

THE CLEVELAND LAW LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



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The Cleveland Law Library welcomes all of its new members !!!

The Annual Meeting of the Cleveland Law Library Association will be held at the Law Library Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. A light lunch will be served. Agenda items will include the Law Librarian's Report and the election of Directors to serve three-year terms from Spring 2025 - Spring 2028. The Board recommends the following candidates:

- Joseph N. Gross, Esq. - Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff LLP
- Benjamin C. Sassé, Esq. - Tucker Ellis LLP
- Eric B. Levasseur, Esq. - Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP
- Two More Directors to be determined

To attend online, please register at this link:

https://clevelandlawlibrary.org/public/misc/board_meeting.html

NEW LEXIS+ FOR MEMBERS AT THE LAW LIBRARY

The Law Library is pleased to announce that it now offers LEXIS+® for members onsite at the Library. This replaces our former Lexis Advance plan for members and offers some wonderful new features, including:



- Litigation Analytics: analyze the lawsuits of courts, judges, attorneys and law firms
- Document Analysis: analyze a brief or agreement or compare multiple documents
- Practical Guidance: find expert practice notes, forms, checklists, drafting tools, and more in over 29 legal subject areas
- Ravel View: a graphical display of the top 75 search results to help identify trends and patterns on a legal topic
- Pinpoint (facts and issues finder): tool to help research a particular topic

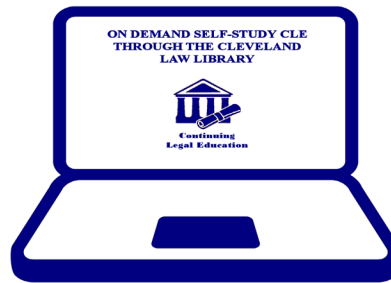
We know that our members will enjoy these and additional new methods of conducting legal research. Please ask our staff about getting started next time you stop by the Law Library.

The Law Library has also acquired staff licenses to LexisNexis Protégé™, the latest Lexis+® AI legal research tool. Our Law Library employees are learning how it works and experimenting with its features, which include: asking a question (called a Conversation) and receiving a narrative answer; drafting documents such as briefs, discovery, letters, and emails; and summarizing data and documents. Over the next few months, our Board members will be considering how the Law Library should utilize this service on behalf of patrons. Stay tuned for more information.



LIVE CLE NOW FREE FOR MEMBERS ONLY

Last year, the Law Library soft-launched a new CLE initiative which combined substantive live CLE programs that were free for members, along with a few CLE programs on topics of general interest to the local community that were free for everyone. This two-fold strategy led to many thanks from our members and huge increases in attendance at our CLE programs. As a result, we have decided to make our beta-test permanent. That means that all of our private and governmental members can now take all of our live CLE classes for free as a privilege of membership.



ON-DEMAND CLE

The Law Library offers *On Demand Self-Study CLE Programs* available for you to access any time 24x7. You can watch individual class videos and download course materials. Upon successful completion of a program, you will receive a *Certificate Of Completion*, and the Law Librarian will report your attendance to the Ohio Supreme Court. The list of current classes includes:

- ***How To Handle A Bike Injury Case In Ohio***
- ***JFK & Jack Ruby: The Trial of High Profile Cases***
- ***Legal Challenges in Ohio's Fight for Women's Suffrage***
- ***Professional Conduct For Lawyers 2024 (COMING SOON)***

Our *On-Demand Classes* are fee-based, but members can call for a discount code. New classes will be added throughout the year. Get started by browsing our catalog at:

<https://seminarweb.clevelandlawlibrary.org/?pg=semwebCatalog> and registering to take a class.

Justice DeWine Offers Opinion on Interpreting the Ohio Constitution

By Daisha Okolo

Justice R. Patrick DeWine provides what he believes is the most appropriate way to interpret the Ohio Constitution in an article titled, “Ohio Constitutional interpretation”. This article was composed because he believes there is not enough written information about how state judges should interpret their state constitution. Justice DeWine explains in a law review article that the “Original public meaning approach” is the most appropriate form of interpretation because every provision of the Ohio Constitution was voted on directly by the voters of Ohio. Justice DeWine describes this approach as independently applying the state Constitution rather than relying on legal precedent set under the U.S. Constitution.

