

44th ANNUAL PROBATE PRACTICE SEMINAR

Robins Theatre
160 E. Market Street, Warren, Ohio
October 3, 2025
8:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Dear Colleague:

We cordially invite you to attend the 44th Annual Probate Practice Seminar to be held on October 3, 2025 at the historic Robins Theatre in downtown Warren, Ohio. We are pleased to announce that the Ohio Supreme Court Commission on Continuing Legal Education has approved our seminar program for 6.25 CLE credit, including 2.0 credit hours of professional conduct.

One of our featured speakers will be Attorney Alan S. Loewinsohn, Principal, McKool Smith, who will present on **“Recollections from the Jo Hopper v. J.P. Morgan Record Setting Verdict.”**

Other featured speakers include Judge David A. Hejmanowski (Delaware County), who will present **“The Ethics of AI for Lawyers.”** Joseph Ferraro, Director of Family Wealth with Western Reserve Trust Company will discuss **“Practical Estate Planning Drafting and Design: Effective Strategies to Save Taxes, Preserve Assets, Protect Beneficiaries, and Harmonize Relationships.”** Merisa Bowers, Council President-Member at Large, Ohio Bar Liability Insurance Company, will share **“Essential Law Firm Management Tips for Solo and Small Firm Attorneys.”**

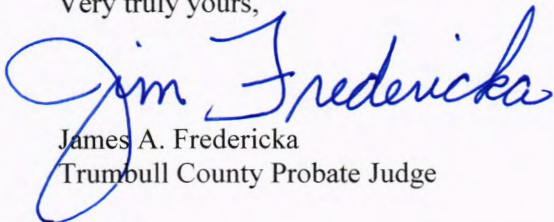
In addition, we will have a panel discussion by Common Pleas Probate Court Judges Robert N. Rusu (Mahoning), Judge Robert W. Berger (Portage-Retired), and Judge Adam W. Wilgus, (Tuscarawas County). Trumbull County Probate Court Magistrates John T. Shorts, Christopher J. Schiavone, and Emily Clark Weston will address probate court updates. In conclusion, Judge James A. Fredericka will report case law updates.

This year the fee for the seminar will be \$70.00 for those who register by September 19, 2025. The cost for paralegals, secretaries, and other legal professionals will be \$45.00.

The Trumbull County Bar Association will be handling registration. Enclosed you will find a brochure and registration form. Please send to Kaitlyn Matthews, Executive Director, at the Trumbull County Bar Association, P.O. Box 4222, Warren, OH 44482.

We look forward to seeing everyone in October. Please mark your calendars.

Very truly yours,



James A. Fredericka
Trumbull County Probate Judge

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