PORTAGE COUNTY DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT

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September 23, 2022

8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Registration

8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. Welcome and Introductions

Hon. Paula C. Giulitto, Portage County Domestic Relations Court

8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. She/her/they: Misgendering and the Use of Gender Pronouns in

the Courts

Professor Tracy A. Thomas

Seiberling Chair of Constitutional Law The University of Akron School of Law

9:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. **Break**

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Beyond Frozen Embryos: New Family Forms and New

Challenges from ART

Joan M. Burda, J.D.

Independent lawyer, writer, and Adjunct Professor of Law

Jessie Hill, J.D.

Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development and Judge Ben C. Green Professor of Law at Case Western

Reserve School of Law

12:00 p.m. Adjourn

Course Description

She/her/they: Misgendering and the Use of Gender Pronouns in the Courts

This session explores the question of "misgendering" by the use of incorrect gender pronouns to refer to an individual in the courtroom. It begins by identifying the relevant terms of art and the context of social practice. The session then explores the parameters set by legal codes of ethics, recent court cases, and professional expectations of cultural competency. The objectives of the session are to identify emerging issues of professionalism and anti-discrimination in the courts, while offering practical solutions for attorneys and judges.

Beyond Frozen Embryos: New Family Forms and New Challenges from ART

Alternative family relationships and alternative forms of reproduction are replacing the traditional ones, and possibly becoming the new norm. The modern family dynamic comes in a variety of configurations, including married and unmarried couples-i. v