



NEWSLETTER

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**NOTICE
OF THE 2005 ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
APRIL 19, 2005**

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Cleveland Law Library Association will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2005 at 12:00 p.m. in the Law Library, 404 Cuyahoga County Courthouse. Agenda items will include the election of three (3) trustees to serve three-year terms from April 2005-2008, the Librarian's Report, and a potential amendment to the Constitution to modify the Trustees' duties with regard to the approval and/or ratification of Law Library bills.

**HOUSE BILL 66
AND THE FUTURE
OF THE CLLA**

As you may already be aware, language in the Governor's current biennial budget bill (HB 66) will dramatically cut funding for Ohio's County Law Libraries, including the Cleveland Law Library (CLLA). Over the course of 5 years, beginning in 2006, HB 66 would rapidly eliminate County obligations to provide the CLLA with the salaries of our 3 County librarians, space, utilities, and furnishings. By the year 2010, these expenses would constitute 50% of the Law Library's budget. It is no exaggeration to say that the Law Library could not absorb such drastic cuts without significantly reducing the valuable legal services and materials we provide and upon which you have come to rely.

HB 66 is on the fast track and will be heard in the full House Finance and Appropriations Committee on March 15-17, 2005. The full House is expected to vote on April 13, 2005, and the Bill will probably be passed by the end of May. As a result, there is no time to lose.

Please help us by writing a letter to the following House representatives expressing your concern over the proposed changes to the funding for our law library. Enclosed with this Newsletter is a proposed letter containing suggested language that you are free to borrow.

Letters can be addressed to the following persons:

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Thank you for supporting the Cleveland Law Library at this difficult time.

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OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY
2005-2006

**FREE LEXIS CLE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2005**

In honor of this year's Law Day, we will again be sponsoring free *Lexis* CLE at the Law Library. If you missed our



fall CLE programs and have to register with the Ohio Supreme Court this year, why not join us for three (3) hours of free *Lexis* CLE on Wednesday, May 4, 2005. This year, we will sponsor classes in Intermediate *Lexis*, Advanced *Lexis*, and the use of *Lexis* as a Citator. The programs will begin at 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., respectively, and we will be serving a complimentary light luncheon for those who register for the entire day. If you are interested in registering for any or all of these CLE programs, please contact the Director, Kathy Sasala, at 216-861-5070 or ksasala@clelaw.lib.oh.us.

**EXTREME MAKEOVER:
LAW LIBRARY EDITION
clevelandlawlibrary.org**

One of the hottest reality shows this season has been *ABC's Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*. We did some e-demolition of our own and gave the Law Library's web site a much-needed makeover. In addition to modernizing and updating all of our links and pages to help serve you better, we re-organized some of our pages and enhanced the beauty of our site. One of our most innovative additions to our home page highlights a few of our newest acquisitions. Hover your mouse over any of the titles for a summary of the each book's contents.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

In honor of National Library Week, we will be serving complimentary bagels, muffins and juice from 9:00-10:30 a.m. on Friday April 15, 2005. Please join us in commemorating this event. Upon request, we will also be conducting tours of our facility and web pages.



**SUMMER ASSOCIATE
TRAINING**

Your summer associates deserve the best opportunities available to help them perform legal research and succeed in the practice of law. To help them help you, we are again offering summer associate training at the Law Library the week of June 6-10, 2005. Classes typically run 1-2 hours and include both a physical tour of the Law Library and a virtual tour of our electronic databases and resources. For those who have time to hone their research skills, we have also designed hands-on exercises. If you are interested in signing up your summer associates, please contact the Director, Kathleen M. Sasala, at 216-861-5070 or ksasala@clelaw.lib.oh.us.



SELECTED NEW ACQUISITIONS

- *Blue's Guide to Jury Selection* (ATLA, 2004)
- *The ABCs of the UCC, Articles 3 and 4* (2nd ed., 2004)
- *Annotated Model Code of Judicial Conduct* (ABA, 2004)
- *The Legal Writer* by Judge Mark Painter (2nd ed., 2003)
- *HIPAA: A Practical Guide to the Privacy and Security of Health Data* by June Sullivan (ABA, 2004)



BURNING LEGAL ISSUES

How many times has this happened to you? A client walks in your door with an issue you recently read about in one of your local or national journals. You need to get your hands on that article again quickly, but you cannot remember where it came from. Now you don't have to. As part of our continuing efforts to enhance the services we provide to members, we have created a web-based list of law review and journal articles by legal topic. Link to the list at: <http://clevelandlawlibrary.org/Public/Misc/LawReviews/LawReviews.html>

