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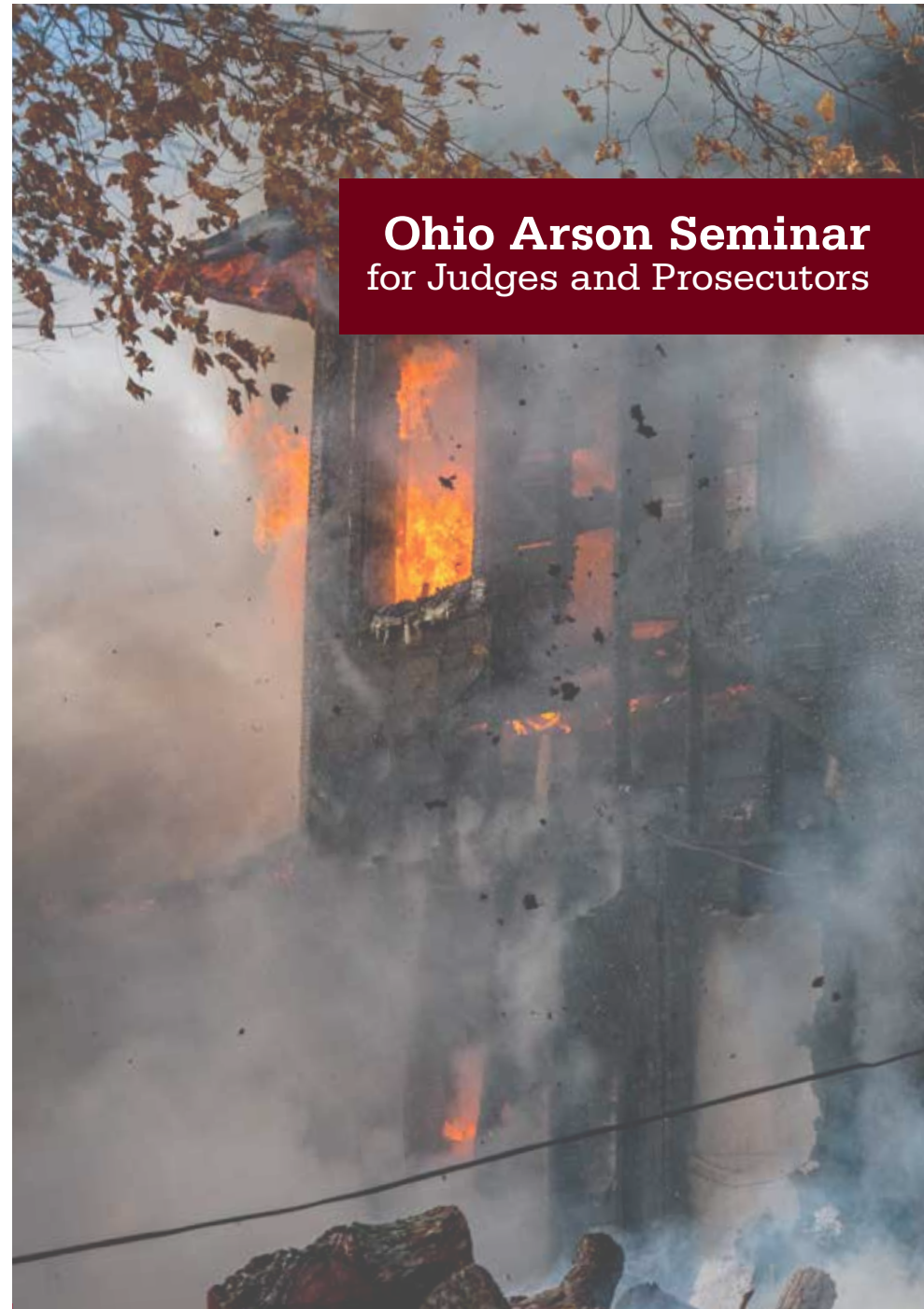
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**Ohio Arson Seminar
for Judges and Prosecutors**

An Equal Opportunity Employer and Service Provider

November 14, 2019

Ohio Arson Seminar

This one-day program will provide education for the judicial community concerning professional forensic fire investigation, identification of incendiary fires, and the subsequent criminal investigation of arson. Information presented will include scientific method, systematic process, laboratory analysis, case preparation and expert courtroom testimony. The key concept is arson is a crime that can be proven. A successful arson prosecution requires a team approach that includes local fire departments, local law enforcement, State Fire Marshal's Fire and Explosion Investigation Bureau and Forensic Laboratory, coroner investigators, local prosecutors and federal assets as required.

CLE Credits

This course has been approved by the Ohio Supreme Court Commission on Continuing Legal Education for **6.0** credit hours to Judges and Prosecutors, with no ethics or substance abuse instruction.

Location:
The Cuyahoga County Court House
1200 Ontario Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44113
(Old Council Chambers First Floor)

TTY/TDD: 800-750-0750

To register for the seminar, please email your name, address, company name, phone number and email address to:
Victoria.Hunsaker@com.state.oh.us

Ohio Arson Seminar Nov. 14, 2019 Agenda

7:30–8:00 a.m. **Registration**

8:00–8:15 a.m. **Opening Remarks**
Ray McCarthy, Assistant Chief,
State Fire Marshal Fire and Explosion
Investigation Bureau

8:15–10:00 a.m. **The Scientific Method**
State Fire Marshal Fire and Explosion
Investigation Bureau

10:00–10:15 a.m. **Break**

10:15 a.m.–12:00 p.m. **Legal Issues Facing Fire Investigations**
(Investigator Authority, Fire Investigations
Search & Seizure Principles, Explosives-
Related Laws and Negative Corpus)
Timothy Thompson, ESQ., State Fire
Marshal Division Legal Counsel

12:00–1:00 p.m. **LUNCH** (*Not Provided*)

1:00–2:45 p.m. **Lab/Evidence Issues**
(Digital Evidence, Video, Pole-Cams,
and Cell Phones)
Bradley Barkhurst, State Fire Marshal
Forensic Specialist

2:45–3:00 p.m. **Break**

3:00–4:00 p.m. **Case Studies/Round Table Discussion**
State Fire Marshal Fire and Explosion
Investigation Bureau