

Senior Management



Consumers' Counsel and Legal Services

The OCC Governing Board appointed Bruce J. Weston to lead the agency as Consumers' Counsel, in March 2012. Mr. Weston has also directed the services of OCC's Legal

Department. The legal staff advocates for Ohio consumers in cases involving public utility rates and service quality.

Mr. Weston brings more than 30 years of experience in public utilities law to OCC. He is committed to protecting the interests of Ohio residential utility consumers. His priorities for OCC include advocating for reasonable rates, competitive choices, and reliable service for Ohioans.

Prior to joining OCC for a second time in October 2004, Mr. Weston was in private law practice. He served as legal counsel for clients in cases involving utility rates, service quality, industry restructuring and competition.

Mr. Weston received his bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Cincinnati. He began his career at OCC in 1978 as a law clerk. After earning his law degree from The Ohio State University College of Law in 1980, he began a 12-year tenure as an attorney for the agency. Mr. Weston served as the chairman of the Public Utilities Law Committee of the Ohio State Bar Association for two years ending in June 2012.



Deputy Consumers' Counsel

Melissa Yost was appointed the Deputy Consumers' Counsel by the OCC Governing Board on January 15, 2013. As the Deputy Consumers' Counsel, Ms. Yost is available to perform the duties of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel,

Bruce Weston, during any times of his unavailability. As Deputy, she is part of OCC's senior management team.

Prior to joining OCC, Ms. Yost served as an assistant attorney general for five years with the Office of the Attorney General, in the Environmental Enforcement section. Ms. Yost received her Juris Doctor with cum laude distinction from Capital University Law School and her bachelor's degree in natural resources development from The Ohio State University.



Analytical

Aster Rutibabalira Adams was director of the Analytical Department until March 2013. The department provides advice and recommendations for OCC's consumer positions on technical and policy issues related to public utility services.



Beth Hixon was interim director of the Analytical Department. Ms. Hixon serves as the leader of the OCC's electric team, managing staff members and provides oversight and coordination of the OCC's activities on energy issues. She received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Ohio University.



Operations

Charles Repuzynsky is director of the Operations Department. His area of responsibilities includes finance, budgeting, strategic planning, human resources, and information and technology for supporting OCC's consumer advocacy.

Prior to joining OCC, Mr. Repuzynsky served as the chief financial officer for the Ohio Historical Society, a non-profit quasi-government organization. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration with a major in accounting from The Ohio State University.



Public Affairs

Amy Kurt was the director of the Public Affairs Department, leading OCC's outreach and education, communications, and legislative activities for Ohio consumers until May 2013.