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## **CLEVELAND ATTORNEY PAUL GRIECO TO LEAD OHIO ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE**

**Columbus, OH.**– The Ohio Association for Justice (OAJ), the state’s largest professional association of trial attorneys, recently installed Cleveland attorney Paul Grieco as its 2016-2017 president during the organization’s annual convention held on May 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. The ceremonial gavel was presented to Grieco by Immediate Past President and fellow Cleveland attorney, Frank Gallucci.

“I am honored to have this opportunity to lead an organization that fights on behalf of the injured and wronged in both the courtroom and the capitol,” said Grieco. “I plan to spend the next year working intently to ensure that our civil justice rights are preserved and that the courthouse doors remain open to all Ohioans.”

A founding partner in the law firm of Landskroner, Grieco, Merriman, Grieco has devoted his life to fighting for the most vulnerable members of our society, including children and the grievously injured. A frequent advocate for civil justice before the Ohio Legislature, Grieco's stated that his highest priority as president will be to fight any effort to remove Constitutional powers from juries and rights from individuals.

"Juries should decide the quality of justice for Ohioans, not special interest groups that place profits over people," said Grieco. "I want to make sure that injured Ohioans are able to exercise their Constitutional right to a trial by a jury of their peers. Also, I will fight to guarantee that their attorneys always have a level playing field."

Grieco is widely recognized as one of Ohio’s leading trial attorneys, and in 2014 he received the Garretson Courage Award for representing 11 children who were abused and forced to sleep in cages in foster homes. He is also a previous recipient of OAJ’s Distinguished Service award in 2011.

“Paul is a tireless advocate, not just for his clients but for all Ohioans seeking justice,” said outgoing President Frank Gallucci. “His track record of successfully taking on powerful interests to protect individuals speaks for itself, and I am confident that he will lead our organization with the same zeal and confidence that he exhibits in the courtroom.”

A native Ohioan, Paul lives in Cleveland with his wife, Sigrid Bergfeld. The couple has two daughters, Olivia and Sara Grieco.

*The Ohio Association of Justice is a statewide association of plaintiffs’ attorneys dedicated to protecting the Constitutional rights and access to justice for all Ohioans through legislative advocacy and member education since 1954. On the web at [oajjustice.org](http://oajjustice.org).*

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