



OHIO INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION

The Professional Association for State Investigators

77 SOUTH HIGH STREET
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215

NEWSLETTER

-- January Issue --

2006 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE

-- visit the website for your application --

<http://www.oia.homestead.com/oia.html>

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

-- By Kelli Coleman DelGuzzo --

Members:

Happy New Year! 2005 went out with a bang, so to speak, with the annual banquet that was held at the Doubletree Guest Suites. Joseph Montgomery was awarded Investigator of the Year, while Arnie Schropp was awarded the President's award and Alan Bonham was presented with an Outstanding Service award. A summary of the banquet festivities and pictures are available on the OIA website. We have an exciting year planned for OIA in 2006. Please visit the website, <http://www.oia.homestead.com/oia.html>, for more information about OIA meeting dates, speakers, training opportunities and much more.

The 2006 officers were elected at the annual banquet. I am honored and humbled to be serving as the President of The Ohio Investigators Association. I look forward to working with the other officers- David Crawford, Vice President; Judy Knapp, Secretary; Rex Waldenmyer, Treasurer- and the membership over the next year. Please contact me directly with any questions, suggestions or concerns.

Our featured speaker for next Wednesday's meeting is Don Petit from the Legislative Inspector General's office. He will be explaining what the LIG's office does and how it conducts investigations. I look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting.

Kind Regards, Kelli

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

-- OIA MEETING DATES 2006 --

January	25 th
February	10 th (OIA + ACFE training)
March	22 nd
May	24 th
July	26 th
September	27 th
November	8 th
December	9 th (Holiday Banquet)

OIA CONTACTS

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Banquet Committee Chair:

~ vacant ~

Professional Development & Training Committee Chair:

~ vacant ~

Fundraising Committee Chair:

~ vacant ~

Nominating Committee Chair:

~ vacant ~

NOTE: Please contact any OIA Officer if you would like more details about getting involved and holding a committee chair.



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TRAINING UPDATE

-- 02/10/06 Conference --

The OIA and Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE) are holding a one (1) day training conference on 02/10/06 at the Ohio Department of Transportation Auditorium located at 1980 W. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43223. *The training is FREE TO ALL OIA and ACFE members.

Update: Opening remarks to be provided by Franklin County Prosecutor Ron O'Brien.

OIA MEMBER PROFILE

Name: Tony W. Bledsoe, Esquire

Position: Executive Director

OIA Membership: Since 2002

Tony W Bledsoe is the Legislative Inspector General and serves as the Executive Director of the administrative office of the Joint Legislative Ethics Committee. Prior to being appointed Legislative Inspector General in September 2004, he served the Joint Legislative Ethics Committee, as its Chief Legal Counsel for three years. Tony has worked as a securities fraud enforcement attorney for the Department of Commerce and spent the first five years of his career in campaign finance and election law as the assistant to the Chief Elections Counsel for the Secretary of State.

Tony holds a B. A. Degree in Political Science from Youngstown State University and a Juris Doctor degree from The Ohio State University College of Law.

Tony is originally from the Village of Andover in Ashtabula County, Ohio. In his free time, he enjoys working on renovating his home, training his six month old puppy, and doing volunteer work with at-risk youth.

AGENCY PROFILE

**Ohio Attorney General's Office -
Ohio Organized Crime Investigations
Commission**

The Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission (OOCIC) authorizes the formation of organized crime task forces to investigate and prosecute organized criminal activity. OOCIC provides logistic and technical assistance. OOCIC's attorneys provide legal assistance to the task forces in their prosecution of narcotics, money laundering, racketeering and other cases. OOCIC maintains an inventory of sophisticated surveillance and communications equipment that is available to assist local law enforcement.

OOCIC generally relies on proposals from local law enforcement agencies when deciding to create task forces. These proposals give the commission enough information to make objective decisions, and include the following:

1. Brief synopsis of organized crime problem
2. Primary targets and geographic areas of operation
3. Types of suspected criminal violations
4. Projected time needed for investigation
5. Estimated costs for special, operations, such as undercover drug buys
6. Plan of action.

Ohio law states that any person may file a complaint with the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission concerning organized criminal activity. The filing of a complaint is kept confidential by the Commission, its employees, and task forces until an indictment is returned or a criminal action or proceeding is initiated in a court of proper jurisdiction. OOCIC can be reached at:

Ohio Organized Crime Investigations
Commission
P.O. Box 968
Grove City, OH 43123

1-800-589-6622 (toll-free in Ohio)

2nd ANNUAL INVESTIGATOR AND FRAUD EXAMINER TRAINING CONFERENCE

co-sponsored by



The Ohio Investigators Association (OIA) and Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE) are holding a one (1) day training conference.

DATE:

Friday, 02/10/06

EVENT SCHEDULE:

8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. – Registration
8:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. – Opening Remarks
9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. – Investigating and Prosecuting Money Laundering
10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. – Break
10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. – The Task Force Concept for Major Investigations
11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Lunch
12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. – Insurance Fraud
1:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Break
2:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. – Report Writing
3:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. – Closing Remarks

LOCATION:

Ohio Department of Transportation – Auditorium
1980 West Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43223

COST:

1. OIA and ACFE members = FREE

*members: Space is limited. Reserve your seat by replying via email to David Crawford at dcrawford@ag.state.oh.us. Please include your full name, position, mailing address, telephone number, and organization(s) to which you belong (OIA and/or ACFE).

2. Non-members = \$50.00 registration fee

*non-members registration begins 01/15/06. In order to reserve a seat, please reply via email to David Crawford (dcrawford@ag.state.oh.us) expressing your commitment to attend and include your full name, position, mailing address, and telephone number. Checks can be made payable to the "Ohio Investigators Association" and can be paid on the day of the event or sent via mail (postmarked before 02/03/06) to:

Ohio Investigators Association
Attn: David Crawford (non-member registration)
77 South High Street
Columbus, OH 43215

3. Free on-site parking

4. Free refreshments will be provided during the training conference

5. Lunch cost will be the responsibility of each attendee (on-site cafeteria available)