

Senior Management



Bruce Weston

Bruce Weston has served Ohioans as the Consumers' Counsel, by appointment of the OCC Governing Board, since March 2012. Previously, Mr. Weston served as the Deputy Consumers' Counsel and directed the agency'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 consumer priorities include 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 OCC. 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. As Deputy, he performs the duties of the Consumers' Counsel during any times of the Consumers' Counsel's unavailability. Mr. Sauer also serves as the Director of the Legal Department. Mr. Sauer joined OCC in March 2003 as an Assistant Consumers' Counsel. He has served as counsel in electric and natural gas cases, and he has advised the agency on consumer issues involving the transition to competitive markets for utility services. Prior to joining the OCC, he worked for 24 years as an accountant, analyst, and attorney for American Electric Power.



Dan Shields

Dan Shields joined OCC as Director of the Analytical Department in March 2014. He is responsible for administering the accounting, economic, and financial analyses associated with utility rate filings and other regulatory proceedings that affect Ohio's residential utility consumers. He provides advice and recommendations for OCC's utility advocacy on technical and policy issues related to regulation and legislation. Before joining OCC, Dan served as the Federal Energy Advocate at the PUCO and there managed the Office of the Federal Energy Advocate. He earlier served as a Senior Policy Specialist on state and federal energy and telecommunications issues.



Monica Hunyadi

Monica Hunyadi joined OCC in September 2013. As the Chief of Staff – Non-Case Services, she provides assistance to 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 1996-2005. 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.