



NEWSLETTER

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**NOTICE
OF THE 2007 ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
APRIL 25, 2007**

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Cleveland Law Library Association will be held on Wednesday, April 25, 2007 at 12:00 noon in the Law Library, 404 Cuyahoga County Courthouse. Agenda items will include a new membership category for government attorneys and the election of four (4) trustees to serve three (3) year terms from April 2007 to April 2010. Please join us for the meeting and a light luncheon immediately following.

**TECHNOLOGY MADE EASY
FOR THE PRACTICING LAWYER
Program Coming March 20th
See insert for details**



**FREE LEXIS CLE
May 1, 2007**

To commemorate this year's *Law Week*, we will again be sponsoring free *Lexis* CLE at the Law Library on May 1, 2007. This year, we will host the following back-to-back sessions:

- 9:00 - 10:00 Intermediate *Lexis*
- 10:00 - 11:00 Legislative History

If you are interested in registering for either or both of these classes, please contact the Director at 216-861-5070 or ksasala@clelaw.lib.oh.us.



**LAW LIBRARY
FIELD OF DREAMS**

"If you build it, they will come." This famous phrase from the movie *Field of Dreams* inspired us to create our own CLE programs last year, and we hit a home run when so many of you attended. Since you liked what you saw and asked for more, we are working on a more extensive schedule of programs this year. We have already received Supreme Court approval for a seminar on March 20th that is specifically designed to help busy practitioners understand and take advantage of the latest technology for their law offices. We are also creating a May 23rd program that will cover online dockets, jury verdicts, internet tools, blogs, email and podcasts. Please see the Newsletter inserts for registration information.



Later in the year, we plan to provide separate programs on finding business information and electronic discovery. Look for more information on these programs by email and in the next Newsletter. Finally, due to the success of our CLE on Ethics and Professionalism, we are planning another one for those of you who will have to submit your biennial report at the end of 2007.

**LITIGATION AMMUNITION:
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Program Coming In May
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**UPDATE: COUNTY LAW LIBRARY
FUNDING & TASK FORCE**

2007 Public Funding Cuts: As you may already know, January 1st marked the start of major public funding changes for the Cleveland Law Library. Pursuant to the current biennial budget, Ohio counties will only be responsible this year for 80% of the “compensation” of their county law librarians. That means that Cuyahoga County will only have to pay 80% of the salaries (and possibly benefits) of our 3 county law librarians, and the Law Library will have to pay the remaining 20%. Thankfully, we are prepared to weather this new financial burden during 2007, and you should not see any significant changes to our collection. We also plan to continue to provide all of our regular services and increase our CLE offerings.



Multi-Year Funding Cuts: However, this year’s 20% cuts are not the end of the story. Absent legislative changes, they represent only the 1st year of a multi-year statutory plan that will eventually shift 100% of these costs plus all Law Library expenses for rent and utilities **from** the County Commissioners **to** the Law Library Board by 2012.

Task Force: The ray of hope at the end of this tunnel is the Task Force on County Law Libraries that was created during Ohio’s 2005 budget process. That Task Force is presently considering potential amendments to introduce in the upcoming budget process and will be issuing a formal report and recommendations by October 31, 2007. Our Law Library’s Director has been a member of this Task Force since its inception and has been working hard to provide for the continued operation of a county law library system. If you have any suggestions or comments about this ongoing process, please send them to the Law Library Director, Kathleen M. Sasala.

BLOGGING @ THE LAW LIBRARY

Have you visited our blog lately? It will keep you up-to-date on local court developments and other news that will help you in your practice. You can find our blog and set up an RSS feed for the latest postings at the following address:

http://suealtemeyer.typepad.com/cleveland_law_library_web/

**WESTLAW
For Our Patrons**

If you liked our *Westlaw* plan before, you will love it now. You can now access all of the following databases yourself as part of our new Patron Access Plan:



- Federal Cases, *USC* and *USCA*
- *CFR, FR, Congressional Record, USCCAN*
- Federal Agency Decisions
- Federal Administrative Materials
- State Cases, Codes & Regulations
- State Agency Decisions
- State Administrative Materials
- Federal & State Court Rules
- Law Reviews & Journals
- Ohio & National Forms
- Ohio Analytical Materials
- *West’s Ohio Practice Library*
- Selected Ohio Treatises
- All Analytical Materials
- All Forms Library (state and national)
- *Employment Coordinator*
- *Employment Discrimination Coordinator*
- *Results Plus*
- *KeyCite*

**VOLUNTEER DAY WITH THE CLEVELAND
BAR ASSOCIATION AND CITY YEAR
May 12, 2007**

From the Director: I would like to ask for your help again this year on a worthy community service project. For the third year in a row, I am organizing a team of volunteers to participate in the Cleveland Bar Association’s annual Volunteer Day in May. In cooperation with an organization called City Year, the Cleveland Bar is hoping to mobilize volunteers to provide gardening, painting, cleaning and other assistance on a neighborhood impact project at a site to be determined. If you would be interested in providing a few hours of service that day, please contact me at 216-861-5070 or by email at ksasala@clelaw.lib.oh.us.



