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Our purpose is to promote the leadership, advancement and interests of women attorneys through professional education, networking and the exchange of ideas between our members, local bar associations, business and the community.

Ohio Women's Bar Association Swears in 21st President



Left: Michelle Proia is sworn in as the 2012-2013 OWBA president. Right: 2012-2013 OWBA Officers (L-R): Jennifer Breech Rhoads, Jennifer Jacquemain, Laura Sanom, Claudia Herrington, Michelle Proia and Magistrate Judge Stephanie Bowman.

Michelle Proia of Marysville, Ohio, was sworn in as the 21st president of the Ohio Women's Bar Association (OWBA) on May 10, 2012.

Michelle M. Proia is a cum laude graduate of the University of Rochester and a native of Rochester, N.Y. She received her Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, where she served as an executive editor on the law school's Journal of Law and Commerce. Proia started off her legal career in private law firm practice for three years in Pittsburgh, Pa., and has since worked as an in-house corporate attorney for the last 13 years of her practice at Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corporation (Wheeling, W.Va.), RPM International Inc. (Medina, Ohio) and most currently, Mettler-Toledo, LLC (Columbus, Ohio). Her

current role is general counsel—Americas (producing organizations) and assistant secretary.

Proia recently served as vice chairperson of the OWBA's Supreme Court Judicial Ratings Committee, which aids the public in making informed decisions about judicial candidates running for Justice positions on the Supreme Court of Ohio. Proia also has recently served on the board of directors of the United Way of Union County, and also sits on that organization's Community Investment Committee. Further, Proia holds a board seat with U-CO Industries, Inc., an organization that provides employment for developmentally disabled adults in Union County. She is a resident of Marysville and enjoys spending time with her fiancé Robbie Roe and his two teen-aged sons. ■

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