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Dennis Pergram, Andy Wecker and Steve Martin on Best Lawyers List-2022

For a few decades, <u>Columbus CEO Magazine</u> has published annually a Best Lawyers list for central Ohio. In years past, the Best Lawyers list utilized Martindale-Hubbell® ratings, listing lawyers rated by Martindale-Hubbell® as AV-Preeminent® (based on ratings by other lawyers and judges). For 2022, <u>Columbus CEO Magazine</u> utilized Professional Research Services out of Michigan to compile a list of more than 800 Best Lawyers based on peer recommendation, utilizing an online peer review survey of attorneys in the Columbus area, asking the attorneys to nominate fellow attorneys they deemed the best in their field of law practice. The nominated attorneys were then screened regarding licensing, any disciplinary infractions, and attorney rating services such as Martindale-Hubbell®. No attorney could pay to be on the list.

A review of the list indicates that there are 59 practice areas. Not surprisingly, attorneys in large downtown Columbus law firms dominated the Best Lawyers list, with a fair number of Best Lawyers having office addresses in Dublin and New Albany. Although the list of Best Lawyers was for the Columbus area/central Ohio, there were very few lawyers whose practices/offices were not in Franklin County. There were none listed in Madison County or Pickaway County, one in Union County, three in Fairfield County, four in Licking County, and eight in Delaware County. Of the eight Delaware County lawyers, three were in the Polaris area in the City of Columbus or in the City of Westerville (one in the area of Immigration, one in the area of Litigation-Insurance, and one in Litigation-Real Estate). There is an attorney in the City of Powell listed in the Construction practice area and four in the City of Delaware, Douglas Warnock in Family Law, and three Manos, Martin & Pergram attorneys.

Dennis Pergram is one of eleven listed for Appellate practice (the 59 practice areas did not include education law or school law). Andy Wecker and Steve Martin were included in the list of 35 Best Lawyers in Real Estate Law. Andy, Steve and a Worthington lawyer were the only Real Estate Law lawyers without a Columbus office address. In addition to being listed in Real Estate Law, Steve was also one of the eight lawyers listed for Land Use & Zoning. The other seven lawyers listed in Land Use & Zoning were either in downtown Columbus (six) or near downtown Columbus.

Had <u>Columbus CEO Magazine</u> again used for its listing Martindale-Hubbell®, listing only attorneys rated AV Preeminent®, Denny, Steve and Andy would still be listed as they were earlier for 2022 rated by Martindale-Hubbell® as AV Preeminent®.



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The Strand Summer Movies are Back in Full Swing

Summer movies for children are back at The Strand Theatre! The summer movie series is sponsored by businesses and individuals and the price of admission is a donation to the designated charity/organization. Movies are shown at 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Wednesdays from June through August.

Recently, Olentangy Title Agency sponsored the movie "Mitchells vs. the Machine." The donation recipient of the recent movie was Turning Point. Turning Point is a temporary shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children. This amazing organization provides temporary shelter, counseling, and general support services. Turning Point requested donations of socks, pajamas and various children's clothing. The 10:00 a.m. show needed donations valued at \$513.24 and the afternoon showing netted \$415.94. These figures also included monetary donations. To seethe movie schedule and the various organizations that benefit from donations, please visit The Strand Theatre's website - www.thestrandtheatre.net.

A special **thank you** to all the organizations and individuals that donate time, needed goods and money to make this summer movie series a success.

Delaware County Historical Society's July Program

As many of you are aware from previous Client Bulletins, each month the firm has been providing information on upcoming Delaware County Historical Society programs. On July 20 at 7 p.m., the Delaware County Historical Society is presenting "Coming to Liberty Township - From the Perspective of the Ladies." This program tells the story of Irena Carpenter, who, with her husband Nathan Carpenter, traveled to the Ohio wilderness in 1801 in what is now Liberty Township. Sherry Carmichael, a society volunteer, worked with the Powell-Liberty Historical Society to create the video and will be on hand to answer any questions. The program is being held at the Barn at Stratford located at 2690 Stratford Road, Delaware, Ohio. For tickets and additional information, please visit www.delawareohiohistory.org.

Alpha Group Zoom Duck Derby

The Alpha Group Zoom Duck Derby is taking place on Sunday, July 17, at Zoombezi Bay. Last year, the Derby raised over \$33,000 for safe and affordable housing for individuals with disabilities through Alpha's sister agency, TAG Community Living, Inc. TAG, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Delaware & Union Counties, built a two-unit, three-bedroom duplex with the goal of encouraging independence and building financial responsibility, while providing home and community-based services. The hope this year with the funds from Zoom Duck Derby is to make TAG bigger and better.

It is only \$5 to adopt a duck and that gives you a shot at \$1,500 and more. If you want to watch the race in-person, you can purchase a Waddles pass for \$30 a person to get a duck plus attend the event and enjoy select attractions before they open to the public. To purchase ducks or a Waddles pass or for more information, visit zoomduckderby.com.