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Conway Center Co-Founders to Instruct Family Business Course at ODU

Columbus, OH – Ohio Dominican University (ODU) welcomes Conway Center for Family Business co-founders J. Richard Emens, J.D. and Beatrice Wolper, J.D. as adjunct instructors this fall. Emens and Wolper, who lead the region's only organization dedicated to helping family business leaders grow and transition their business, will teach Building, Operating and Passing on a Family Business. The eight-week course will begin on Oct. 16. Classes will be held from 6 to 9:30 p.m. on Thursdays on ODU's main campus at 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus, 43219.

To register for the class, contact ODU's Office of Undergraduate Admissions at 614-251-4500 or admissions@ohiodominican.edu by Oct. 1.

Building, Operating and Passing on a Family Business will examine critical factors related to growth, success and succession. Participants, both traditional students and family business leaders, also will discuss how to manage family dynamics in the context of the business, manage family member entrance and exit, and selling or passing on the business.

"Attending the Family Business course at ODU will provide valuable insight and practical applications for key areas of family-owned businesses, including growth, communication and succession," Emens said.

Wolper and Emens serve on the Conway Center for Family Business' Advisory Board. Emens is the executive director of the center. The not-for-profit Conway Center, located on the ODU campus, has 160 family business members and 34 service provider members, which have more than 17,000 Central Ohio employees.

"Students and family business leaders who complete this course will gain a new understanding of family business dynamics that will help drive the success and longevity of their own family businesses," Wolper said.

The [Conway Center for Family Business](#) is Central Ohio's resource for educational programs, materials and networking opportunities to support the growth and success of family-owned businesses. The center offers peer group opportunities for next-generation leaders, family business leaders and women family business owners. The organization includes more than 160 family-owned businesses that collectively employ more than 17,000 individuals in Central Ohio.

[Ohio Dominican University](#) is a comprehensive, four-year, private, liberal arts and master's institution, founded in 1911 in the Catholic Dominican tradition. The University has approximately 2,600 students

and offers undergraduate degrees in 45 majors as well as 11 graduate degree programs. At ODU, students connect their passion with a purpose.

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