8:30 a.m. — 10:00 a.m.  
Registration and Breakfast

10:00 a.m. — 10:15 a.m.  
Welcome and Remarks

**Hon. Maureen O’Connor**  
Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Ohio

**Hon. Dixilene Park**  
Stark County Probate Court  
Chair, Subcommittee on Adult Guardianship

10:15 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.  
Keynote Address  
“Past, Present, and Future of Guardianship”

**Hon. Michael G. Heavican**  
Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Nebraska  
**Erica Wood**  
Assistant Director, American Bar Association  
Commission on Law and Aging

11:00 a.m. — 11:15 a.m. — Break

11:15 a.m. — 12:15 p.m.  
**Opening Session**  
“Financial Exploitation and Guardianship”
This session will examine warning signs of financial exploitation and provide valuable information on available assistance.

**David Kessler**  
Protecting the Elderly

12:15 p.m. — 1:15 p.m. — Lunch

**State Updates**

- **Christy Tull**, Director, Judicial College, Supreme Court of Ohio  
- **Jennifer Justice**, Deputy Director, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Office of Families and Children

1:30 p.m. — 2:45 p.m.  
**Sessions 1 - 4**

**Session 1** - BUCKEYE  
**Rights of Individuals with Guardians**  
This session will focus on the rights of individuals with guardians and their various sources, as well as how to protect those rights during guardianship.

- Kristen Henry, Attorney, Disability Rights Ohio  
- Karla Rinto, Executive Director, Advocacy & Protective Services, Inc.

**Session 2** - THE ALDER  
**Alternatives to Guardianship**  
This session will discuss alternatives to guardianship, including: power of attorney, protection orders, civil commitment, advance directives, and conservatorship.

- Hon. R. R. Denny Clunk (ret.), moderator  
- **Magistrate Patricia A. Hider**, Butler County Probate Court  
- **Sylvia Pla-Raith**, Elder Justice Unit, Ohio Attorney General  
- **Paula Taliaferro**, Aging Network, Columbus  
- **Magistrate George R. Wertz**, Summit County Probate Court

**Session 3** - OAK  
**Interdisciplinary Teams**  
The session will briefly explain the concept of Interdisciplinary Teams (I-Teams), and will explore topics in developing a local I-Team, best practices and pitfalls, and I-Team coordination.

- **Hon. Laura J. Gallagher**, Cuyahoga County Probate Court  
- **Beverley L. Laubert**, State Long-Term Care Ombudsman  
- **Hon. Jan Michael Long**, Pickaway County Probate and Juvenile Court  
- **Leslie McGee**, Adult Protective Services, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services  
- **Hon. Dixilene Park**, Stark County Probate Court  
- **Hon. Thomas A. Swift** (ret.)
Session 4 – THE CEDAR

Ethics: I*

This session will explore various ethical considerations, including: least restrictive alternatives, the court as superior guardian, collaboration with justice system partners, and third-party vendors.

- Hon. Kathleen L. Giesler, moderator, Ottawa County Probate and Juvenile Court
- Allan Asbury, Supreme Court of Ohio, Board of Professional Conduct
- Sam Peppers, Esq., Dinsmore & Shohl LLP
- Hon. Kenneth J. Spicer (ret.)

2:45 p.m. — 3:00 p.m. — Break

Session 5 - OAK

Innovative Funding and Monitoring

This session will focus on leading-edge strategies for funding and monitoring of adult guardianship programs, and will explore local collaborative programs.

- Hon. Charlotte Coleman Eufinger, moderator, Union County Probate and Juvenile Court
- Cindy Farson, Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging
- Hon. Robert G. Montgomery, Franklin County Probate Court
- Hon. Dixilene Park, Stark County Probate Court

Session 6 – THE ALDER

Exploring Sup.R. 66.01-.09

This session will discuss common questions that have arisen as a result of the implementation of Sup.R. 66.01-.09, including the complaint process, reporting allegations of abuse to the court, guardianship record sealing, and the use of court investigators.

- Derek Graham, Esq., Onda, LaBuhn, Rankin & Boggs Co. LPA
- Hon. Jan Michael Long, Pickaway County Probate and Juvenile Court
- Hon. Philip Alan B. Mayer, Richland County Probate Court
- Magistrate Nancy Miller, Lucas County Probate Court
- Magistrate Benjamin Suffron, Franklin County Probate Court

Session 7 - BUCKEYE

Putting it All Together

This session provides participants with an opportunity to examine a series of case studies involving various adult guardianship issues which may impact multiple professional disciplines.

- Julia Nack, Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging

Session 8 – THE CEDAR

Ethics: II*

This session will explore various ethical considerations, including: power of attorney, criminal implications, family conflict, billing, and guardian education on available services.

- Hon. Kathleen L. Giesler, moderator, Ottawa County Probate and Juvenile Court
- Allan Asbury, Supreme Court of Ohio, Board of Professional Conduct
- Sam Peppers, Esq., Dinsmore & Shohl LLP
- Terry Russell, National Alliance on Mental Illness Ohio
- Hon. Kenneth J. Spicer (ret.)

4:15 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.
Team Collaboration with Facilitator

Resources

*These panels are independent of one another and will cover different topics. You do not need to attend Ethics I in order to attend Ethics II.