

Summer 2024



Summer Updates

With the beginning of summer, the Franklin County Law Library has been busy planning Baldree Brown Bag Lunch programs for the remainder of 2024. Public Services Librarian Munevver Ozbeytemur has confirmed topics, dates, and speakers for the three final programs of the year, so be sure to see the registration details below. When you click to register, you can read program descriptions.

Also, throughout this summer, you will see a few minor upgrades in the law library. Thanks to a grant from the [Statewide Consortium of Ohio County Law Library Resources Boards](#), FCLL will be purchasing classroom tables, custom signage, and a new staff printer. While these are only small changes, they will help us improve services to our library users. The FCLL staff would like to thank the Consortium for funding these projects.

Get out and enjoy [Columbus events and festivals](#) this summer! Our staff has already enjoyed the Arts Festival and looks forward to many lunches from the [food trucks at the Columbus Commons](#) each Thursday. Please note that **the law library will be closing at noon on July 3 ahead of Red, White & BOOM! and will remain closed for the 4th of July holiday.** And, if you plan to enjoy your own fireworks, here is a friendly reminder: Many local laws still ban the discharge of consumer fireworks even though state law now allows it on select holidays. So, be sure you know the rules where you live, be safe, and have a happy Independence Day!



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Library Services: The FCLL Web Site

The Franklin County Law Library's web site, lawlibrary.franklincountyohio.gov, is available for library users to access any time, anywhere. While the site provides general information about the library (hours, location, services, policies, board meeting dates, etc.), it also contains a vast amount of free legal resources--already organized and curated by our librarians. Below are a few examples of the free research tools we provide to you remotely through our site.

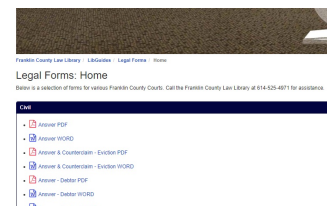
The Library's Catalog:

Many library users are not aware that they can search our catalog remotely. Our library catalog, LibraryWorld, is web-based, which means you can search from anywhere to see if we have a book you need. To access the catalog, go to lawlibrary.franklincountyohio.gov, and click on the **LibraryWorld** link. You can enter any words to begin searching by topic, or use the dropdown menu to narrow the search by title or author.



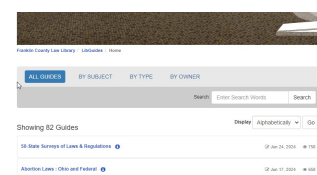
Legal Forms:

The library maintains a page of legal forms for many of the most common filings in Franklin County courts. Access the forms by clicking the **Legal Forms** link on the homepage, or click [here](#) for direct access. In addition to a large selection of domestic and juvenile forms, you will also find a collection of recordable documents (deeds, transfer affidavits, powers of attorney, etc.) and blank complaint and motion templates that can be edited to suit specific needs.



Research Guides:

FCLL uses the LibGuides platform to create curated guides on various legal topics. Each guide provides the user/researcher with information on a legal topic and links the user to applicable statutes, forms, and additional resources. With 82 research guides, almost every common legal topic is covered: divorce, adoption, tax liens, unemployment, wills, etc. With so much information on legal topics already curated into one convenient location, the FCLL site is a great starting point for legal researchers. To access the



guides, click the **Legal Research Guides** link on the homepage, or click [here](#).



Closures

July 3: Closing at noon

July 4: Closed for Independence Day

September 2: Closed for Labor Day

Board Meeting

August 21 at noon in the library

Baldree Brown Bag Programs

August 7: eBooks

12:15-1:15 in the library's classroom

(1 general hour of CLE credit pending, register [here](#))

October 2: Book Discussion with Former Judge Charles Schneider

12:15-1:15 in the library's classroom

(no CLE credit, register [here](#))

November 13: Family Stabilization Unit

12:15-1:15 in the library's classroom

(1 general hour of CLE credit pending, register [here](#))

eBook Updates

Did you know that two essential Ohio legal resources are now part of our eBook collection? *Page's Ohio Revised Code Annotated* and *Ohio Jury Instructions* are available in eBook format to library cardholders.

Until recently, these titles were only available in print format or through a legal database subscription. Unlike the digital versions available through subscriptions, the eBooks have the same appearance as the print versions and can be browsed in much the same way. However, the eBooks also offer several time-saving features: links for quick access to specific sections, text search, user-added highlights and notes, etc.

To learn more about eBook features, plan on attending our August 7 Baldree Brown Bag program (see registration link above) with our newest staff member, Librarian Aaron Coldren.



Recent Reference Requests

Susanna Marlowe, Reference Librarian

Dear Reference Librarian,

I have a client who has guardianship over her father in North Carolina. She now wants to move her father to Columbus. Is there a way that she can transfer the guardianship proceedings to the Franklin County Probate Court?

**Signed,
A Local Attorney**

Dear Local Attorney,

Both North Carolina and Ohio have passed the Uniform Transfer of Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act. Oh. Rev. Code Sec. 2112.32 describes how a local probate court can accept a guardianship transferred from another state. N.C.G.S.A. Sec. 35B-30 lays out the reciprocal process in North Carolina. It seems that both courts will have to be involved.

Signed,
The Reference Librarian

Dear Reference Librarian,

The City of Columbus caused over \$15,000 in damages to my client's yard and has not been willing to compensate him. Since the City is a governmental entity, do I have to file suit in the Ohio Court of Claims?

**Signed,
A Columbus Lawyer**

Dear Lawyer,

Ohio Court of Claims statute Oh. Rev. Code Sec. 2743.01 excludes political subdivisions, including cities, from the jurisdiction of the Court of Claims, so you can sue in Franklin County Common Pleas Court.

Signed,
The Reference Librarian

What We're Reading

Law Library Staff Share Their Favorites

Minnie - *Relentless* by Luis A. Miranda, Jr., *Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books* by Holly Smale, *You Deserve Good Gelato* by Kacie Rose, and *If Something Happens to Me* by Alex Finlay



Susanna - *The Every* by Dave Eggers, *The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen, and *Independent People* by Halldor Laxness



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