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April 26, 2017

Dear OBI Members,

I am pleased to announce that the 14th Annual OBI Conference will be held in Orlando, Florida from October 4 to October 6, 2017. Our host hotel is the Embassy Suites-Orlando International Drive/Convention Center located at 8978 International Drive, Orlando. The group rate is \$164 for single and double occupancy. This rate will be available to OBI members for three days before and after the conference, subject to availability, for anyone wanting to extend their trip in Orlando. There is no shortage of theme parks and fun things to do in the area.

We are excited to welcome back to our conference the CTK Group. Their presentation at the 2016 Iowa conference was a huge hit among attendees, but was only a very brief overview. In Orlando, the presenters will delve further into their informative presentation of interview techniques and research-based methods to detect deception.

Conference attendees will hear from Mark O'Mara, an Orlando attorney who represented George Zimmerman in the "stand your ground" case that received plenty of national interest. Mr. O'Mara also provided nightly commentary on the local news during the Casey Anthony murder trial. Additional presentations will include risk assessments of workplace violence and what to do if presented with this type of situation. Attendees will also hear interesting ways that attorneys' use of social media has resulted in disciplinary investigations.

As you may know, the Orlando area is a hotspot for conventions. It is highly recommended that you book your room as soon as possible because the hotels in the area will be fully booked during the OBI conference. The Orlando conference committee has arranged for special ticket discounts for Walt Disney World and Universal Studios. Our host hotel also provides a complimentary shuttle to Disney (Epcot) and Universal Studios. In addition, there will be some special events taking place at the theme parks in October. Please look for detailed information to be sent out in the near future.

The Florida hosts are working on getting the conference agenda approved for CLE credit. The information on CLE credits will be forwarded soon but we wanted to get the conference dates and hotel information to you as early as possible so you can plan your trip.



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We look forward to seeing everyone in Orlando for the 2017 conference. If you need any further information or have questions, please feel free to contact our Orlando conference planner, Shirley Coleman, at 407-515-3262, scoleman@floridabar.org, or OBI Planning & Program Coordinator, Karen Brown, at 850-561-5600, kbrown@floridabar.org.

Sincerely,

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