This subject list covers most of the common legal subject areas and such hot topics as:

- ADR
- American Jobs Creation Act of 2004
- Consumer Law
- Internet Law
- Discovery
- Sarbanes-Oxley
- The Practice of Law
- Terrorism



NEW MEMBERS

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DAYS THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED



The Law Library will be closed the following days in 2005:

- Monday, May 30th - Memorial Day observed
- Monday, July 4th - Independence Day
- Monday, September 5th - Labor Day
- Monday, October 10th - Columbus Day observed
- Friday, November 11th - Veteran's Day
- Thursday, November 24th - Thanksgiving Day
- Friday, December 23rd - Closed at Noon
- Monday, December 26th - Christmas observed
- Friday, December 30th - Close at 4:00 p.m.

VOLUNTEER DAY WITH THE CLEVELAND BAR: Be a Part of the Law Library Team

From the Director: I would like to ask for your help on a worthy community service project. This year, I am helping to organize the Cleveland Bar Association's annual Volunteer Day on Saturday, May 7, 2005. In cooperation with a service organization called City Year, the Bar Association is hoping to mobilize a potential team of up to 500 volunteers to provide service throughout our community. As part of that initiative, I would like to organize a team of volunteers from the Law Library who would like to donate a few hours of their time.

If you would be interested in helping with gardening, painting, or one of many other projects, please contact me, Kathleen Sasala, at 216-861-5070 or ksasala@clelaw.lib.oh.us.

Services Resources

SERVICES YOU'D LIKE

Circle the number of service(s) you are interested in receiving, and return the completed form to us via fax at (216) 861-1606 or regular mail.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

I would like:

- Information on Desktop Resources
- Individual Research Training
- Lexis Training
- Opinion Syllabi by E-mail
- Law Journal Contents by E-mail
- Summer Associate Training
- Library Tour
- Continuing Education at the Library
- Future Newsletters sent via email
- Other _____

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Proposed Letter on behalf of the Cleveland Law Library:

As a constituent and member of the Cleveland Law Library, I would like to express my objection to proposed amendments in HB 66 that would abolish County funding for Ohio's 88 county law libraries. Based on the vital role county law libraries play in providing quality legal resources and services to Ohio's Judges, local, county and state officials, attorneys and members of the public, I urge you to remove this language from HB 66.

Suggested changes in lines 21548 to 21665 of HB 66 seek to amend O.R.C. §§ 3375.48-3375.55 to eliminate current County obligations to provide space, utilities, furnishings, and the salaries of a head librarian and two assistants for each of Ohio's county law libraries. Beginning in 2006, HB 66 would rapidly shift increasing percentages of these burdens to the Boards of Trustees of the County law libraries until 2010, when the county law libraries would have to pay 100% of their salaries and overhead from income they derive from state and municipal traffic fines.

Unfortunately, the county law libraries have already suffered dramatic reductions in these revenue streams. For example, in the last 10 years, the Cleveland Law Library, which serves as the Cuyahoga County law library, has seen an 87% drop in its state highway patrol funds. Local police have also been writing more and more tickets under local ordinances, thereby circumventing the statutory mechanisms under which the county law libraries would receive additional statutory funds. In addition, minimal antiquated statutory caps on certain funds county law libraries receive from municipalities, local courts, and the Ohio State Liquor Commission have never been amended to account for either time or inflation since 1953. In contrast, costs for essential print and electronic legal materials continue to escalate at the rate of 6-10% annually. As a result, county law libraries will be unable to absorb HB 66's accretions without depleting their collections and drastically reducing their services. In Cleveland's case, it will mean shaving one fifth off of its current budget. Smaller county law libraries will likely be hit even harder, and some may be forced to close completely.

While Ohio's county law libraries struggle to maintain and modernize library collections under these unfortunate circumstances, they nevertheless serve a diverse body of patrons, including court personnel, elected and appointed officials at the state and local levels, large and small law firms that are experiencing in-house budget reductions, solo practitioners who cannot afford to maintain their own legal libraries, and members of the public at large acting pro se. The legal system rests on access to reliable legal information provided by Ohio's county law libraries. However, the needs of these patrons cannot be served solely by use of the Internet.

For all of these reasons, I respectfully ask you to strike the provisions of HB 66 that would cut county law library funding and jeopardize the provision of legal services to the people and officials of Ohio.