



NEWSLETTER

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**NOTICE
OF THE 2006 ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
APRIL 27, 2006**

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Cleveland Law Library Association will be held on Thursday, April 27, 2006 at 12:00 noon in the Law Library, 404 Cuyahoga County Courthouse. Agenda items include the election of three (3) trustees to serve three (3) year terms from April 2006 - April 2009 and a report from the Law Library's Futures Commission on its recommendations for Law Library funding, operations and continued viability in the wake of HB66, the Governor's biennial budget bill. The meeting will be followed by a light luncheon.

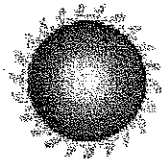
**UPDATE: COUNTY LAW LIBRARY
TASK FORCE ***

As you may remember, the Governor's current biennial budget bill will start to impose graduated cuts on county funding for our space and salaries beginning in January of 2007. While we are preparing for inevitable changes to our collection and negotiating harder with our vendors, the state-wide Task Force on County Law Libraries has been busy working on some global solutions for all of Ohio's county law libraries. Task Force leaders have engaged in initial discussions with the Ohio Supreme Court, and the life of the Task Force may be extended through the fall of 2008 to allow for more detailed discussion of issues related to public access, courthouse security, consolidation and/or regionalization of the county law libraries, and greater utilization of technology, among other issues. Keep your eye on the state Legislature and our home page for current news and updates on the work of the Task Force.

For more detailed information on the Task Force and HB 66, please visit:
http://clevelandlawlibrary.org/Public/Misc/Task_Force.html and
<http://clevelandlawlibrary.org/Public/Misc/HB66.html>

**OUR BRIGHT NEW FUTURE:
THE OHIO COUNTY
LAW LIBRARY CONSORTIUM**

As this Newsletter goes to print, the Cleveland Law Library is in the process of helping to create a brand new library consortium to offer to Ohio's county law libraries. Although we plan to model ourselves in part on existing public and academic library consortia like OPLIN and OhioLINK, we plan to craft a new system that will satisfy the diverse and unique legal reference and research needs of our various patrons. We have an ambitious agenda for this year, when we hope to inaugurate a web page and email system for news and information, pass a set of Bylaws to govern our operations, and start the process of creating an inter-library loan program for the exchange of materials between participating libraries. We also envision expanding the consortium to negotiate joint contracts for print and electronic resources in the hope of using our collective negotiating power to achieve cost savings for our entire group. If you have any suggestions for further development of this consortium, please contact the Director at 216-861-5070 or ksasala@clelaw.lib.oh.us.



**IDENTITY THEFT, PUBLIC RECORDS &
SUNSHINE LAWS
Program Coming In May
See Page 5 for details**



**SUMMER ASSOCIATE TRAINING
OR
REFRESHER COURSE IN LEGAL RESEARCH**

For the 4th year in a row, we will be offering complimentary summer associate training to our new members. In addition this year, we have expanded our curriculum to include a refresher course in legal research for those who would like to update their legal research skills for free. Both classes last between 2-3 hours and include instruction in our print resources and electronic databases. Although we have prepared hands-on exercises using selected print and electronic materials, we would be happy to design individual programs to meet your specific legal reference and research needs. We have initially reserved the week of June 5-9, 2006 for these courses, but we are happy to accommodate other dates and times to meet your schedules. If you are interested in signing up your summer associates or would like to take our refresher course, please contact the Director, Kathleen M. Sasala, at 216-861-5070 or ksasala@clelaw.lib.oh.us.



**DRIVER'S LICENSE SEARCHES
VIA OPEN ONLINE**

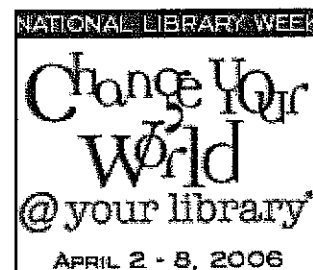
Did you know that Ohio driver's license records are just a phone call away? For a nominal fee, the Cleveland Law Library can obtain these records instantaneously via *Open Online* and fax or email the results to you. The records include name, date of birth, address, partial social security number, physical description, accidents, D.U.I. convictions and moving violations for the past three years. You must have a permissible purpose for requesting the information, such as a civil or criminal investigation. The fee for Ohio driver's license records is \$4.50 as of this writing, plus the usual library document delivery fees. Driver's license records for a few other states are also accessible via *Open Online*.

