

Local trial lawyers honor judge for his work on the bench

Central Ohio Association for Justice names new officers

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Local trial lawyers have named a new slate of officers and handed out awards to a Franklin County judge, a bailiff, a legislator and a teacher.

The Central Ohio Association for Justice held swearing-in ceremonies on May 12 at the Buckeye Hall of Fame Caf.

Common Pleas Judge Richard A. Frye received the George E. Tyack Judicial Excellence Award for his work on a committee designing the new courthouse and for his work on the bench in creating a new business-case docket.

Bailiff Lorena Lacy, who works with Common Pleas Judge Michael J. Holbrook, received the 2009 Norma J. Mitchell Award for superior work.

Formerly known as the Franklin County Trial Lawyers Association, the group is comprised of hundreds of central Ohio lawyers dedicated to promoting justice and educating the public about the legal system.

The new officers are president Mark Lewis; vice president Bob Wagoner; secretary Karen Weis; and treasurer Janica A. Pierce Tucker. Outgoing president Robert Erney also was recognized at the banquet.

Armond Budish, speaker of the Ohio House, received the Outstanding Legislator Award, while Westland High School teacher Melissa Kendralla received the Outstanding Citizen Award for a "Street Law" class teaching students about the legal system.



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**Judge Richard A. Frye and
Central Ohio Association for
Justice outgoing president
Rob Erney.**



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**Logan Philipps, left, Rob Erney
and Jessica Johnson Olsheski.**

Logan Phillips and Jessica Johnson Olsheski were given the 2009 President's Award for being co-chairs of the young lawyers committee.

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Lorena Lacey, left, and Rob Erney.



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Supreme Court Justice Paul E. Pfeifer, right, swears in Mark Lewis as the new president of COAJ.



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Mark Lewis, left, and Rob Erney.



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**Melissa Kendralla, left, and
Rob Erney.**

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