



THE CLEVELAND LAW LIBRARY



# NEWSLETTER

## WINTER 2021



### CLEVELAND LAW LIBRARY REOPENED TO MEMBERS FEBRUARY 1ST

Dear Members,

Happy New Year! I am hopeful that we can soon put the pandemic behind us and return to a sense of normalcy by the time we can plant our gardens and flowers and watch baseball in Cleveland. Since the holidays are over, the Stay-At-Home Advisory was lifted, and vaccines are being distributed, we reopened the Cleveland Law Library to patrons on February 1, 2021. Our theme for this year will be 'One Day at a Time.'

As a recap of the recent email we sent, you are welcome to visit us Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. We are also always available for [Virtual Reference and Research Service](#) from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. every weekday.

In addition to following all of the safety protocols that we implemented last year, we are enhancing our procedures so that you can resume utilizing all of your full Law Library privileges on-site again. We will continue to practice social distancing, sanitize all computers, desks, chairs, and conference rooms in between uses, and regularly disinfect all common surfaces every day. We also have the County to thank for automating both of our restrooms. In addition to wearing masks at all times, our staff will add protective shields when we provide you with direct assistance and employ a combination of remote desktop applications and laser pointers to help you conduct online research. We also request that you

ring our new bell when you arrive at the Front Desk so that we can sign you in and provide you

with entry and assistance.

If you have not been to the Law Library in a while, you will also notice that we installed plexiglass partitions at our front desk, created space between our patron computers, purchased keyboard and mouse covers, and reduced seating in the Main Reading Room. We are also still quarantining our books for at least 72 hours before they can be returned to the shelves or circulated to a new patron, and we are continuing to offer curbside pick-up and drop-off of books. Just call ahead to arrange a mutually convenient time with our staff.

If you were wondering, the County is also still screening everyone who enters the building with temperature checks, a series of questions, and wristbands, but even some of these functions will become more automated very soon. Face coverings are also still required at all times, and there is a great deal of directional and health care signage throughout the building. Finally, the Courts maintain concierge desks in the Rotunda, and their staff may want to check you in before you take an elevator to visit us on the 4th floor.

Welcome back, and we look forward to providing you with service again in person.

Kathy Dugan

## **NOTICE OF THE 2021 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2021 - Online Only**

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Cleveland Law Library Association will be held online on Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. Anyone who is interested in participating should register at the following link: <https://attendee.gototraining.com/l/7194976904767661570>

## **Annual Meeting**



Agenda items will include the Librarian's Report and the election of three Directors to serve three-year terms from April 2021 - Spring 2024.

The Board recommends the following candidates:

- **Carla Tricarichi, Esq. - Tricarichi & Carnes**
- **Ruth E. Hartman, Esq. - Baker & Hostetler**
- **Rebecca W. Haverstick, Esq. - Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP**

## **TEMPORARY REMOTE ACCESS TO LEXIS AND WESTLAW CONTINUE FOR MEMBERS**

**LEXIS:** LexisNexis is continuing to offer temporary remote patron access privileges to members of the Cleveland Law Library. If you have not already taken advantage of this opportunity, this option will allow you to log in from your home or office to use Lexis databases that the Cleveland Law Library is ordinarily only able to provide for members on-site at the Courthouse. Registration is required, but the process is pretty simple, and privileges will last for 30 days. Your 30 days of access all depends upon the date when you sign up. Members who wish to take advantage of this temporary benefit should follow these steps:

- Sign in to the Law Library's Members Only page at this link: [clevelandlawlibrary.org/Public/Misc/narrative.html](http://clevelandlawlibrary.org/Public/Misc/narrative.html) (If you need your Username and Password, please email the law library at [lawlib@clelaw.lib.oh.us](mailto:lawlib@clelaw.lib.oh.us)).
- Click "Electronic Library"
- Click "Electronic Resources Library"
- Click "New Version"
- Click the link at the top of the page to sign up for "Lexis Remote Patron Access"
- Follow the instructions, and choose "Government: State/Local" for the organization type
- Lexis will get back to you within 24-28 hours

Start enjoying your new member benefit!



