



OHIO INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION

The Professional Association for State Investigators

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NEWSLETTER

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OIA MEETING DATES 2004

November 10 (2nd Wednesday)
December 2 HOLIDAY BANQUET

OIA MEETING DATES 2005

January 26
March 23
May 25
July 27
September 28
November 9 (2nd Wednesday)



CONGRATULATIONS!!

Tony Bledsoe was recently promoted to Executive Director of the JLEC.

Ken Marshall was promoted earlier this year to Executive Director of the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

By Gary Kennedy

Greetings! Slots for the holiday awards banquet are filling up fast. Please make your reservation soon because we only have 40 seats. The Holiday Banquet is set for December 2, 2004, at the Ohio Historical Village, American House, from 6:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

This is your LAST chance to nominate someone for "Investigator of the Year." Please submit your nomination ASAP. Remember to give details on why the nominee is deserving of the recognition. You may email nominations to me at gkennedy@serb.state.oh.us

At this month's meeting we are planning a panel discussion involving interviewing difficult and hostile witnesses. See the web for more details.

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

Thanks to everyone and see you on the 10th.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Geoff Keener
Ray Blackerby
Robert Whitten
Johnnie Butts
Carol Starcher

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP IS NOW 98!

JOB OPPORTUNITY

FULL-TIME, PERMANENT POSITION
APPLICATION DEADLINE: November 10, 2004

CLASSIFICATION: Ethics Commission
Special Investigator Bargaining Unit,
Classified - 26221

SALARY RANGE: \$18.97-\$27.76 ph
(Pay Range 32)

MAIL APPLICATIONS: The Atlas Building,
8 E Long St., 10th Floor Cols. 43215

Attention: Chief Investigative Attorney

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OIA MEMBER PROFILE

Name: Mike Moran

Position: Attorney At Law

OIA Membership: Since 1992

by Gary Kennedy

This month we profile one of the original and founding members of OIA, Mike Moran. Mike is also a past president of OIA. During his term, the first formal OIA seminar was conducted. Mike has continued serving OIA in several ways over the years. Mike is currently a trial attorney in solo private practice handling cases in corporate compliance and internal investigations among other things. He is a Certified Fraud Examiner, a CLEAR NCIT Certified Investigator, an NRA certified instructor, and a Range Safety Officer.

Mike also serves as Solicitor & Prosecuting Attorney for the Village of Hartford, and has been appointed as a Special Prosecutor in several Ohio cities and counties. His state service includes serving as Executive Director & Counsel for the State Chiropractic Board where he directed the successful investigation and administrative prosecution of the largest chiropractic fraud case in Ohio's history. Mike wrote legislation signed by the Governor as the Patient Protections and Professional Standards Act of 2000. He also sat on the U.S. Attorneys' Health Care Fraud Task Forces in both the Northern & Southern Districts of Ohio.

Mike serves his country as a Captain in the Ohio Military Reserve JAG Corps, where he is detailed as the Deputy Inspector General – Legal. For anyone interested in firearms training, please contact Mike. He has graciously offered group discounts to OIA members. Mike believes true professionalism comes from constant education and training.

AGENCY PROFILE

Agency: State Personnel Board of Review

The State Personnel Board of Review (SPBR) is a neutral body with a three member Board, which provides a forum for administrative appeals by classified employees of state agencies, county agencies, state universities, and general health districts. SPBR answers inquiries from the general public, civil service commissions and attorneys regarding civil service law and procedures.

SPBR generally has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to exempt employees in the classified civil service, non-exempt employees in the classified service who are not represented by a union, or represented employees whose contract allows for appeals before SPBR. SPBR hears appeals involving disciplinary actions as well as non-disciplinary matters such as reclassifications, layoffs, displacements and job abolishments, non-disciplinary reductions, involuntary disability separations and denials of reinstatements, transfers and resignations. Positions audit results can also be appealed to SPBR. SPBR also hears "whistleblower" appeals.

For more information, go to SPBR's web site www.state.oh.us/pbr/

INVESTIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Nominations for Investigator of the Year are still being accepted. Please email Gary Kennedy at gkenney@serb.state.oh.us to nominate someone. The submission deadline is Monday, November 1, 2004.