



# FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO CHAPTER

## Join us for Our *inaugural* Diversity & Inclusion program event: **Jury Perceptions of Diverse Lawyers in the Courtroom** Tuesday, October 29, 2013

**3.5 Hours of Ohio CLE Credit**

Co-sponsored by the Ohio State Bar Association, Northern District of Ohio Attorney Admission Fund, Federal Bar Association Foundation, Norman S. Minor Bar Association, Asian American Bar Association-Ohio, Frantz Ward, Ogletree Deakins, Squire Sanders (US) LLP, Thompson Hine LLP, Tucker Ellis LLP

This seminar has been approved as a CLE-accredited program by the Supreme Court of Ohio.

### ABOUT THE SEMINAR

How do jurors view, perceive and react to diversity in the courtroom? Does it make a difference to jurors if the lawyers, judges, defendants, plaintiffs and witnesses are of the same or different race, gender, ethnicity or generation than themselves? Should lawyers take into account the potential for unconscious bias when preparing for trial? What can lawyers learn from these perceptions?

The Federal Bar Association, Northern District Ohio Chapter, aims to tackle these questions at its inaugural diversity and inclusion program. The program features nationally-recognized experts in the field, along with a panel of judges and practicing trial lawyers. Our goal is to highlight awareness of the reality of internal biases and the challenges facing diverse lawyers who try cases in front of juries -- and offer practical guidance.

**Chief Judge Solomon Oliver, Jr.** will give opening remarks and participate in a panel discussion. Keynote speaker **Dr. Arin N. Reeves**, the author of "*The Next IQ: The Next Level of Intelligence for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Leaders*" will present her research on how the cognitive processes by which jurors evaluate counsel, the parties and the evidence, can greatly impact the outcome of trials and the justice system. **Dr. J. Lee Meihls**, a jury consultant and President of Trial Partners in Beverly Hills, California, will speak on the attitudes and opinions of jurors toward diverse attorneys based on current data from trial simulation research.

**Annette Butler**, former Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court Judge and retired U.S. Assistant Attorney, will lead a panel discussion by practicing judges, government lawyers and private practitioners who will offer their perspectives on jury reaction to diverse attorneys and discuss experiences from their own trial practices. Panel members will include:

**Judge Solomon Oliver, Jr.**, Chief Judge, United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio  
**Majeed G. Makhoul**, Director of Law, Cuyahoga County  
**Debra Migdal**, Assistant Federal Defender, Office of the Federal Defender, Northern District of Ohio  
**Marlon Primes**, Assistant U.S. Attorney, Office of the United States Attorney, Northern District of Ohio  
**Hilary S. Taylor**, Partner, Weston Hurd LLP

All attendees and participants will receive a copy of Dr. Reeves' book, "*The Next IQ: The Next Level of Intelligence for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Leaders*."

### DATE & LOCATION

*Inaugural* Diversity & Inclusion program:  
Jury Perceptions of  
Diverse Lawyers in the Courtroom  
Tuesday, October 29, 2013  
1:00-5:30pm  
5:30-7:00pm Reception

Carl B. Stokes U.S. Courthouse, Courtroom 19A  
801 West Superior Avenue, Cleveland OH

Cancellations received by 5:00 p.m., three business days before the seminar will receive a full refund; less than three business days prior to the seminar will be refunded less a \$10 administrative fee; no shows will not receive a refund.

### REGISTRATION FEES

Registration fee includes reception following the seminar.

FBA Member  \$100

Member of a co-sponsoring bar association:  \$100

Non Member  \$150

**To join the FBA-NDOC and attend this seminar at the member discount please contact our administrative office at [admin@fba-ndohio.org](mailto:admin@fba-ndohio.org) or 877-322-6364.**

Enclosed is a check payable to the Federal Bar Association.

Send by **October 22, 2013** to:

FBA, Northern District of Ohio Chapter  
PO Box 14760, Cleveland, OH 44114

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