

THE CLEVELAND LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
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ANNUAL ASSESSMENT INCREASED

In order to offset a projected budget deficit for 1986, the Board of Directors proposed a raise in the annual assessment for use of the Library from \$80.00 to \$90.00 for each regular member, extending a \$5.00 discount for assessments paid on or before February 15, 1986. The members attending the Annual Meeting on January 13 voted unanimously in favor of the recommendation. The dues increase is the first since 1981.

MAJOR NEWS IN 1985 IS AUTOMATION

The Board of Trustees has signed a contract with the Cleveland Public Library (CPL) to join CPL's integrated computer system. In January, the staff of CPL commenced the task of cataloging and classifying the Law Library's collection. Soon, records will be loaded onto a special bibliographic data base of the Law Library's collection. This on-line catalog and its automated circulation system should be operational by the end of 1986.

Classification will alter the physical layout of the Library, and there will be periods where books will be moved to temporary locations pending reorganization of the collection. Please do not hesitate to ask staff members for assistance in locating materials.

ON-LINE NOTES

The Library continues to offer WESTLAW service at a highly competitive rate. Staff assisted searches will be billed at \$2.50 per minute, effective February 1, 1986. Members who sign the public terminal user agreement will be billed directly by WESTLAW at the rate of \$2.00 per minute.

Training opportunities are many and varied. An interactive on-line training course is available free of charge. Our WESTLAW representative schedules at least one day per month for training sessions at a one-time charge of \$70.00. He also offers a specialized course in the use of the WESTLAW Tax data base. Staff members are always available to assist you in formulating queries and search strategies. Please call Bob Barner, Librarian, if you wish to arrange formal training.

WESTLAW now offers Vu Text with access to over thirty newspapers, news wire services and business information data bases. The pricing structure varies according to the data base searched. Staff members will perform the searches for you in the immediate future.