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MEMBER NEWSLETTER

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 select databases, in-house use of Lexis, Westlaw™ and other databases, and both research help and reference assistance.

AMERICA 250 CLE SERIES: FINAL CLE

The Black Experience with the Law in Ohio and in Cuyahoga County--A Historical Retrospective



June 23, 2026



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LAW LIBRARY EVENTS

NATURALIZATION CEREMONY

On April 9th, the Law Library was honored to host its third annual Naturalization ceremony. In partnership with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, the Cleveland Law Library welcomed Judge Dan Aaron Polster, who presided over the event and admitted 18 individuals to U.S. citizenship. These new citizens immigrated from Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Eudor, Ethiopia, Guyana, Honduras, India, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Pakistan, the Philippines, and Russia.



LAW DAY 2026 CELEBRATION

To celebrate Law Day and commemorate America's 250th birthday, the Law Library held an interesting and informative CLE program with Hon. John J. Russo of the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court. The Law Library would like to thank Judge Russo for graciously providing a program on *Tumey v. Ohio: How the Beginning of the 20th Century, Prohibition, Baseball, and Judicial Ethics Collided with an Ohio Common Pleas Judge's Vision of Due Process.*

Written By: Kayla Fertig, Reference Librarian

PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES

With the Barack Obama Presidential Center opening in Chicago later this month, we are taking a look at the evolution of the presidential library. This episode of Law Library Insights digs into the history behind the system, from early unregulated document handling to the strict funding and legal policies that govern the sixteen federal presidential libraries today. We also look at how shifting design trends are moving archives online and turning these physical campuses into active community spaces. Tune in to our [latest episode!](#)



SELECT NEW ACQUISITIONS

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

- *Anderson's Ohio Civil Practice : Pleading, Procedure, Forms Vols. 5 & 6* (LexisNexis, 2026)
- *Anderson's Ohio Pretrial Litigation Practice Manual* (LexisNexis, 2026)
- *Artificial Intelligence : Law & Litigation* (LexisNexis, 2026)
- *Katz & Giannelli Ohio Criminal Laws and Rules Vols. 1 & 2* (Thomson Reuters, 2026)
- *Ohio Annotated Business Entities Handbook* (LexisNexis, 2026-27)
- *Ohio Personal Injury Practice : Successful Trial Strategies* (Thomson Reuters, 2026)
- *Ohio Traffic Law Handbook* (Blue360 Media, 2026)
- *Sixth Circuit Criminal Handbook Winter/Spring Edition* (LexisNexis, 2026)

Written By: Aaron McIntire, Network Technician

TECH CORNER



Massive amounts of time, money, and even water are being poured into the AI boom. The rapid progress is impressive and concerning, but the past few weeks have shown that even titans like Google are still far from any technological singularity. Users recently noticed a strange Google Search error: the word “disregard” could not be found. Instead of showing a dictionary definition for the word, Google treated the search like an AI command and ignored it. Similar issues appeared with the words “dismiss,” “ignore,” and “stop.”

Luckily it was not dystopian AI erasing the English language but just an odd reminder that AI is not as smart as advertised. Still, the glitch highlights how eager Google is to push its AI whether it is ready or not. For decades, Google’s search

engine has been so quintessential that “Google it” became a universal term. When something that central breaks, even small insignificant errors can leave devastating effects.

At Google I/O, the company announced its biggest Search overhaul in 25 years, shifting from displaying ranked links to AI-generated answers. With \$77 billion in ad revenue and Gemini drawing 900 million users, the incentives are obvious. The glitch has since been fixed, but one would expect AI to handle such simple tasks.

Forcing AI-heavy features on everyone may backfire on Google in the long run. Some users still prefer traditional search engines, and after Google’s announcements, DuckDuckGo saw a spike in installations. It focuses on providing a traditional search engine that offers more privacy and control that could become a popular alternative as Google doubles down on AI.

With any luck, people will still be able to look up “disregard” by year’s end on Google or somewhere else entirely.

LAW LIBRARY NEWS

PARDON OUR DUST- WEBSITE UPDATES ARE ONGOING



You may have noticed that we have been updating our website at clevelandlawlibrary.org over the last few months.

That is because we are working on making our web pages more accessible to people with disabilities pursuant to new regulations under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act. We were ready to launch when the deadline was April 24th this year, but the law was extended until April 26, 2027. As a result, we are taking more time to work on our content. Please pardon our web dust throughout our ongoing work as we continue making changes and testing our pages for compliance with the new regulations.

LAW LIBRARY UPGRADES WESTLAW PATRON ACCESS

The Law Library recently renewed its Westlaw patron-access contract so that members can continue to use Westlaw on site at the Law Library to conduct their own legal research. Our new agreement contains two (2) major upgrades, including West Search Plus®. This new feature provides AI tools that offer predictive research recommendations, new relevancy rankings, and AI summaries of content. Westlaw is also upgrading our patron platform to Westlaw Edge® which provides additional security and a more intuitive research interface. We hope that you will take advantage of these new enhancements soon.

LAW LIBRARY NEWS (CONT.)

WELCOME HOPE!

I am thrilled to be the new Bookkeeper here at the Cleveland Law Library, and I am excited to introduce myself to you. My name is Hope McGuan, and I have worked in nonprofit accounting for most of my career. I have been honored to be a part of the accounting offices of wonderful and important local institutions such as Cleveland Restoration Society, Art Therapy Studio, Beck Center for the Arts, and Cleveland Play House. I have had various responsibilities from managing grants, audits, AR, AP, and human resources. As a lifelong Clevelander, I have both my bachelor's degree in business and my MBA from CSU. I enjoy coming to work in this beautiful historic building, and I look forward to learning more about the library in the days ahead.



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April



May



June



THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON THESE DAYS IN 2026:

- 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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