviewing exciting and innovative proposals that aim to tackle adult civics education. / P2

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## PRESIDENT CONT.

Our traditional grantmaking program is also underway, as the committee is considering our Spring applications this month. The Board will review grant recommendations, as well as reports from two ad hoc committees reviewing the Foundation's policies and regulations, at the April meeting.

We recently welcomed the 2018 Fellows class for orientation and rounded out the first year of the 2017 Fellows class. We have a number of engagement

opportunities planned throughout the year, and I hope that you will join us for as many of the 2018 Fellows' Experiences as your schedule will allow.

Thank you for all you do for the profession, your communities, and the Foundation.

Warm Regards,  
Carol Seubert Marx

## COMMUNITY IMPACT

BY REBECCA BIGLEY

TEACHER, LEXINGTON LOCAL SCHOOLS

Jeff Heck, a local attorney and Ohio State Bar Foundation Fellow, recently spoke with my Lexington High School students about the Foundation's B4USend program, which addresses sexting and cyber bullying. This is the fourth time in so many years that OSBF Consulting Program Coordinator Beverly Graves has brought a Fellow to speak at our school. Through the years, these attorneys have spoken to over 1500 students and have always done a fine job of helping my freshman students to understand the potential impact of their social media choices. These lawyers interact with my students and give them insight, tools, and education about social media and young adult decisions that could impact the rest of their lives. Having the added benefit of Jeff being a local lawyer gave him the unique advantage to see how our classrooms function, allowed him to share relevant and up-to-date information with the students, and to interact with them as young adults. He did so with a passion and reality that, I believe, really helped the students to understand the importance of the topics included in B4USend.

The material is engaging and transparent. As we debriefed the day after a visit, the students' responses and introspection on the topic presented (most often B4USend, but on occasion FWD@18) shows me that the precious time I take from my class to have these presentations is used effectively.

Some of the comments I hear from students allow me to see the full impact of the presentation. Because of these presentations, I feel I have been able to identify directly



*Consulting Program Coordinator Beverly Graves and J. Jeffrey Heck of The Heck Law Offices at Lexington High School*

some "at risk" kids and have had students come forward with concerns of bullying, sexting, abusive relationships, and concerns for friends or family. I am able to better assist them ONLY because these exceptional volunteers create an environment in which students feel comfortable to broach those sometimes sensitive topics.

The time these attorneys spend in my class also impacts me as a teacher. They help me to create a great environment for learning and are helping the students understand that we, as adults, really want to see them succeed. They open doors of communication for us. It keeps me up-to-date on the content needed to teach my students, and it helps energize me as a teacher because of their enthusiasm.

I look forward to working with Bev and the Fellows in the future as we impact and influence the lives of my students in such a positive way.

## MISSION IN ACTION CONT.

A quick snapshot of what our Fellows have done this year reveals that outreach is never a one-and-done. We want to thank these Fellows for their involvement:

### *Fellows Classes:*

- Lunch and Learn with the Law and Leadership Institute, Dayton
- Ronald McDonald House, Cleveland
- Mid-Ohio Food Bank, Columbus
- Diversity & Inclusion Training, Columbus

### *Fellows:*

- Yukiko V. Yee - Big Brothers Big Sisters – Created and Presented a Mock Trial, Hocking Hills
- Gus J. Lazares – Mock Trial with Law and Leadership, Dayton
- Tina L. Owens-Ruff – Trinity Lutheran School - Presented Constitution Classroom
- Hon. Denise L. Moody – Ohio Center for Law Related Education -Mock Trial
- J. Jeffrey Heck – Presented FWD@18, Lexington High School
- J. Jeffery Heck and Maria Schimer – Presented B4USend, Lexington High School
- Genevieve M. Hoffman –We the People Competition, Columbus
- Drew Odum – Minds Matter - Career Day Panel, Cleveland; Youth Technology Academy - Career Day Panel, Akron; University of Akron Law School - Legal Writing Moot Court Judge, Milan; Presented FWD@18 - EHOVE Career Center
- Thomas J. Intili – Mock Trial Coach, Dayton
- R. Benjamin Franz – Ohio Legal History Initiative
- Yukiko V. Yee and Sarah A. Lodge – FWD@18, Charles School
- Edward M. Smith – Ohio Legal History Initiative

## STRATEGIC GRANT MAKING

BY ROBERT F. WARE



Ware

The Foundation adopted a new grantmaking program in 2018 – the Strategic Grantmaking Initiative – in which it has allocated a portion of its grant funds to address a particular need, namely, the civics knowledge of Ohio’s adult citizens. While the Foundation is continuing its traditional Spring and Fall grant cycles, it has made a special request for grant proposals that seek to materially improve the civics knowledge of adults in

Ohio, thereby enhancing their participation in and knowledge of government, enabling their access to justice, and improving their perceptions of the judicial system. The Foundation expects to award up to \$100,000 per year over a three-year grant period for the successful proposal.

“ WE HAVE BEEN THRILLED WITH THE RESPONSE TO THE STRATEGIC GRANTMAKING INITIATIVE AND BELIEVE THAT IT WILL ENABLE THE FOUNDATION TO FURTHER ADVANCE ITS MISSION OF IMPROVING THE JUSTICE SYSTEM AND ENHANCING PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE LAW. ”

The first phase of the Strategic Grantmaking Initiative, in which applicants were asked to submit an overview of their proposed project, was completed on February 28. The Foundation reviewed seventeen proposals and selected five to proceed to the second phase. The second phase applications are now submitted, and the Foundation will be announcing the successful project on May 1. We have been thrilled with the response to the Strategic Grantmaking initiative and believe that it will enable our Foundation to further advance its mission of improving the justice system and enhancing public understanding of the law.





