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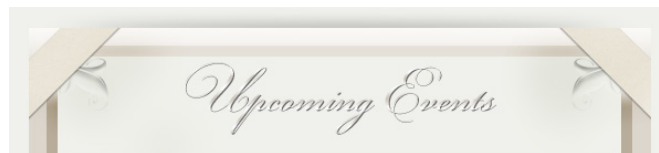
Law Library Updates: CLE Reminders

As we are finally enjoying some much-needed warm weather in central Ohio, we hope to see more of you visiting the Law Library in person for reading, researching, meeting with clients, or just taking a break. We especially hope to see more of you in person for our Baldree Brown Bag Lunch CLEs. Please note the following if you plan to attend:

- Our speakers--your colleagues--graciously volunteer their time so that we can offer a free service to our patrons (i.e. you!).
- Our classroom is limited in size, which is why we require advanced registration.
- Some of our topics are popular and the classes fill up. If you register and do not attend, you are taking a spot away from someone else.
- Please make sure you contact us at least 24 hours prior to the CLE if you cannot attend.

We've enjoyed two excellent CLEs so far with others planned for May, August, September, and October as well as a book discussion in June. We hope to see you soon!

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Holiday Closures

May 26: Memorial Day

June 19: Juneteenth

Board Meeting

Baldree Brown Bag Lunch Programs

- **May 14: Guardians ad Litem, 12:15-1:15 (1 hr. CLE)**

Click [here](#) to access the Brown Bag site and follow the link provided to register and read the program description. Keep checking the site for information on CLEs scheduled for August, September, and October.

- **June 18: Book Discussion of Scott Turow's *Presumed Guilty* with former Franklin County Common Pleas Court Judge Charles Schneider**

While this is not a CLE program, it is a great opportunity for book lovers. Take part in discussing a book that overlaps fiction and the law. To register, call the Law Library at 614-525-4971. Some participants will receive a free copy!



Recent Reference Requests

Susanna Marlowe, Reference Librarian

Dear Reference Librarian,

I was finalizing an amendment to an Ohio revocable living trust when the grantor/trustor suddenly had a stroke and has now lapsed into a coma. Can the trust be amended by the holder of the grantor's power of attorney?

An Estate Planning Attorney

Dear Attorney,

According to [Oh. Rev. Code Sec. 5806.02\(E\)](#), an agent under a power of attorney may exercise a settlor's powers to revoke, amend, or distribute trust property only if expressly authorized under the trust **and** expressly authorized under the power of attorney.

The Reference Librarian

Dear Reference Librarian,

Can a nonresident of Ohio be appointed the executor of an estate in Ohio? This person is the adult son of the testator and is named as executor in her will.

Dear Attorney,

Oh. Rev. Code Sec. 2109.21(B)(1) allows for a nonresident executor who is named in the will and is related to the testator by blood or marriage. The statute prohibits the probate court from refusing to appoint, or removing, an executor or trustee solely because he or she is not a resident of Ohio.

The Reference Librarian



Tech Corner: Passkeys for Better Security

Steve Stultz, FCLL IT Coordinator

As online account security becomes increasingly important, we need to consider more secure ways to protect our online—or web-facing—accounts. Whether it be an email account, a bank account, or access to a paid service of any sort, passkeys provide a better and more secure way to authenticate than more traditional methods.

What Are Passkeys?

Security is all about encryption. Think of a passkey as a pair of encryption keys: One key is a public key that can be stored on the server on which you want to authenticate, and the other is a private key which you keep close to your vest and store securely, for example in a password vault (I recommend and use 1Password). With a passkey, you no longer need to convey a password to a service to authenticate. And since passwords can be hacked but passkeys are much harder to by their nature, they are more secure. Also, they are easier to use because they are usually linked to a PIN, a fingerprint scanner, or a facial recognition camera.

How Passkeys Work

Let's say you want to use a passkey to log into Gmail. Since Gmail supports passkeys, your device creates the key pair for you. The public key is sent to Gmail's server, and the private key is kept on your device's secure enclave or in a password vault. Since the two keys must be used together to allow access, when you want to log into Gmail, the Gmail server "challenges" you. In so doing, your public key is paired with your private key to generate a unique signature. That unique signature is transmitted back to Gmail, and you are granted access—no password or two-factor authentication needed!

How Are They Secure?

Since your private key is stored on your device or locked away in an encrypted password vault, and because it never gets transmitted across the Internet, it can't be intercepted and is therefore very difficult to hack.

Finally...

Passkeys are becoming widely adopted, with web-facing services embracing them more and more as time goes by. Since you don't need a password or two-factor code, authenticating is faster and more convenient. So look for your online services to support passkeys. And when each of your services offers them, I recommend you use them.

More Reading:

- <https://www.pcworld.com/article/2319566/web-login-without-a-password-how-passkeys-work.html>
- <https://www.manageengine.com/products/self-service-password/blog/mfa/what-is-a-passkey-and-how-does-it-work.html>
- <https://www.1password.com>

What We're Reading

Law Library Staff Share Their Favorites

Minnie - *Milk Without Honey* by Hanna Harms, *The Quiet Librarian* by Allen Eskens, *To Dye For* by Alden Wicker, *The Wedding People* by Alison Espach, *Someone Else's Bucket List* by Amy T. Matthews, and *Victory City* by Salman Rushdie

Susanna - *The History of Sound: Stories* by Ben Shattuck, *Intermezzo* by Sally Rooney, *The Reformatory* by Tannarive Due



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