



NEWSLETTER

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NOTICE OF A SPECIAL ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Cleveland Law Library Association will hold a Special Meeting of its members at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, September 28th, 2005 in the Law Library, 404 Cuyahoga County Courthouse. The Agenda will include discussion of, and a vote on, a potential amendment to Article VI of the Law Library Constitution to expand the size of the Library Board to include members from the Court of Appeals and the local bar associations. The meeting will be followed by a light luncheon.

LOCAL ATTORNEY-AUTHOR HEADLINES LAW LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE



Please join the Law Library in welcoming local attorney-author Gerald Chattman of Buckingham Doolittle & Burroughs to the Law Library's 3rd annual Open House at 12:00 noon on Friday, September 9th, 2005. Following a light luncheon sponsored by *Lexis* and *Westlaw*, Mr. Chattman will discuss his mystery novel, *An Education in Murder*. Set at the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Library, Mr. Chattman's book both entertains and intrigues while providing local color and a glimpse of life for aspiring Cleveland attorneys. Please RSVP to the Library Director if you are interested in attending.

Following Mr. Chattman's presentation, the Law Library will host a traditional Open House until 4:00 p.m. Both *Lexis* and *Westlaw* representatives will be on hand to answer your questions and provide demonstrations of their services. We also hope you will try your hand at a round of mini-golf and some library trivia questions for prizes provided by the vendors.

*** HB 66 AND THE FUTURE OF THE CLEVELAND LAW LIBRARY**

On June 30th, the Governor signed HB 66, the current biennial budget bill. Two sections of that bill affect the Cleveland Law Library and the other 87 county law libraries in the state of Ohio. Unfortunately, the funding cuts we fought are now permanent law as amendments to O.R.C. §§ 3375.48 - .55, but a state-wide Task Force has been created to study county law libraries and make recommendations for our collective future by October 31, 2006.



Hopefully, the Task Force will be able to create a workable solution for Ohio's county law libraries. Some of the issues the Task Force may address include public access, participation in consortia, pooling of resources with other entities, regionalization of county law libraries, resource sharing, greater use of technology, funding sources, membership dues, collection evaluation, staffing needs, service levels, and the future potential of electronic databases.

* For members interested in tracking HB66's evolution, please see clevelandlawlibrary.org, and click on the link for House Bill 66 Status.

ANDERSON'S OHIO TREATISES & HANDBOOKS NOW ON LEXIS

As part of our new *Lexis* plan, we can now offer you online access in-house to all of Anderson's Ohio treatises and handbooks. Some highlights from this collection include:

- *Ohio Creditors Rights*
- *Ohio Civil Practice*
- *Ohio Corporation Law*
- *Ohio Probate Practice and Procedure*
- *Appellate Practice and Procedure in Ohio*

DIRECTOR TO HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OHIO'S COUNTY LAW LIBRARIES

The Ohio State Bar Association has appointed Library Director Kathleen M. Sasala to a 13-member state-wide Task Force on County Law Libraries. Incoming OSBA President E. Jane Taylor has also appointed Ms. Sasala as Chair of the OSBA Law Libraries & Legal Information Services Committee for the next two (2) years. In these dual roles, Ms. Sasala hopes to help shape the future of Ohio's county law libraries. As always, she welcomes suggestions from the membership.

NEW WEB CATALOG

On August 1st, the Library's Web Catalog got a whole new look. Better yet, it is now easier to search and possesses greater functionality. To check out the new interface, please go to our homepage and click on "Library Catalogs".



LAW LIBRARY NOW CIRCULATES LEGAL E-BOOKS

In July, the Law Library acquired the rights to circulate the following three (3) titles as electronic books, or E-Books:

- Tax & Commercial Laws of the World (Foreign Laws/RIA/Thomson)
- State Compensation Laws (CCH)
- State Individual Employment Rights Laws (CCH)



These resources are better than public library E-Books because they do not require special equipment to read or view. All members will need is a PC or laptop connected to the Internet and the login and password provided by the Law Library. All three (3) of the products also offer user-friendly interfaces and helpful search features to guide members through their online research. If you would like to check-out these resources, please contact the law library Circulation Desk at (216) 861-5070.

WORD PROCESSING AT THE LAW LIBRARY



To meet increasing patron demands, the Law Library has created a word processing station with an attached black and white/color printer. Please ask the staff at the front desk how to utilize this new service.

CLLA FUTURES COMMISSION

The Cleveland Law Library has established a Futures Commission to dual-track the work of the state-wide Task Force. Like its state counterpart, the Commission hopes to make recommendations about the Law Library's funding, operations and continued viability. Members of the Commission include:

- Thomas A. Cicarella of Calfee, Halter & Griswold, Board Member and Commission Chair
- Carla Tricarichi, Board President
- Kathleen M. Sasala, Law Library Director
- Eric Hess, Law Library Network Services Librarian
- Ute Vilfroy, Administrator, Eighth District Court of Appeals
- Jan Novak, Assistant Director for Public Services, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Library
- Al Podboy, Library Director at Baker & Hostetler
- Tom Griffith, Vice President - Legal, Business Laws, Inc.
- Gerald Jackson, The Jackson Law Company
- Jeremy Browner, Browner & Henderson

The Commission already held its first meeting in July to identify relevant issues and brainstorm possible solutions.

VOLUNTEER DAY WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

As part of the Cleveland Bar Association and City Year's joint Volunteer Day on May 7th, volunteers from the Cleveland Law Library teamed up with the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's office to provide gardening and cataloging services at Cleveland Public

Library's Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and host a festival at the Euclid Animal Shelter. Thanks go to the following members and library staff who made the day a great success:

- Lesya K. Melnyk, BH Richman & Co.
- Emily Laube-Haughton, Buckley King
- Valerie Brandenburg, Legal Department, Cuyahoga County Domestic Relations Court
- Carla Tricarichi, Library Board President
- Kathleen M. Sasala, Library Director
- Sue Altmeyer, Head Reference & Research Librarian
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LAW LIBRARY STARTS BLOG

In an effort to stay on the cutting edge of information technology, the Law Library has joined the world of bloggers. Our web log or BLOG went live on March 7th and is maintained by Head Reference and Research Librarian, Sue Altmeyer. Our BLOG is designed to inform local attorneys of major legal developments that are important to their practice. A link to our BLOG can be found on the Law Library's home page at clevelandlawlibrary.org. We encourage members to submit ideas for blog posts. If you receive a case decision from a local court which is of widespread interest to your fellow attorneys, let us know. Any other tips regarding changes important to the legal community would be greatly appreciated. Email your suggestions to saltmeyer@clelaw.lib.oh.us.

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Services Resources

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