The article begins with Justice DeWine focusing on the structure of the Ohio Constitution. As the article continues, Justice DeWine provides his opinion on using the original public meaning method. Justice DeWine uses this time to further explain the issues that occur in the interpretive process. The article references cases where he believes the Ohio Supreme Court has drifted away from its appropriate role and interpreted the Constitution without determining the original public meaning. Justice DeWine mentions that the state Constitution should always be the first consideration in interpretation. For Justice DeWine, this article is only the beginning, and he has high hopes that others will take on the challenge and provide additional written material.

Tech Corner: Phishing Awareness

Phishing attacks are among the most common and effective cyber threats. These deceptive emails and texts, sent by bad actors, may appear obvious or even comical at times, but all it takes is one careless click to cause significant damage. Despite security measures, phishing attempts can still bypass spam filters and reach unsuspecting users. The best defense against phishing is awareness. Recognizing that fake messages are frequent and avoiding interaction with them is crucial. Many industries conduct training and tests to reinforce best practices. The [FTC](#) advises using security software, enabling automatic updates on mobile devices, backing up data, and implementing multi-factor authentication for added protection. If you suspect that you have fallen victim to a phishing attack, act immediately. Follow company protocols, notify customers, if necessary, change compromised passwords, and disconnect infected devices from networks. You can also report scams to the FTC at reportfraud.ftc.gov. Anyone can be deceived—regardless of age or technical expertise, especially as technology rapidly evolves. Victims often feel ashamed, but staying silent only increases the risk. Trust your gut: if something feels like a scam, it probably is. Reporting and seeking help are the best ways to prevent further harm.



New Law Library Podcast



Under Article 2 of the U.S. Constitution, the president may grant pardons, amnesty, commutations, and reprieves. The presidential pardon power originated in 7th-century England and was further developed during the Constitutional Convention of 1787. Throughout history, presidents have used the power of clemency in various ways. Our podcast explores the history of the presidential pardon, how presidents have wielded this power, and its limitations. Tune into the newest episode of [Law Library Insights!](#)

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2025

Every year, libraries across the United States celebrate National Library Week in April to recognize the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians, as well as promote increased library use. This year's theme is Drawn to the Library! We hope that you are drawn to our Law Library when you need help with your legal research.

Tuesday, April 8th:

- Attend a members' only CLE event: enjoy a free, 1-hour online legal research CLE from Lexis to learn about the new features and tools in the Law Library's new Lexis+® onsite plan for members (more details to follow soon)
- Attend our Annual Meeting at 12:00 p.m. (see article above for details)
- Recognize and thank our staff on National Library Workers' Day
- Enjoy snacks and good cheer with Law Library staff on Wednesday April 9th





LAW LIBRARY NEWS



The Cleveland Law Library Association Law Library Welcomes New Network Technician-Aaron McIntire

I'm happy to introduce myself in this newsletter. My name is Aaron spelled like the guy who used to quarterback for the New York Jets. I was born and raised just a few miles south of Cleveland in the suburb Seven Hills.

Before joining the Law Library, I received my bachelor's degree in liberal studies from Cleveland State University in the winter of 2020. Graduating during the peak of an unexpected pandemic provided me with unique opportunities to write and edit content online through a series of remote internships. I was lucky to quickly work and learn with many talented individuals around the globe all involved in various industries. During this time, I also had the pleasure to serve as a Library Page for three branches in the Cuyahoga County Public Library System. In 2023 I decided to pivot towards a role in information technology which led to me enrolling in one of CSU's IT web development programs. From May to November, I studied under a strict IT cohort focusing on efficiently educating individuals to serve as DevOps (Development Operation) engineers.

I was excited to stumble upon the opportunity to be the new Network Technician at the Cleveland Law Library. When I first entered the library, I was amazed at the architecture of the courthouse, especially inside the library. With this new opportunity and as my first IT role, I hope to provide the same quality service my predecessor gave you all. I am looking forward to working and growing with the rest of the staff at the law library.

