

Connect Ohio Technology Association

Cyber Security Panel

Keynote Speaker

Bob Ellis

Attorney at Law

Topic: BitCoins: virtual currencies



Bob Ellis practices in the areas of international and domestic commercial transactions, Internet and technology law, business and corporate law, securities law, intellectual property law, estate planning, and asset protection. He is a frequent speaker on topics related to the Internet, digital technology law, international private law, privacy law, and legal ethics.

Ellis is the contributing editor of Internet and Online Law (Law Journal Press 2013), and the author of numerous articles and op-ed pieces regarding legal topics. He has twice testified before Congress on information law topics. He has served as chair of the Ohio State Bar Association's International Law Committee, as chair of its OSBA's Digital Technology Law Committee, and as a member of the OSBA's Ad Hoc Committee on Multijurisdictional Practice. He is fluent in German and Russian.

Ellis holds a B.A. from Ohio State and a J.D. from the Antioch School of Law. He was a Fulbright Scholar, and later a DAAD Scholar, for legal studies in Germany. He served in the U.S. Army for three years, doing intelligence work. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Ohio State Bar Association, the Columbus Bar Association, and the International Trademark Association. He is married and has two sons.

Panelist

Brian Kelley

Chief Information Officer for Portage County

Topic: The Good, Bad, and Ugly of Cloud Technology



Brian Kelley is in his 23rd year at Portage County and has served in the capacity of Chief Information Officer for the past 22 years. He is responsible for the County's enterprise-wide information technology operations spanning 18 elected officials, over 30 departments, and 700+ users. Under his leadership, Portage County has received international, national, state, and regional recognition for highly successful enterprise-wide IT projects. In 2012, Kelley was recognized as one of Government Technology's Top 25 Doers, Dreamers & Drivers in Public Sector Innovation.

Kelley holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice and Sociology and a Master of Public Administration Degree from Kent State University. He completed the Certified Government Chief Information Officer Program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Kelley is an adjunct instructor with the Sociology and Political Science Departments at Kent State University. He teaches intro to justice studies, police role, and basic interviewing undergraduate courses and a public sector IT management online graduate course. He is also an associate lecturer at the University of Akron where he teaches an undergraduate course in computer and information security.

Kelley is currently serving as 2nd Vice President & Conference Director on the Executive Board of Directors of GMIS International. With over 400 member organizations across the U.S. and international sister organizations in six countries, GMIS International is the largest professional organization for public sector IT leaders in the U.S.

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Panelist Clifford Collins

President of the Columbus Chapter of InfraGuard

Topic: Embracing an obsolete cyber security model —was Target's breach only symptomatic of a larger problem

Collins has a long history of working in technology, going as far back as the 1970s when he started his career in electronics research and development. With the development of super-minicomputers he shifted his focus from research and development to higher education where he distinguished himself by developing and running several advanced computer labs at The Ohio State University (OSU). His accomplishments include creating OSU's first Intranet and later its corporate web presence on the Internet, as well as addressing several of the early issues of malware and cybercrime. In 2000, Collins moved to OARnet where he created and ran an information security consultancy for higher education. This coincided with his appointment as chair of the Internet2 Security Working Group and a member of the Information Security Joint Task Force between Internet2 and Educause out of Washington, D.C.

Collins Joined Franklin University in 2006 as its first Information Security Officer. While at Franklin he built an INFOSEC program based on the ISO 27000 international standard, and expanding his horizons to Enterprise Risk Management now serving the President's staff and its departments and colleges with a wide variety of services to identify and mitigate risk.

In addition to his "day job" at Franklin, Collins serves as the President of the Central Ohio Members Alliance of Infragard, a collaborative partnership between the private and public sectors to protect our nation's critical infrastructure. His affiliation with the FBI's national program has drawn him into opportunities to work with Ohio Homeland Security, Franklin County's Emergency Management and Homeland Security department, and the Strategic Analysis and Information Center.

Collins has a Bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University and his MBA from Franklin University.