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*praise* THE WORTHY  
BESTOW *distinction*

AWARDS NOMINATION DEADLINE is June 1, 2018



## THE SLATE IS OPEN, MAKE YOUR NOMINATIONS TODAY.

Do you know someone who deserves recognition for their community service? Is there a civic-minded organization or program in your community that deserves to be recognized? Submit your nomination and show your appreciation for someone who deserves to be celebrated and recognized by their peers at the 2018 Annual Awards Dinner. Fill out the online form before the June 1st deadline at

[HTTPS://OSBF.ORG/NOMINATIONS/](https://osbf.org/nominations/)

### CRITERIA FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

#### RITTER AWARD

The highest honor awarded by the Foundation, this award is given for a lifetime of service. The award recognizes the accomplishments of the honoree in attaining and promoting the highest level of professionalism, integrity and ethics in the practice of law while assisting other attorneys, the courts and the public to envision and cause changes which improve the justice system in Ohio.

#### RAMEY AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED COMMUNITY SERVICE

Given annually to an Ohio attorney whose career has been exemplified by dedication to the goals and values sought to be furthered by the Foundation, a lifetime of service to the public and to the community, and integrity, honor, courtesy and professionalism. This service must be outside the recipients' practice of law and must be given without compensation.

#### OUTSTANDING PROGRAM OR ORGANIZATION AWARD

Given annually to a program or organization that promotes dissemination of information about, increases access to, and/or generates improvements in the Ohio justice system.

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD FOR ATTORNEYS 40 AND UNDER

This award is presented to honorees in each of the OSBA Districts. The statewide award recipient will be chosen from these district honorees. Presented to attorneys 40 years of age or younger who contribute substantial time and effort in service to a local social service, or a local civic, artistic, or cultural organization. The service must be outside the recipients' practice of law and must be given without compensation. Emphasis is placed on current service. Recipients should represent the ideals of the legal profession and, by example, be a credit to the profession.

#### NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

Please submit nominations and supporting information by June 1 to: Liz Volpe, Ohio State Bar Foundation, 1700 Lake Shore Drive, Columbus, OH 43204, [LVOLPE@OSBF.NET](mailto:LVOLPE@OSBF.NET), 614.487.4474 or online at [OSBF.ORG/NOMINATIONS/](https://osbf.org/nominations/)

#### SUPPORTING INFORMATION:

- A letter that includes detailed information supporting the nomination of the individual, organization or program.
- A brief biographical or historical sketch of nominee.
- Resumes, newspaper articles, videos, annual reports, etc. may be included in the nomination packet; however, they may not be used in substitution for a detailed nomination letter. Letters of recommendation are accepted but must be submitted with the original nomination. Each nomination should include the following information with specific examples:
- Description of the research project(s), service, program, history and/or community service of the nominee;
- Description of the impact on the profession, justice system and/or community.

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The Community Service Award for Attorneys 40 & Under is presented to attorneys 40 years of age or younger who contribute substantial time and effort in service to a local social service or to a local civil, artistic or cultural organization. The service must be outside the recipients' practice of law and given without compensation. Emphasis is placed on current service. Recipients represent the ideals of the legal profession and, by example, are a credit to the profession. We are pleased to share the 2018 Spring Award Winners.



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**Tuesday, May 22, 2018 / 5:00 - 7:30 pm**  
Recess & Reconnect  
Gervasi Vineyard  
1700 55th Street NE, Canton, OH 44721

**Tuesday, June 12, 2018 / 5:00 - 7:00 pm**  
2018 Fellows Induction & Distinguished Life  
Fellow Appreciation Ceremony  
Thomas J. Moyer Ohio Judicial Center  
65 S. Front Street, Columbus, OH 43215- 3431

**Friday, July 27, 2018 / 1:00 - 5:00 pm**  
2018 Fellows Class Meeting  
Summer Law and Trial Institute  
Athens Ohio, Location TBD

**Wednesday, August 22, 2018 / 5:00 - 7:30 pm**  
Recess & Reconnect at the All Ohio Legal Forum  
Fado Pub  
4022 Townsfair Way, Columbus, OH 43219

**Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018 / 10:00 - 2:00 pm**  
Volunteer Opportunity Civics Education Speed Dating  
Asian Services In Action  
730 Carroll Street, Akron, OH 44304

**Friday, Sept. 14, 2018 / 10:00 am**  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Ohio State Bar Association  
1700 Lake Shore Drive, Columbus, OH 43204

**Monday, Sept. 17, 2018 / 10:00 - 2:00 pm**  
2018 Fellows Class Meeting  
Green Card Application Legal Clinic  
Catholic Charities Diocese of Cleveland  
911 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44102

**Friday, October 5, 2018 / 6:00 pm**  
Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner  
Hilton Polaris  
8700 Lyra Drive, Columbus, OH 43240

**Friday, November 9, 2018 / 10:00 - 2:00 pm**  
2018 Fellows Class Meeting  
Ohio Justice & Policy Center  
Main Library - Huenefeld Tower Room  
800 Vine Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202

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