Law Library Helps Host Ohio Mock Trial Competitions

The Law Library recently helped to host the Ohio High School Mock Trial competitions on January 17th and February 7th at the Lakeside Courthouse. The Law Library was honored to serve as the headquarters of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association and welcome the judicial panelists for check-in, lunch, and trial reporting. The Law Library would like to extend a special thank you to the Judges and staff of the Eighth District Court of Appeals, the Cuyahoga County Domestic Relations Court, and the Cuyahoga County Probate Court for the use of their courtrooms so that local area high school students had the opportunity to conduct an abbreviated 'mock' trial as pretend lawyers and witnesses in a formal courthouse atmosphere.

Law Librarian Article

Law Librarian Kathleen M. Dugan, Esq., MLS wrote an article entitled Tried and True Legal Search Techniques in an AI Research World for the July/August issue of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal. Copy this link to read this article (see PDF Page 22).

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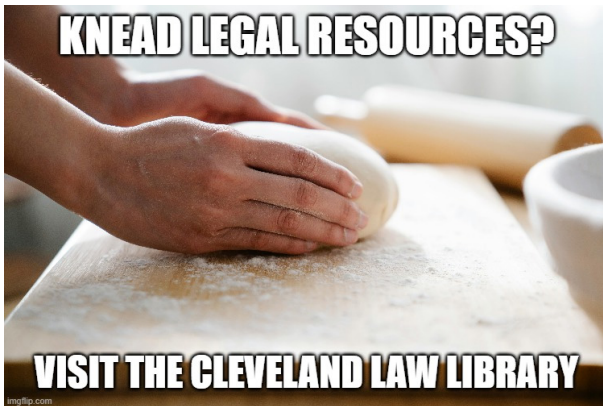
- *Federal deception law: FTC and CFPB rules, RICO, False Claims Act, debt relief, TCPA, telemarketing, and parallel state statutes* (NCLC, 2024)
- *Sixth Circuit Criminal Handbook* (LexisNexis, 2024)

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

- *Anderson's Ohio School Law Manual* (LexisNexis, 2025)
- *Fulton on Workers' Compensation Law* (LexisNexis 2024-2025)
- *Katz & Giannelli Criminal Law* (West Publishing, 2024-2025)
- *Merrick-Rippner Ohio Probate Law* (West Publishing, 2024-2025)
- *Ohio Appellate Practice* (West Publishing, 2024-2025)
- *Ohio Civil Practice* (West Publishing, 2024-2025)
- *Ohio Civil Procedure Litigation Manual* (LexisNexis, 2025)
- *Ohio Condominium Law* (West Publishing, 2024-2025)
- *Ohio Criminal Law Handbook* (LexisNexis, 2024)
- *Ohio Criminal Practice and Procedure* (LexisNexis, 2024-2025)
- *Ohio Domestic Relations Practice Manual* (LexisNexis 2024)
- *Ohio D.U.I. Law* (West Publishing, 2024-2025)
- *Ohio Elder Law Practice Manual* (LexisNexis, 2025)
- *Ohio Evidence Courtroom Manual* (LexisNexis 2025)
- *Ohio Evidence Treatise* (LexisNexis 2025)
- *Ohio Family Law* (LexisNexis 2024)
- *Ohio Landlord Tenant Law* (West Publishing, 2024-2025)
- *Ohio Local Government Law-Townships* (West Publishing, 2024-2025)
- *Ohio Personal Injury Litigation Manual* (LexisNexis, 2024)
- *Ohio Real Estate Law* (West Publishing, 2024-2025)
- *Ohio Residential Real Estate Manual* (LexisNexis, 2025)
- *Ohio Rules of Court* (federal, state and local)(LexisNexis , 2024-2025)
- *Ohio Tort Law* (West Publishing, 2024-2025)
- *Sowald & Morganstern Domestic Relations Law* (West Publishing, 2024-2025)

MEMES

For those who enjoy *Memes*, here are the latest *Memes* that we post on our social media platforms:



January



February



March

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DAYS THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED

- Memorial Day, Monday, May 26th
- Juneteenth, Thursday, June 19th
- Independence Day, Friday, July 4th
- Labor Day, Monday, September 1st
- Indigenous People's Day, Monday, October 13th
- Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11th
- Thanksgiving, Thursday and Friday, November 27th and 28th
- Christmas, Thursday, December 25th





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