

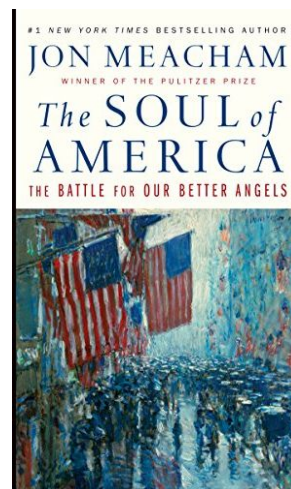
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Director's Corner

Angela T. Baldree

On behalf of the board and staff, I want to welcome Tunney King to the Franklin County Law Library Resources Board. Mr. King was a member of the Columbus Law Library Association several years ago. We are very happy to welcome him back. He replaces Kathleen Trafford, who also served on the board for many years. Thank you Ms. Trafford for your support of the law library.

I am so excited to attend the CBA's program with Jon Meacham on March 10. He is one of my favorite authors, having written such books as *Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power*, *Franklin and Winston*, *Destiny and Power: The American Odyssey of George Herbert Walker Bush*, and *The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels*. *The Soul of America* will be the basis for his presentation in Columbus. In this book he discusses times in American history when partisan politics, scandals, and criminal acts have endangered our democracy. Then, like now, our "better angels" won out. Borrowing that phrase from President Lincoln, "the better angels of our nature" allowed us look forward to the good our country has to offer, to focus on our common interests instead of upon that we disagree.



Jon is a presidential historian who speaks frequently on various television shows. His depth of knowledge on history and civics is unrivaled. I am excited to hear how he explains how the better angels of the 21st century will unite a divided country. If you haven't registered for the CLE program, please do so at the [CBA website](#). You can also read more about Jon and his book on [his web site](#).

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Monday - Friday, 8:00

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SOMETHING
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Recent Reference Requests

Susanna Marlowe

**Dear Reference Librarian,
One of my employees is seeking an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act. I have requested medical documentation, but the worker**

has refused. Do I have to offer him an accommodation?

**Thanks in advance,
A Concerned Employer**

Dear Employer,
This ADA Fact Sheet from the ADA National Network at <https://adata.org/factsheet/health> states that disclosing a disability is a choice. However, if an employee wants an accommodation, then the employer has a right to ask for medical documentation. There is more information at <https://www.eeoc.gov/laws/guidance/policy-guidance-executive-order-13164-establishing-procedures-facilitate-provision>.

Yours,
Your Local Law Reference Librarian

**Dear Reference Librarian,
Can a landlord prohibit guns in their apartment rentals?**

**Signed,
A Safety-Conscious Landlord**

Dear Landlord,
No, Ohio Revised Code Sec. 2923.126(C)(3)(b) says that “a landlord may not prohibit or restrict a tenant who is a licensee and who on or after September 9, 2008, enters into a rental agreement with the landlord for the use of residential premises, and the tenant’s guest while the tenant is present, from lawfully carrying or possessing a handgun on those residential premises.”

Best wishes,
Your Local Law Reference Librarian

Tech Talk - Fighting Spam and Fraud Calls

Steve Stultz, FCLL IT Coordinator

You would think that telemarketers would have given up by now. After all, who responds to a spam phone call and decides “Sure, I’ll buy your product (or service); it must be legit.” But enough people must fall for these schemes to keep the



industry on life support. Then, too, crooks also cold-call to engage in scams and fraud to steal money. And they're good at it too, in part because many of these fraudsters work in or run legitimate call centers during the day, and then engage in fraud in their after hours. So they know what to say, how to set the hook, and then reel you in.

But we have formidable tools at our fingertips to combat these annoying and crooked people who waste our time and try to steal our hard-earned money. There is a national do-not-call registry, but it's practically worthless, especially against off-shore phone calls. But read on and I'll describe how to put an end to all of these phone call problems.

Land Lines

Since all spammers and scammers use robocalling to dial numbers, putting a digital roadblock in place stops them cold. This digital roadblock comes in the form of a call attendant, a software routine that answers your call, and then asks the caller to press 1 or some other digit to ring through to your phone. Since robocallers can't (yet) understand the voice prompt and press a digit, they can't get through.

While small business VoIP cloud phone systems have had this feature for some time, some consumer cloud-based VoIP phone systems are starting to evolve and include this same feature. One such service is phone.com, which starts at about \$10 per month.

iPhone

Apple has something built-in that can combat junk calls. First, make sure that all of your contacts and family members are in your address book and synced to your iPhone. Then go to SETTINGS > PHONE > scroll to the bottom of the page and tap SILENCE UNKNOWN CALLERS. Turning this on will prevent your iPhone from ringing unless the callers are in your address book. If you're expecting an important call from an unknown caller, simply turn this feature off temporarily.

Android

On Android, there are some free or low-cost apps in the app store that will do the same thing that's built into iPhone. One such app is TrueCaller, a "freemium" app (meaning that the app and its basic service are free, but you can pay and get more features). Just as with iPhone, make sure all of your important contacts are synced to your Android phone first. After installing TrueCaller from the app store, start the app, tap BLOCKING then BLOCK PHONE NUMBERS NOT IN THE PHONEBOOK to turn on this feature. Notice all of the other blocking options on this page that you can turn on as well.

So embrace the technology as the scammers and scammer do, and fight back to put an end to all this garbage. And enjoy all the silence!

More reading: <https://www.cnet.com/tech/mobile/how-to-stop-spam-calls/>

What We're Reading

Law Library Staff Share Their Favorites

Angela - *Go Tell the Bees That I am Gone* by Diana Gabledon, *Running Wire at the Front Lines* by Louis Lauria, and *Some Things I Still Can't Tell You: Poems* by Mischa Collins

Minnie - *Every Last Secret* by A. R. Torre, *Bitter Root* by David F. Walker, and *The Life We Bury* by Allen Eskens

Susanna - *The Lost Apothecary* by Sarah Penner, *The Anomaly* by Herve Le Tellier, and *Golden Girl* by Elin Hilderbrand



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