

Senior Management



Bruce Weston

The OCC Governing Board appointed Bruce Weston to lead the agency as Consumers' Counsel, in March 2012.

Previously, Mr. Weston served as the Deputy Consumers' Counsel, by Governing Board appointment. As Deputy, he also directed the services of OCC's Legal Department.

Mr. Weston brings 35 years of experience in public utilities law to OCC. He is committed to protecting the interests of Ohio's 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 legal intern. After earning his law degree from The Ohio State University College of Law, 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.



Larry Sauer

Larry Sauer was appointed as the Deputy Consumers' Counsel by the OCC Governing Board in September 2014. The Deputy is to perform the duties of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel during any times of unavailability. Mr. Sauer also serves as the Director of the

Legal Department. In that position, he manages the Legal Department's staff and is part of OCC's senior management team. Mr. Sauer joined OCC in March 2003 as an Assistant Consumers' Counsel. He has served as counsel in complex electric and natural gas cases. And he has advised the agency on consumer issues involving the transition to competitive markets for utility services.



Dan Shields

Dan Shields joined OCC as Director of the Analytical Department in March 2014. The department provides advice and recommendations for OCC's consumer positions on technical and policy issues related to public utility services. Mr. Shields is responsible for administering the accounting, economic and financial analyses associated with intrastate and interstate utility rate filings and other regulatory proceedings that affect Ohio's residential utility consumers.



Monica Hunyadi

Monica Hunyadi joined OCC in September 2013. As the Chief of Staff – Non-Case Services, she provides assistance to the agency director (the Consumers' Counsel) on special projects affecting Ohio consumers and the agency. She leads the OCC Operations and Public Affairs Departments toward meeting objectives for services within the agency and for the public. She previously served as the OCC Director of Operations from 1996 to 2005. She then accepted a position as the Director of Human Resources at the Supreme Court of Ohio. She also taught various human resource courses for the Ohio Judicial College and the Ohio Association of Court Administrators.



Melissa Yost

Melissa Yost served as the Deputy Consumer's Counsel from January 2013 to August 2014, by Governing Board appointment. She also served as the Director of the Legal Department during part of her time as Deputy. Prior to joining OCC, Ms. Yost served as an assistant attorney general for five years with the Office of the Attorney General.



Charles Repuzynsky

Charles Repuzynsky served as the Director of the Operations Department until September 2014. His responsibilities included budgeting, finance, human resources, and information and technology for supporting OCC's consumer advocacy.