



Second Wednesday's

May 12, 2010

Ohio's Prevailing Wage Law

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

During these challenging economic conditions county commissioners are understandably interested in making sure that construction projects are properly managed in full compliance with all applicable laws including the prevailing wage law. This program will provide the opportunity for commissioners and county officials to review how prevailing wages are determined, what projects are covered, where to go to get answers to questions, and what are the current trends and issues under discussion from experts with the Ohio Department of Commerce, the Ohio Attorney General's office, county prevailing wage coordinators, and legal experts in the practice of construction law.

AGENDA

- 9:30 a.m. **Welcome and Introductions**
Brad Cole, CCAO Managing Director of Research
- 9:45 a.m. **Background Information on Ohio's Prevailing Wage Law**
Kimberly Zurz, Director, Ohio Department of Commerce
Gary Schaeffer, Superintendent, Division of Industrial Compliance,
Ohio Department of Commerce
- 10:30 a.m. **Recent Case Law Regarding Ohio's Prevailing Wage Law**
Dan Belville, Chief of Labor Law, Ohio Attorney General's Office
- 11:15 a.m. **Panel Discussion Regarding Trends and Developments in Prevailing Wages**
Dan Belville, Chief of Labor Law, Ohio Attorney General's Office
Donald W. Gregory, Esq., Kegler Brown Hill and Ritter, LPA
Jon Melvin, Facilities Supervisor, Delaware County Commissioners
- 12:30 p.m. **Concluding Remarks**

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Dan Belville is a 1977 graduate of Bowling Green State University with graduate degrees from The Ohio State University (M.A. 1983, J.D. 1988). He is Chief of the Labor Relations Section, and has been with the Ohio Attorney General's office for 22 years. Belville's practice areas include prevailing wage law, minimum wage law, construction law, and public contracts. In addition, he coordinates the Agency 1099 Enforcement Task Force. Prior to joining the Attorney General's Office, Dan spent eight years as a high school teacher with the Delaware City Schools.

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Brad Cole is the Managing Director of Research for the County Commissioners Association of Ohio. In this capacity Brad coordinates and manages the research, data, and technical publications prepared and distributed by the association; maintains research data bases, develops survey instruments; and promotes the CCAO Educational and Research Foundation. In addition, Brad provides legislative advocacy and member's services in taxation and finance, permissive taxes, auditing and accounting, county budget procedures, county debt, purchasing, investment policy, and general government legislation that impacts counties including transportation and infrastructure, tax abatement, and solid waste management. He is the liaison to the CCAO Taxation and Finance Committee.

Cole holds a Bachelor of Arts cum laude and Master of Arts degrees in American History from Bowling Green State University.

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Donald Gregory chairs the Litigation and Construction Law areas of the law firm of Kegler, Brown, Hill & Ritter in Columbus, where he represents the construction industry. He currently serves as General Counsel to the American Subcontractors Association (ASA), and to international construction trade associations such as the National Ground Water Association (NGWA) and the Association of the Wall & Ceiling Industry (AWCI).

Gregory has acted as Project Counsel on some of Ohio's largest construction projects, including the Butler Regional Highway, Schottenstein Center Arena, and the Ohio Stadium Renovation. Gregory initiated the legislation that resulted in Ohio's New Mechanic's Lien law and drafted Ohio's first Prompt Payment Act, which has become a model for several other states. He also helped negotiate, draft and pass Ohio's Fairness in Construction Contracting Act.

Gregory graduated cum laude from Miami University and received his law degree from The Ohio State University.

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John Melvin has been employed by Delaware County for over 15 years. During that time, he has been the Prevailing Wage Coordinator for the Board of Commissioners for over 12 years. Melvin has been involved in more the \$41,500,000 in construction contracts. Currently, Delaware County has \$2.8 million under construction.

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Gary L. Schaeffer began serving as Superintendent of the Ohio Department of Commerce's Division of Industrial Compliance in 2007. As Superintendent of Industrial Compliance, Schaeffer directs the division responsible for reviewing and approving the building plans for the construction and renovation of commercial and public building projects; inspections on boilers and elevators, and the licensing of trades, such as boiler operators. The Division operates through two bureaus: Building Code Compliance and Operations and Maintenance. It also houses the Board of Building Appeals (BBA), Board of Building Standards (BBS), Ohio Construction Industry Licensing Board (OCILB), Ski Tramway Board and the Historical Boiler Licensing Board.

Immediately prior to his appointment, Schaeffer had been President of Construction Services Industry since 2004 and had also served as the Member at Large for OCILB. Before that, he served as Secretary Treasurer of the Ohio State Building Trades from 1997 through 2004. He was also employed as Business Representative for Plumbing and Pipefitting Local #219 in Akron from 1982 until 1997. Gary began his apprenticeship as

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Schaeffer attended the University of Akron and earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Union Leadership and Administration from the George Meany National Labor College in Silver Spring, Maryland.

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Kimberly A. Zurz has served as Director of the Ohio Department of Commerce since January, 2007. Zurz is a veteran businesswoman, who was a State Senator representing citizens in northeast Ohio at the time of her appointment to the Strickland Cabinet.

Zurz serves as president of her family's 78-year-old business, The Eckard-Baldwin Funeral Home, in Akron. While serving more than three years in the Ohio Senate representing Ohio's 28th District (Portage County and a portion of Summit County), Zurz served as Assistant Minority Leader and as the Ranking Member on the Ways and Means and Economic Development Committees. She also served on the Judiciary Committee on Criminal Justice, the Judiciary Committee on Civil Justice and the Energy and Public Utilities Committees.

Before serving in the Ohio Senate, Zurz served more than 11 years on the Summit County Council, including three terms as president. During her service on the Council, she presided over a county budget of over \$560 million.