Thanks, Kathy Sasala

**ENHANCEMENTS TO
WESTLAW STAFF PLAN:
PUBLIC RECORDS, BRIEFS,
REGULATIONS PLUS AND MORE!**

In addition to recently adding many new *Westlaw* databases that you can now use at the Law Library, we also renegotiated our *Westlaw* staff plan for databases that our librarians and staff members can search for you. We can retrieve items from these databases for free, and the only costs you will incur are for nominal printing and document delivery charges. We have many new additions to our staff plan, including:



Public Records Databases: The new Public Records databases include: people and business finders, criminal records, professional licenses, adverse filings, liens and judgments, lawsuit filings, *UCC* filings, business information, voter registration and political donor information. There are also asset databases that can help you locate information about real property, motor vehicles, airplanes and boats. A particularly useful feature is the ability to search a combined database of all available public records in a selected state. Of course, applicable law may require a permissible purpose for performing the public records search. The public records databases are part of a Bankruptcy Litigator package, which also includes bankruptcy treatises and news databases.

Briefs: Our new comprehensive Briefs database includes briefs from all fifty states and all federal courts. Previously, only the Ohio and U.S. Supreme Court briefs were in the library's "free" staff plan. Now, the library staff can search for a brief from a particular case or one that discusses a particular issue.

Regulations Plus: Another useful addition to the Library's staff plan is the Regulations Plus database. When we pull up a federal regulation in the *CFR*, we will also have access to annotations of cases dealing with the regulation. This database also provides links to prior versions of the regulation, links to statutory sources, and links to cases, administrative decisions, law reviews and secondary sources which cite the *CFR* section. The *Regulations Plus Index* allows you to search for *CFR* sections by topic.

Verdicts and Jury Instructions: We still have "free" access to the jury verdict databases, as well as model jury instructions for federal courts and all fifty states. Please take advantage of all these fantastic databases!

USE OUR ARM TO LEAN ON

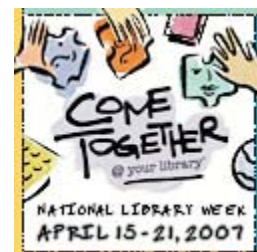
CCH Accounting Research Manager: As a member of the Law Library, you now have access in-house to a comprehensive online database of accounting, auditing, governmental and SEC information. For those of you who understand accounting and auditing lingo, we just purchased *CCH's Accounting Research Manager* database containing:



- FASBs
- AICPA standards
- SEC rules, regs., bulletins, releases, and more
- EITFs
- IASBs
- GAAS manuals and procedures
- GAAP manuals
- Miller Publications
- CCH interpretive guidance

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

In honor of *National Library Week*, we will be serving complimentary bagels, muffins and juice from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 20, 2007. Please join us in celebrating this event. Upon request, we can provide a tour of our facility.



NEW MEMBERS

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TECHNOLOGY MADE EASY FOR THE PRACTICING LAWYER

(Approved for 2.0 Hours of CLE)

Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2007
Location: Cleveland Law Library, 1 West Lakeside Avenue, 4th Floor
Cleveland, OH 44113 (216) 861-5070
Time: Registration: 9:30 a.m.; Program 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Cost: \$50.00 members, \$60.00 non-members (Registration must be pre-paid by cash, check, or credit card)
Contact: Director, Kathleen M. Sasala, 216-861-5070, ksasala@clelaw.lib.oh.us

PROGRAM

9:30 a.m. Registration (light refreshments provided)

10:00-12:00 p.m. ***Technology Made Easy for the Practicing Lawyer***
Speaker: Brett Burney, Esq., Practice Support Technology Analyst, Thompson Hine LLP
Topics: Lingo, gizmos, and technological innovations that can help lawyers better interact with clients, streamline use of their computers and phones to support their practice, utilize the web for accessing and pushing legal information, and collaborate online. Specifics will include wireless access and "hotspots," instant messaging, USB memory sticks, RSS feeds, online collaboration, document management systems, remote access and more.

12:00 p.m. Program Conclusion

Registration Form:

Name (please print) _____ Atty. Regis. #. _____

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Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

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Signature _____

Make checks payable to the Cleveland Law Library. Mail or fax reservation form.

Cancellations must be received in writing 1 business day prior to the program.

Refunds will be charged a \$15.00 administrative fee.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES needing special arrangements to attend this program are asked to contact the Director of the Cleveland Law Library at (216) 861-5070, (fax 216-861-1606) or ksasala@clelaw.lib.oh.us at least 1 week prior to the program.



LITIGATION AMMUNITION: BUILDING YOUR CASE ONLINE

(2.5 Hours of CLE will be sought)

Date: Wednesday, May 23, 2007
Location: Cleveland Law Library, 1 West Lakeside Avenue, 4th Floor
Cleveland, OH 44113 (216) 861-5070
Time: Registration: 1:00 p.m.; Program 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Cost: \$50.00 members, \$60.00 non-members (Registration must be pre-paid by cash, check, or credit card)
Contact: Director, Kathleen M. Sasala, 216-861-5070, ksasala@clelaw.lib.oh.us

PROGRAM

1:00-1:30 p.m. Registration (light refreshments provided)

1:30-2:00 p.m. ***Search Strategies***
Speaker: Anne S. McFarland, Esq., Reference Librarian, Cleveland Law Library

2:00-2:30 p.m. ***Dockets Online***
Speaker: Kathleen M. Sasala, Esq., Director, Cleveland Law Library

2:30-3:00 p.m. ***Jury Verdicts Online***
Speaker: Sue Altmeyer, Esq., Head Reference and Research Librarian, Cleveland Law Library

3:00-3:30 p.m. ***Keeping Up-To-Date: Legal Blogs, Email Lists & Podcasts***
Speaker: Sue Altmeyer, Esq., Head Reference and Research Librarian, Cleveland Law Library

3:30-4:00 p.m. ***Internet Tools for Lawyers***
Speaker: Kathleen M. Sasala, Esq., Director, Cleveland Law Library

4:00 p.m. Program conclusion

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