

Dear Members of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio Bar -

The Fourth Biennial Ohio Federal Bench/Bar Conference will be held at the Hyatt on Capitol Square in Columbus on Thursday, October 4th and Friday, October 5th. The Conference will begin at 4:00 p.m. with a plenary session on "Ethics in Litigation Under the New Ohio Rules," and will be followed by a reception and banquet. Friday's program will begin with a Supreme Court Update by Duke Law Professor Erwin Chemerinsky, which will be followed by breakout sessions on recent developments [with particular emphasis on developments in our Circuit and the Ohio Districts] in criminal law, employment law, and jurisdiction. In addition, there will be a breakout session on electronic discovery from the vantage point of Judges. After luncheon, there will be breakout sessions on sentencing, multi-district/class action litigation, § 1983, and additional jurisdictional issues. The Conference will conclude with a plenary session with two separate panels of Judges discussing their practices regarding case management and case handling.

We hope that you will plan to attend this Conference; please save the dates!

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