

THE CLEVELAND LAW LIBRARY



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We are thrilled to welcome our new members. Membership grants access to not only thousands of books but free live CLE courses, 24/7 remote access to selected databases, in-house use of Lexis, Westlaw™ and other databases, and both research help and reference assistance.

FASTCASE WILL SOON BECOME VLEX

For many years, the Law Library has maintained a subscription to Fastcase that members can access remotely to research state and federal cases, statutes, and other primary law content. VLEX recently announced that it is planning to phase out the Fastcase platform next year and migrate all clients to VLEX. To help our members with this transition, the Law Library is providing members with concurrent access to both products through February 28, 2026.

The VLEX logo, featuring the word 'vlex' in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font. The 'v' is stylized with a vertical line through it. The logo is set against a background that transitions from green on the left to blue on the right.

LAW LIBRARY NEWS



AMERICA 250 SERIES

On July 4th next year, the United States will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Many organizations are planning events to commemorate this momentous occasion, and the Law Library will be offering a series of CLE programs devoted to our Country's legal history. All of these classes will be free for everyone so stay tuned for more information in January.

NEW AI RESEARCH SERVICE FOR MEMBERS

The Cleveland Law Library is pleased to announce a brand new AI research service for members. Specifically, Law Library reference staff can now accept research prompts from patrons, enter them into our Lexis and Westlaw AI tools, and generate legal research memoranda with citations to authorities within the databases. Members can choose one or both services, but fees apply, and members must send an email acknowledgement that they have read, understood, and agreed to our written [AI Policy](#) before Law Library staff can use our AI tools for them.



LAW LIBRARY EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

BOOK DISCUSSION



We were pleased with the great turnout for our recent book discussion with author JJ Winston. The event fostered engaging conversation, and we extend our thanks to all who attended for contributing to a meaningful evening. Watch the event [here!](#)



MOVIE SCREENING: DOUBLED UP

On November 13th, the Law Library screened *Doubled Up*, a documentary about homelessness in the Akron Public Schools. Attendees also previewed clips of another documentary that was filmed in part at the Law Library for the Las Vegas public schools. A robust discussion about youth homelessness followed with the filmmaker and a representative from Project Rise in Akron. If you missed the program, you can watch the discussion online.

Click [here](#) to watch.



Written By: Kayla Fertig, Reference Librarian

PODCAST

This month, the Law Library Insights podcast takes a deep dive into the youth homelessness crisis in Ohio. We discuss the heartbreaking statistics and actions you can take to help those in need.

[Listen today!](#)



SELECT NEW ACQUISITIONS

We have recently acquired new volumes and/or supplements to all of these Ohio titles:

- *Anderson's Ohio Manual of Criminal Complaints and Indictments* (Lexis Nexis, 2025)
- *Anderson's Appellate Practice and Procedure in Ohio* (Lexis Nexis, 2025)
- *Anderson's Ohio Residential Real Estate Manual* (Lexis Nexis, 2026)
- *Artificial Intelligence: Law and Litigation* (Lexis Nexis, 2025)
- *Baldwin's Ohio Condominium Law* (Thomson Reuters, 2025-26)
- *Baldwin's Ohio Consumer Law* (Thomson Reuters, 2025-26)
- *Baldwin's Ohio Employment Practices Law* (Thomson Reuters, 2025-26)
- *Consumer Credit Regulation 4th Edition* (NCLC, 2025)
- *Ohio Insurance Coverage* (Thomson Reuters, 2025)
- *Repossessions 11th Edition* (NCLC, 2025)
- *Sixth Circuit Criminal Handbook: Summer/Fall Edition* (Lexis Nexis, 2025)

We have recently received 18 new books from the American Bar Association, including *The Law of Digital Content*, *A Comprehensive Guide to Wellness in Law*, *Buy-Sell Agreements: Valuation Handbook for Attorneys*, and *Blockchain for Business Lawyers, Second Edition*.

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TECH CORNER: DATA CENTERS



As demand for modern data centers grows, real estate in cities like Brook Park is being rapidly acquired. AI, machine learning, and cloud-based systems require vast amounts of data, and more data means more data centers.

While data centers are not new, they are more essential than ever. These facilities house critical applications and data, often containing complex storage systems, servers, routers, and firewalls. They require enormous power and water to keep equipment cool. Architecturally, they must be accessible to staff but private enough to avoid disrupting the surrounding environment. Ideal sites are geographically stable, scalable, and flexible. Of course, prime locations like Hannibal, Ohio immediately jump to one's mind. Despite these needs, many centers are built in less-than-

ideal locations like water-scarce Arizona and Texas. Environmental concerns are mounting. A 2024 University of Wisconsin-Madison article claims a single AI chatbot query uses as much energy as leaving a light bulb on for 20 minutes. The same paper predicts that by 2026, AI could consume 6% of U.S. electricity.

In October, Amazon Web Services experienced a major outage in North Virginia due to a bug triggered by two systems simultaneously automating the same data. Some see this as a warning about overreliance on these few but powerful systems while others argue it proves the need for more infrastructure. The I-X Center is reportedly becoming a new AWS facility as part of Amazon's \$7.8 billion Ohio investment. There should be no shortage of water, and visitors will be able to easily find it located right next to the airport and new Brook Park Browns domed stadium. The impacts it can have on a community are profound which is likely why the Norton City Council rejected the proposal to build one near Limestone Drive.

MONTHLY MEMES



October



November



December



THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON THESE DAYS IN 2026:

- New Year's Day, Jan. 1st
- MLK Day, Jan. 19th
- Presidents' Day, Feb 16th
- Memorial Day, May 25th
- Juneteenth, June 19th
- Fourth of July Observed, July 3rd
- Labor Day, Sept. 7th
- Indigenous Peoples' Day, Oct. 12th
- Veterans Day, Nov. 11th
- Thanksgiving, Nov. 26th & 27th
- Christmas, Dec. 25th



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