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Director's Corner

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New Web Site



The Franklin County Law Library's web site has been updated. This sleek site puts just about all of the law library's resources at your fingertips. [Access our web site for all your legal research needs.](#)

- **Library World:** Search for the books, eBooks, and electronic resources available in the law library.
- **Legal Research Guides:** Search more than 30 research guides on a variety of topics. Links to statutes, forms, and relevant agencies are embedded in each guide.
- **eBooks:** Check out eBooks from our ever-growing collection to your tablet, phone, or computer.
- **Links:** Connect with Federal, State, County, and Municipality links relevant to the legal community.
- **Services:** Find out about all the services available in the law library.
- **Contact Us:** Send an email directly to the reference desk for quick answers.

The Role of the Guardian ad Litem in Juvenile Court

February's Brown Bag Lunch Program

Join us on Wednesday, February 28, 2018, at 12:15 in our NEW PROGRAMMING ROOM as William Sieloff and Stacy Abrams Bandler will discuss the role of the guardian ad litem in Juvenile and Domestic Court.

Registration is required by calling or stopping by the circulation desk. Participants may receive one general CLE credit.

Library Services

Public Meeting Rooms

The Franklin County Law Library now has four public rooms available to our patrons. It is recommended that rooms be reserved in advance to guarantee availability. You can make reservations by calling the law library at 614-525-4971. If no one has reserved a room, it is available on a first come, first served basis. Each room, as well as the entire law library, is equipped with free wifi. Everyone using the public rooms must adhere to the Public Room Policy. Copies of the policy are available at the law library.



Conference Room: One conference room is available and will accommodate up to ten people. The room includes a television which can be connected to most media, a phone for conference calls, and a magnetic white board. This room is ideal for depositions and negotiations.

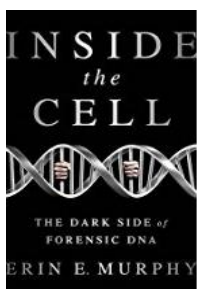
Small Meeting Rooms: Two small meeting rooms are available and will accommodate up to four people each. These rooms have a table with four chairs and are ideal for attorney/client conferences and small study groups.



Programming Room: One large programming room is available. This room contains 30 desks, a wired podium, overhead projector, and magnetic white board. Currently several CBA committees are holding their monthly meetings in this room. The law library's Brown Bag Lunch Series is also held in this room. It is ideal for large groups for education or training purposes.

Book Review - *Inside the Cell: The Dark Side of Forensic DNA*

Judge Charles Schneider



One of the speakers at the Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association Winter Conference was Erin E. Murphy, a professor of law at NYU School of Law. She wrote the book titled *Inside the Cell: The Dark Side of Forensic DNA*. She told the story of Josiah Sutton who was convicted of rape. He was five inches shorter and 65 pounds lighter than the subject described by the victim, but at trial a lab analyst testified that his DNA was found at the crime scene. While his DNA was indeed at the crime scene it had nothing to do with the crime. Mr. Sutton was initially found guilty but eventually exonerated. This was not the only trial Ms. Murphy detailed where there was matching DNA and the conviction of an innocent person.

This book is a must read for any lawyer or judge who has a case where there is matching DNA but something is just not right. Do not assume that the proper testing procedures were followed or that there were even procedures in place.

I was so impressed by Ms. Murphy's presentation that I asked the Franklin County Law Library to order a copy of the book. The book has arrived and is available for checking out. Please give it a look. It will be worth it.

Ohio Land Contracts Online Research Guide

Susanna Marlowe

The Franklin County Law Library has a new online research guide entitled [Ohio Land Contracts](#). Land contracts, also known as "installment land contracts" or "lease-purchase agreements," involve a vendor's promising to convey title to a piece of land at some point in the future in exchange for a vendee's agreeing to make monthly payments during the intervening time. When the vendee has paid the entire purchase price by monthly installments, the vendor turns over title to the property.

According to [Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5313](#), the piece of land must be in Ohio and must be improved by a dwelling. This guide contains links to pertinent sections of Chapter 5313, sample forms, and information about forfeiture, foreclosure and eviction in the event of a breach of a land contract. The law library currently has 36 research guides on its [web site](#).

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