**WESTLAW:** Westlaw is also continuing to offer Cleveland Law Library members temporary free remote access to Westlaw for a trial period of 20 hours of usage over 14 days. Content includes primary law,

secondary sources, litigation, and Practical Law on the *Westlaw Classic* platform. If you have not already taken advantage of this member benefit, please follow these steps:

- Sign in to the Law Library's Members Only page at this link: [clevelandlawlibrary.org/Public/Misc/narrative.html](http://clevelandlawlibrary.org/Public/Misc/narrative.html) (If you need your Username and Password, please email the law library at [lawlib@clelaw.lib.oh.us](mailto:lawlib@clelaw.lib.oh.us))
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## LAW LIBRARY LAUNCHES NEW PODCAST

The Cleveland Law Library will be launching a new podcast called *Library Insights: The Cleveland Law Library Podcast*. The pandemic has encouraged our staff to pursue podcasting as a means of connecting in a new way with our patrons. The podcast will be hosted by Ashley Sprinkle, our reference librarian. The theme of the podcast will center around discussion of important Ohio case law and librarianship, with a new episode airing regularly. The podcast will be available through *AnchorFM*, by *Spotify*. We will also link to the podcast on our website once it has launched.



## TECH CORNER: Should I Use A VPN (Virtual Private Network)?

The short answer is yes, you should use a VPN. VPNs hide your Internet activity from prying eyes. A VPN encrypts your Internet traffic, routing it through a server owned by the VPN company, and provides complete anonymity online. Another benefit is that a VPN allows you to safely access public Wi-Fi. If you hate those pesky ads from social media sites, a VPN can keep those sites from storing data on your activity, private messages, or anything that you do online.

Finally, install a VPN on all your devices. Any time you connect to a public Wi-Fi network, you open yourself up to strangers who can look through or steal the files and data sent from your laptop or mobile device.



## NEW OHIO LAWS

This January, Ohio enacted the Employment Law Uniformity Act and a Revised Limited Liability Company Act. Brief summaries of both Acts are provided below.

### [Employment Law Uniformity Act \(HB 352\):](#)

As its name suggests, Ohio's new Employment Law Uniformity Act aligns Ohio's discrimination statutes with their federal counterparts and provides consistent rules for all types of unlawful discrimination in Ohio. Specifically, the new Act requires employees to file a charge of discrimination with the Ohio Civil Rights Commission before filing suit



in court. The Act also dramatically reduces the statute of limitations from six (6) years to two (2) years for all types of discrimination lawsuits, including claims for age discrimination. The Act also outlines the elements of a statutory defense for employers against a claim of a hostile work environment. With certain exceptions, the Act also eliminates the personal liability of supervisors. When the Act becomes effective on April 12, 2021, it will only apply prospectively to cases filed on or after that date.

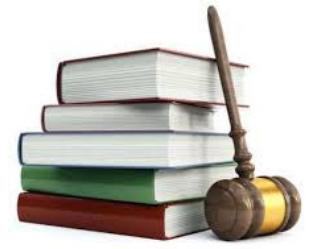
#### [Ohio Revised Limited Liability Company Act \(SB 276\)](#):

This January, Ohio also passed the *Ohio Revised Limited Liability Company Act* based in substantial part on model provisions in the American Bar Association-Section of Business Law's LLC Act. Importantly, the new Act moved all Ohio LLC laws from ORC Chapter 1705 to ORC Chapter 1706, completely replacing Chapter 1705. Key changes in the new Act allow the creation of series LLCs, permit LLCs to operate as either member-managed or manager-managed, sanction LLCs that fail to maintain a statutory agent, and clarify the extent of controlling provisions in LLC operating agreements. Significantly, this Act has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2022 for all Ohio and foreign LLCs conducting business in-state.

