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As the Assistant Secretary for the Columbus Bar Foundation, he directs fundraising, grant making, and special events. He is past president of the National Conference of Bar Foundations and past president of the Legal Aid Society of Columbus. He serves on the Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation's Statewide Planning Committee for Legal Services. Most recently he was involved in the CBF's efforts to raise over \$300,000 (\$10 million project) for the Columbus Center for Child and Family Advocacy for abused children and victims of family violence, which is scheduled to open in 2004 and in CBF's partnership with the Columbus Coalition Against Family Violence and the Legal Aid Society of Columbus to create Project Dignity, providing representation to indigent domestic violence victims. Mr. Smithberger is also the Director of the Columbus Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service and its pro bono program, Lawyers for Justice. He will chair the NABE Forum on Lawyer Referral Service for the 2003-2004 term and is past chair of the Ohio Supreme Court Committee on Lawyer Referral Service.