

Colloquium on the Constitutional Modernization Commission  
March 22, 2012  
Capitol Theatre, Riffe Center, Columbus, Ohio

8:30 Welcome

Alan C. Michaels, Dean and Cooperman Professor, The Ohio State University  
Moritz College of Law

8:45 Background on the Planning Committee

Nancy H. Rogers, Professor and Moritz Chair in ADR, The Ohio State University  
Moritz College of Law; former Ohio Attorney General

8:50 Introduction of Commission Co-Chairs

James A. Brogan, former Judge, Ohio Second District Court of Appeals, and  
Charles Kurfess, former Speaker and Minority Leader, Ohio House of  
Representatives, former Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Wood County,  
*Co-Chairs, Colloquium Planning Committee*

9:00 Greetings

William G. Batchelder, Speaker, Ohio House of Representatives and former  
Judge, Ohio Ninth District Court of Appeals, and  
Vernon Sykes, Ohio Representative and member of Kent State University faculty,  
*Co-Chairs, Constitutional Modernization Commission*

9:20 Experience of Constitutional Commissions Across the States: What Are the Keys  
to Success or Failure?

Speaker: Robert F. Williams, Distinguished Professor, Rutgers University-  
Camden School of Law and its Center for State Constitutional Studies

9:40 Lessons from the 1970s Ohio Revision Commission

Moderator:

Jo Ann Davidson, Chairman, Ohio Casino Control Commission; former Ohio  
Speaker, Ohio House of Representatives

Panelists:

John McDonald, Ice Miller

Alan Norris, Senior Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Both were members of the 1970s Ohio Constitutional Revision Commission and  
are former Ohio Representatives.

10:00 – 10:15 Break

(Members of the audience may submit questions to Research Fellows in the aisles  
on the index cards provided at the registration desk.)

10:15 The History of the Ohio Constitution

- Speaker: Steven H. Steinglass, Dean Emeritus, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland State University
- 10:35 The Role of State Constitutions: Competing Visions  
Discussion:  
Steven H. Steinglass, Dean Emeritus, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland State University  
Robert F. Williams, Distinguished Professor, University of Rutgers-Camden School of Law and its Center for State Constitutional Studies
- 10:45 Procedural Choices for the New Commission: External Procedures:  
Moderator:  
Ben Rose, Lima attorney; former Chair of the Ohio Ethics Commission and former Ohio House Assistant Minority Leader  
Panelists:  
Betty D. Montgomery, Special Advisor to Governor Kasich, Montgomery Consulting Group, MacMurray, Peterson & Schuster; former Ohio Attorney General, Ohio Auditor, and Ohio Representative  
Nancy H. Rogers, Professor and Moritz Chair in ADR, The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law; former Ohio Attorney General  
Zack Space, Vorys Advisors; former U.S. Representative and former Ohio Representative
- 11:05 Procedural Choices for the New Commission: Internal Procedures and Staffing  
Moderator:  
Bob Taft, University of Dayton; former Ohio Governor, former Ohio Secretary of State  
Panelists:  
Eric Fingerhut, Vice President, Battelle Memorial Institute; former U.S. Representative, former Ohio Board of Regents Chancellor, former Ohio Senator and Representative  
Joan W. Lawrence, former Ohio Representative  
Harry J. Lehman, former Ohio Representative, retired partner, Jones Day  
Richard B. Saphire, Professor, University of Dayton School of Law  
Steven H. Steinglass, Dean Emeritus, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland State University
- 11:25 Committee Responses to Ideas and Questions from the Audience  
Moderators:  
James A. Brogan, former Judge, Ohio Second District Court of Appeals, and Charles Kurfess, former Speaker and Minority Leader, Ohio House of Representatives, former Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Wood County, *Co-Chairs, Colloquium Planning Committee*  
Panelists:  
Jo Ann Davidson, Chairman, Ohio Casino Control Commission and former Ohio Speaker, Ohio House of Representatives

Nathaniel R. Jones, former Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit  
William K. Weisenberg, Assistant Executive Director, Ohio State Bar Association

12:20 Wrap-Up

Charles Kurfess, former Speaker and Minority Leader, Ohio House of  
Representatives, former Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Wood County,  
*Co-Chair, Colloquium Planning Committee*

*The Colloquium materials contain biographies for Planning Committee members,  
beginning on page 72.*

Please join the Colloquium Planning Committee for a reception following the  
Colloquium.