## **LEGAL RESEARCH NEWS**

### **Fastcase And Casemaker Have Merged**

Have you already heard? After years of competing against each other for a niche in the legal research market, *Fastcase* and *Casemaker* are merging. The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association provides *Fastcase* access to its members, and the Ohio State Bar Association makes *Casemaker* available to all of its members throughout Ohio. For years, the Cleveland Law Library has offered both of these vendor's products to our members. Like you, we were curious about how the merger would affect our Law Library and members. The good news is that our subscriptions will remain the same for now. According to a [Press Release](#), the merged companies have made this promise:



*Over time the combined efforts will enhance your experience within the Fastcase/Casemaker platform. Our goal over time is to provide all of our partners with the best capabilities of both companies. Any changes to your account or access will be communicated in advance.*

We can also rest easy because the new deal will not increase prices or reduce services.

For additional information, please click here to read a detailed [Press Release](#) with answers to many questions.

## **LAW LIBRARY NEWS**

**CARES Act Grant:** The Law Library obtained a CARES Act grant to purchase three laptops and peripherals to enhance the ability of our staff to work more easily and efficiently from home during the pandemic.



**Federal Court Grant:** The Law Library also obtained a grant from the Northern District Of Ohio to purchase webcams that facilitate virtual communication between our staff and patrons.

**Law Librarian Articles:** Our Director, Kathleen M. Dugan, recently wrote an article for the December 2020 issue of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal entitled [Researching Economic Indicators for Business Clients](#). She also wrote an article for the December 2020 issue of the Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries Newsletter entitled [AI Tools Enhance Legal Research Capabilities](#).

**Virtual Displays:** In the past few months, the Law Library has posted Virtual Displays regarding:

- [The Salem Witch Trials](#)
- [Election Law \(General Election\)](#)
- [Universal Declaration Of Human Rights](#)
- [The First Presidential Election](#)
- [Hattie Caraway: First Woman Elected To The Senate](#)

All of the Law Library's Virtual Displays since they began in 2016 are accessible at the following link:  
[clevelandlawlibrary.org/public/misc/virtual\\_display/virtual\\_display.html](http://clevelandlawlibrary.org/public/misc/virtual_display/virtual_display.html)

## **SELECTED NEW ACQUISITIONS**

- [Consumer Class Actions](#) (NCLC, 2020)
- Consumer Warranty Law (NCLC, 2021)
- Domestic Relations Practice In Ohio (LexisNexis, 2020)
- [Federal Appeals Jurisdiction And Practice](#) (West, 2020)
- Giannelli Evidence (West, 2021)
- [Guide To Unfair Competition](#) (West, 2020)
- [Legal Malpractice](#) (West, 2021)
- Ohio Civil Procedure Manual (LexisNexis 2020)
- [Ohio Condominium Law](#) (West, 2020)
- [Ohio Domestic Violence Law](#) (West, 2020)
- [Ohio Drug Laws](#) (West, 2020)
- [Ohio D.U.I. Law](#) (West, 2020)
- [Ohio Elder Law Manual](#) (LexisNexis, 2020)
- [Ohio Employment Practices Law](#) (West, 2020)
- [Ohio Family Law](#) (LexisNexis, 2020)
- Ohio School Law Guide (LexisNexis, 2021)



## LAW LIBRARY MERCHANDISE



If you have not already done so, you can support the Cleveland Law Library by purchasing our 150th Anniversary merchandise! Start your day off right with a fresh cup of coffee in a Cleveland Law Library 150th anniversary mug. Work from home comfortably in a soft, 99% cotton t-shirt displaying the Cleveland Law Library's 150th anniversary logo-and don't forget the matching hat! Spruce up your home office with our anniversary logo mouse pad, and be sure to grab a reusable shopping bag to carry that curbside pickup back home.

Please visit our Online Store at: [cleveland-law-library-association.square.site/](https://cleveland-law-library-association.square.site/)

## MEMES

For those of you who enjoy memes, here are the latest memes we posted on our social media platforms:



## **DAYS THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED**

The Law Library will be closed on the following days in 2021:

- Monday, February 15 – President's Day
- Monday, May 31 – Memorial Day
- Monday, July 5 – Independence Day (observed)
- Monday, September 6 – Labor Day
- Monday, October 11 – Columbus Day
- Thursday, November 11 – Veterans Day
- Thursday, November 25 & Friday, November 26 – Thanksgiving
- Friday, December 24 – Christmas Day (observed)
- Friday, December 31 – New Year's Day (observed)



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