

# NEWSLETTER Fall 2011



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### EBOOKS: A BOLD, NEW FRONTIER FOR OUR LAW LIBRARY



The Law Library has taken what we consider a bold, new step by purchasing five (5) eBooks from *Lexis*. Although *Lexis* offers an extensive list of eBook titles, including many related to Ohio law, we purchased the following

five (5) titles as a beta test to gauge your interest and usage:

- Anderson's Ohio Creditor's Rights Manual
- Anderson's Ohio Consumer Law Manual
- Anderson's Ohio Elder Law Practice Manual
- Ohio Workers' Compensation
- Employment in Ohio: A Guide to Employment Laws, Regulations and Practices

Depending on how you like these choices, we may consider adding more eBook titles in the future.

After considering all of our options, we chose to download our eBooks to existing laptops that we already own and currently loan to you.\* We have also installed word processing software on our laptops that enables you to cut and paste text from our eBooks directly into documents that you are drafting. If you know how to create documents, you will be able to use our eBooks without a learning curve. Because our laptops are also enabled for wireless access, you can also email your documents or print them to your own wireless printers. Alternatively, you can use a flash drive or disk to transfer documents to another device first. As a result, our eBooks serve as a highly efficient version of a hard copy book that is checked out to someone else.

We hope that our current solution to eBooks is an interim step for us. Naturally, we would like to eventually purchase eBooks that we can directly circulate to you for use on your own portable devices and computers. However, Lexis and other legal publishers are still working on issues related to digital rights management ("DRM") that would allow libraries like ours to loan eBooks directly to you by purely electronic means. When the vendors resolve those issues, we will be ready to make them available to you.

\*Prior to checking out a laptop, private and statutory patrons must sign our Agreement for Laptop Use: (http://clevelandlawlibrary.org/Public/Misc/Agreement\_For\_Laptop.pdf)

ETHICS, PROFESSIONALISM & SUBSTANCE ABUSE CLE
November 29, 2011, 1:00 - 3:45 pm
(2.50 hours of CLE will be sought)
See insert for details



E-DISCOVERY ON A
SHOESTRING BUDGET CLE
December 12, 2011, 2:00 - 4:15 pm
(2.0 hours of CLE will be sought)
See insert for details



### QR CODES® AT THE LAW LIBRARY



A *QR* code<sup>®</sup>, or Quick Response code, is a two-dimensional barcode containing various types of encoded information that is readable by smart phones. To make use of this technology, your phone must be

capable of capturing the code with special barcode scanners, which can be found on the Internet (just *Google* 'qr scanner'). At the Library, we plan to use them to direct our patrons to web pages, pdf files, pictures, or any number of applications. See for yourself. Just point your phone at the code above, and see where it takes you.



# NEW CATALOG INTERFACE

If you have searched the Law Library's catalog recently or have looked for a title through the CLEVNET website, you have encountered a new interface for the library's web catalog. We sent out an email blast earlier this year when the new version of the catalog was first launched, but you may not have had an occasion to take a look at it yet. You can access the catalog by linking to it from our home page under "Library Catalogs," or directly at http://clelaw.bibliocommons.com.

This new catalog enables you to conduct Google-like searches or use the advanced search link, set up a personal user ID and password, or create lists of titles or bookshelves of items you or your firm have used. There are additional features available in the new catalog so if you wish to find out more, here are links to a few of the tutorials available about BiblioCommons:

- BiblioCommons: An Introduction http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IcPZ48O4ggI
- BiblioCommons: Smart Search http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=riSn1nxmkVc
- BiblioCommons:Creating Complex Queries h t t p : // w w w . y o u t u b e . c o m / watch?v=ORQmOkxMvj0
- BiblioCommons: Easy Account Management http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=APCDGJPJzac

Just this week, Cleveland Public Library released an update to our catalog which includes some enhancements to searching and account management. Here is a link to that tutorial: http://youtu.be/J-c8x 66R4s

It will also be linked to the catalog header for a while so it will be available when you access the catalog.

As always, if you have any questions about using the catalog or what the law library's holdings for a particular title might be, contact us by email at lawlib@clelaw.lib.oh.us or by phone at (216) 861-5070

# LIBRARY WEB SITE 'ON THE GO'



If you find yourself out of the office without your laptop, look to your smartphone to access the Library's website. Bookmark clevelandlawlibrary.org on your smartphone. You will have access

to most of our content, the 'Members Only Page' included. (Materials that require the plugin are not available). You can check our calendar, read our *FAQs*, and have access to all the federal, state, and local court materials that you are used to using in your office right at your fingertips. Give it a try today.

# SELECTED NEW ACQUISITIONS

- Cuyahoga County: The First 200 Years (Arcadia, 2011)
- Digital Lawyering How to Make Use of Technology to Improve Your Law Practice (OSBA, 2011)



- *Introduction to Social Networking* (OSBA, 2011)
- Labor Management Law Answer Book 2011-12 (PLI, 2011)
- Law of Torts (West, 2011)
- *Mastering Voir Dire and Jury Selection* (ABA, 2011)
- Ohio Trial Practice (West, 2011)
- 100 Plus Pointers for the New Partner (ABA, 2010)
- Trust Accounts 101 (OSBA, 2011)

#### LUNCH & LEARN



There are only two *Lunch & Learn* programs left this year. Why not spend lunch with us, and learn at the same time! Listed below are the

final two dates of the 2011 programs:

- Wednesday, 10/19/11: Westlaw Digest System and Lexis Headnote System
- Tuesday, 11/15/11: Boolean Searching

## DAYS THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED

The Law Library will be closed these days in 2011/12:



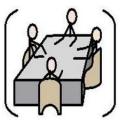
#### 2011

- Columbus Day, October 10th
- Veterans Day, November 11th
- Thanksgiving, November 24th and 25th
- Christmas, December 26<sup>th</sup> 2012
- New Year's, January 2nd
- M. L. King Jr. Birthday, January 16th
- President's Day, February 20th
- Memorial Day, May 28th
- Independence Day, July 4th
- Labor Day, September 3rd
- Columbus Day, October 8th
- Veterans Day, November 12th
- Thanksgiving, November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Christmas Day, December 25th



to Alicia W. for winning our *Law Day 2011 Trivia Contest*! Her correct answer won her a new *Kindle* ebook reader. Thanks to all members who took the time to send in your answers.

# LAW LIBRARY CREATES GOVERNANCE AND STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEES



You may have noticed that this Newsletter now bears the logos of both the *Cleveland Law Library Association* and the *Cuyahoga County Law Library Resources Board*. That is because both entities have created a successful

partnership which continues to operate a Law Library that meets the needs of our combined private, judicial, and governmental patrons. To better facilitate this partnership, the boards of both entities have recently created joint committees on Governance and Strategic Planning. The primary goals of the Governance Committee will be to strengthen the boards' leadership, provide advice on board member roles and responsibilities, nominate candidates for board positions, and address issues that arise related to joint operation of the Law Library. The primary goal of the Strategic Planning Committee will be to create a new vision for the Law Library that will guide us in the future and ensure that we can meet your expectations and the challenges of delivering legal reference and research services over the Internet. If you have any ideas that you would like to share with either committee, please send them to the Librarian at ksasala@clelaw.lib.oh.us or 216-861-5070.



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