



## Franklin County Court of Common Pleas General Division

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### Central Ohio Association for Justice Awards

On May 13, 2014, the Central Ohio Association for Justice held its Annual Officer Installation Meeting at noon, at the Bluestone, in downtown Columbus. In addition to the installation of the new officers, who were sworn in by Ohio Supreme Court Justice William O'Neill, five awards were presented. Two of those awards were presented that involve the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas.

Judge Charles A. Schneider received the George E. Tyack Award for Judicial Excellence. George Tyack is a former outstanding trial attorney, who later served with distinction as a Common Pleas Judge (General Division). He was deeply respected by all who knew him and who appeared before him. This award is a true mark of distinction, and is a great credit to Judge Schneider.

Bailiff Ruthy Thompson received the Norma J. Mitchell Award, which is named in honor of the long time bailiff to, respectively, Judges Frank A. Reda and John P. Bessey. Norma Mitchell passed away in December, 2006. Ms. Thompson invited Norma's daughter, Lisa, and Norma's granddaughter, Katy, to the ceremony.

Both recipients gave thoughtful and heartfelt remarks when presented with their respective awards.

Judge Schneider and Bailiff Ruthy Thompson are outstanding examples of hard work and good service that people find in the courtrooms of Central Ohio. They are to be highly commended for their hard work and their commitment to justice.

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