Open Online and other databases can also be used to search for a person's assets (real estate, automobiles, etc.), validate Social Security numbers, track down judgment liens, compile a list of litigation in which the person was a party, and find current addresses. *Open Online* can also find the current owner of a

vehicle, given a license plate number or VIN number. Fees vary depending on the database, but we can tell you the fee up front. If you are interested in having a driver's license or other public records search performed, please call one of the Reference and Research Librarians, Sue Altmeyer or Anne McFarland, at (216) 861-5070.

**NATIONAL LIBRARY
WEEK**

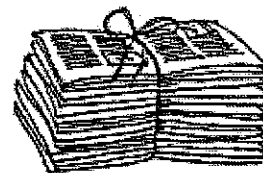
In honor of National Library Week, we will be serving complimentary bagels, muffins and juice from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 7th, 2006. Please join us in celebrating this event. Upon request, we can also provide a tour of our facility.



**LAW LIBRARY ACQUIRES
LEXIS NEWS DATABASE**

Here's a bit of news that's really newsworthy!

Starting April 1st, Law Library staff will be able to search and retrieve newspaper and magazine articles from *Lexis'* comprehensive National and Regional News database. This



product includes a large number of local newspapers such as the *Akron Beacon Journal*, the *Plain Dealer*, the *Columbus Dispatch*, the *Dayton Daily News*, all *Crain Communications* newspapers, the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, and many more titles.

It also includes the text of national newspapers and magazines such as the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New Yorker*, *AP Associated Press State and Regional Wires*, *Factiva* databases, all *Gannett*, *Knight-Ridder*, and *Media News* papers, and many more resources.

Our subscription also includes legal newspapers and newsletters such as the *New York Law Journal*, the *Chicago Lawyer*, the *Class Action Law Monitor*, the *Texas Lawyer*, *McGraw Hill* daily and weekly reports and newsletters, and all *American Lawyer Media* newspapers.

**BRIEFS AND RECORDS ON WESTLAW:
Ohio Supreme and Appellate Court Briefs
U.S. Supreme Court Briefs, Petitions,
and Joint Appendices**

*Law Library Helps To Reveal Mystique
Behind Appellate Briefing!*

Why did the Court rule the way it did? What reasoning did it reject? If you need answers to these and other questions in cases before the Ohio Supreme Court, the Ohio Courts of Appeal, or the U.S. Supreme Court, look no further than the Law Library. Our staff now has access to a growing *Westlaw* database of Ohio Supreme and Appellate Court briefs, as well as U.S. Supreme Court briefs, petitions, and joint appendices. Selected Ohio Supreme Court briefs span the last 15 years, and Ohio appellate briefs currently go back to 2004. *Westlaw's* selected U.S. briefs and records go all the way back to the 1990-1991 term.

**VOLUNTEER DAY WITH
THE CLEVELAND BAR ASSOCIATION
AND CITY YEAR:
Be a Part of the Law Library Team**

From the Director: I would like to ask for your help again this year on a worthy community service project. For the second 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 a national service organization called City Year, the Cleveland Bar is hoping to mobilize 1,000 volunteers to provide gardening, painting, clean-up and other assistance on a neighborhood impact project at the Detroit Shoreway on May 13, 2006. If you would be interested in providing a few hours of service that day, please contact me, Kathleen M. Sasala, at 216-861-5070, or send me an email at ksasala@clelaw.lib.oh.us.



**ALI-ABA COURSE MATERIALS
ONLINE AT THE LAW LIBRARY**

The Law Library is pleased to announce that our members can now use a brand new, online, searchable product from *ALI-ABA* that features:

ALI-ABA CLE materials, periodicals, coursebooks, forms, and a variety of other *ALI-ABA* books. This is an incredible enhancement to *ALI-ABA's* print materials, and members can view, email and/or print the items that they need. Ask our Library staff to get you started using this amazing new online tool at the Library.

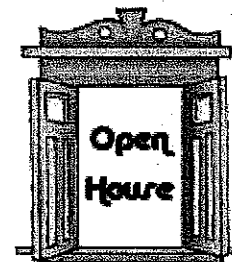
**NOW SHOWING WEEKLY
AT THE LAW LIBRARY
OHIO DECISIONS WEEKLY!**

If you miss the case summaries you used to read in *Ohio Lawyer's Weekly* (which is no longer available), you are in luck. The Law Library recently purchased an online subscription to *Ohio Decisions Weekly*. This new newspaper provides summaries of every decision from every appellate court, as well as the Ohio Supreme Court. Stop by our Front Desk and browse current or back issues for case summaries that will help you in your legal practice.



**ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE
Save the Date!
Friday, September 8, 2006**

Plan early, and save the date for this year's Open House on Friday, September 8th, which will feature Albert Borowitz, an internationally acclaimed attorney and author on terrorism and true crime. A highly captivating speaker, Mr. Borowitz will discuss his brand new book entitled *Terrorism for Self-Glorification, the Herostratos Syndrome*. Afterward, please join us for light refreshments and our traditional Open House activities, including tours, a trivia contest, and mini-golf, with prizes for all events.



**FREE LEXIS CLE
May 2, 2006**



To commemorate this year's Law Week, we will again be sponsoring free *Lexis CLE* at the Law Library. This year, we will host back-to-back one (1) hour classes in Intermediate and Advanced *Lexis* starting at 9:00 a.m. If you are interested in registering for either of these classes, please contact the Director at 216-861-5070 or ksasala@clelaw.lib.oh.us.

**DAYS THE LIBRARY
WILL BE CLOSED**

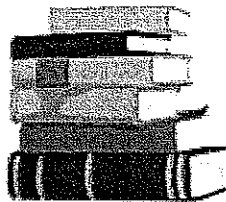
The Law Library will be closed the following days in 2006:



- Monday, May 29th - Memorial Day, Observed
- Tuesday, July 4th - Independence Day
- Monday, September 4th - Labor Day
- Monday, October 9th - Columbus Day, Observed
- Friday, November 10th - Veterans' Day, Observed
- Thursday, November 23rd - Thanksgiving
- Friday, November 24th - Thanksgiving
- Friday, December 22nd - Close at Noon
- Monday, December 25th - Christmas

SELECTED NEW ACQUISITIONS

- *Anderson's Ohio Consumer Law* (LexisNexis, 2006)
- *Ohio Business Entities* (LexisNexis, 2005)
- *Handling Fidelity Bond Claims* (ABA, 2005)
- *Practical Guide To Software Licensing* (ABA, 2005)
- *Katrina Emergency Tax Relief Act of 2005* (CCH, 2006)
- *Ohio Fire Code* (Int'l Code Council, 2005)
- *Ohio Residential Real Estate Manual* (LexisNexis, 2005)
- *Merger Review Process* (ABA, 2006)
- *Anderson's Ohio Pretrial Litigation Practice Manual* (LexisNexis, 2005)
- *Simple Will In Ohio* (LexisNexis, 2005)
- *Newsgathering And The Law* (LexisNexis, 2005)
- *Federal Information Manual* (ABA, 2006)



NEW MEMBERS

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| Tom Barni | Thomas W. McCrystal |
| Suzanne Blum | Michael McPhillips |
| Steve Canfil | Steve Potter |
| Rebecca Castell | Stephen Proe |
| Lori Coticchia | Alison Ramsey |
| Max Dehn | Ryan Rubin |
| John Fahsbender | Sean Ruffin |
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| Rachel Israel | Freya Turner |
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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: _____

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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 _____



IDENTITY THEFT, PUBLIC RECORDS & SUNSHINE LAWS

(3.0 Hours of CLE Applied For)

Date: Friday, May 19, 2006
Location: Cleveland Law Library, 1 West Lakeside Avenue, 4th Floor
Cleveland, OH 44115 (216) 861-5070
Time: Registration: 8:30 a.m.; Program 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Cost: \$50.00 members, \$75.00 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

- 8:30 a.m. Registration (refreshments provided)
- 9:00-10:00 a.m. ***Identity Theft***
Speaker: Timothy Dobeck, Law Director, City of Parma
Topics: statistics, reports and recent news, state laws, developments in the General Assembly, federal statutes on criminal conduct, credit protection and privacy, case law
- 10:00-11:00 a.m. ***Public Records***
Speaker: Susan Altmeyer, Head Reference and Research Librarian, Cleveland Law Library
Topics: restrictions on access to public records, the Ohio Public Records Act, FOIA, privacy laws, Fair Credit Reporting Act, free and fee-based databases, sample records searches, cost components
- 11:00-11:15 a.m. Break
- 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. ***Sunshine Laws***
Speaker: Rodger A. Pelagalli, Esq., Rodger A. Pelagalli Co., L.P.A.
Topics: basics of Ohio's Sunshine Laws, coverage of and exceptions to the Public Records Act, rights and remedies under the Open Meetings Act, recent case law

Registration Form:

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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.

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