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President's Message

by Michael D. Carter

It's hard to believe 2017 is nearly half complete, but what a first half it has been! So far in 2017 OADC has: launched a new DRI/OADC membership initiative; written, sponsored, and passed HB 1235, insuring that service by alternate means can only be used when direct service has failed; mobilized the OADC membership to oppose "loser pays" and support the "fix" in HB 1570; worked to help pass discovery reform in the same HB 1570; organized our summer meeting at the Cosmopolitan in Las Vegas; started our new social media accounts, @OklaDefense on Twitter and @OklahomaAssocDefenseCounsel on Facebook; and started planning for our Fall Trial Academy, December Civility Seminar with OAJ, and DRI/OADC Young Lawyer happy hours in Oklahoma City and Tulsa. That's quite a start!

My priority as your President this year has been membership. Our DRI initiative has been very successful, and we will offer new incentives for membership as the year progresses. However, the best membership recruiters are you, the OADC members! Please ask yourself, "who isn't a member of OADC that should be?" Get that person interested and in our group so they can also take advantage of the real value in OADC membership. Your efforts are appreciated.

See you in Las Vegas!

Mike Carter

OADC in Action

Amy Bradley-Waters

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In OADC’s mission statement, it states that our organization is “to support and work for the improvement of the adversary system of jurisprudence in our courts.” This is accomplished in part by our involvement in the review of proposed bills that will have an effect on our practices each legislative session. Most of the time, revisions in proposed legislation are made before passage. In the 2017 legislative session, an amendment to HB1470 was made, with the intention of requiring the losing party in child sexual abuse cases only to pay attorney fees. However, the amendment as written had the effect of making the losing party pay attorney fees in all civil cases. This amendment was not noticed by anyone in the legislature until after the bill was passed and signed by the governor on May 10, 2017. It was to go into effect on November 1, 2017. HB1570 containing the corrected language was passed on May 25, 2017. As of this writing, the bill is on the governor’s desk awaiting her signature.

The officers and board asked for all members to contact their legislators to inform them of the negative effects of the “loser pays” provision, and request that HB1570 be passed. Your response was overwhelming. A huge thank you to everyone who contacted their legislators (some multiple times) as this bill made its way through the final days of the legislative session. There were some roadblocks to passage, including a legislator who wanted to have the “loser pays” law in effect for a year to see how it would work (it would have been disastrous), and attention to budget measures. We made our voices heard, and it made a difference. Thank you!

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OADC Summer Meeting

The Cosmopolitan
June 8 - 10, 2017

Agenda and Continuing Legal Education

Thursday, June 8 (3 hours CLE, includes 1hr Ethics)

- 1:30 President's Welcome
- 1:40 - 2:30 Millennials as Jurors
- 2:30 - 2:45 Break
- 2:45 - 4:25 Office Practice "Then & Now"
(Panel Discussion)
- 4:25 - 4:35 Upcoming Events
- 5:30 - 6:30 Reception

Friday, June 9 (4 hours CLE)

- 7:45 - 8:45 Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 - 8:30 Board Meeting
- 8:45 - 9:40 Diversity Issues; Millennial Effect
- 9:40 - 11:00 Legislative Update - Panel Discussion
- 11:00 - 11:10 Break
- 11:10 - 12:00 Recent Trends in Trial Tactics

Saturday, June 10

- 5:00 Sky Lounge Reception
- 5:30 High Roller & Cocktail Wheel Ride

The World's Tallest Observation Wheel

Measuring 520 feet in diameter, the High Roller eclipses both the London Eye and Singapore Flyer. Facing north and south parallel to Las Vegas Boulevard, the wheel takes 30 minutes to complete one full revolution and features 28 glass-enclosed cabins with broad views of Las Vegas and the Strip. Each spherical cabin can hold up to 40 people, with benches on either side of the cabin and plenty of floor space in between—but we imagine you'll want to stand and admire the view.

Guest Speakers

Jennifer Annis
Atkinson, Haskins, Nellis,
Brittingham, Gladd & Fiasco

Lynn Babb
Pierce Couch

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