### Winter 2024





## Happy New Year!

We hope you have enjoyed a wonderful holiday season. As we kick off the new year in the library, we will be making a few changes to our newsletter. For 2024, we will issue newsletters quarterly (instead of monthly). However, if we have any important events or announcements, we will send out brief reminders between newsletters. Also for this year, we will feature a different library service in each newsletter--a service that our library staff believes is incredibly valuable yet underutilized. We hope the information assists you with your legal research. We won't make too many changes, though, and we plan to keep many of our same features, such as the reference and tech articles (though our tech author is taking a brief hiatus this time).

If you work in the Franklin County courts or other public offices and have news that would benefit our library patrons, reach out and let us know so that we can consider it for publication in an upcoming newsletter.

Wishing you all the best in 2024!

The FCLL Staff Jennifer Jones, Director jdjones@franklincountyohio.gov

# The Franklin County Law Library Welcomes New Board Member

Effective January 1, 2024, the newest member of the Franklin County Law Library Resources Board is Jill Snitcher, Esq. Ms. Snitcher serves as the Executive Director of the Columbus Bar Association and will bring extensive knowledge and experience to our board. We are excited to work with Ms. Snitcher and appreciate her willingness to serve the library.

#### Library Services: eBooks for Remote Access

As many of our patrons are aware, accessing some of the most essential legal resources outside of the library can be difficult, and patrons may not be able to find resources they need when working at home or in their offices. Even before the COVID-19 pandemic hit, the Franklin County Law Library began to fill this need for remote resources with eBooks. However, in 2020, the library drastically increased the number of titles available and continues to maintain a wide selection.

Despite the increase in eBook titles, few of our patrons are actually using the eBooks. Less than 3% of our cardholders logged into the eBook platform in 2023. For this reason, the FCLL staff would like to remind you of what is available and how to access the resources.

- The eBook collection contains over 1,000 volumes with approximately 90 titles regularly updated. Most of the eBooks are LexisNexis publications, though several of the popular *Nutshell* books are also available.
- Included in the 1,000-plus volumes are over 75 multi-volume sets, including statutes, court rules, forms books, and treatises. Several popular titles are available, such as Couse's Ohio Form Book, Ohio Transaction Guide, Moore's Federal Practice, Corbin on Contracts, Nimmer on Copyright, etc.
- All eBooks can be accessed from the home page of the library's web site, <u>lawlibrary.franklincountyohio.gov</u>.
- The only login information required for eBook access is your library card number. If you cannot find your card, you can call the library at 614-525-4971 and ask for assistance. We can look up your card number and provide it to you.
- If you do not have a library card with us, you can get one if you are
  a central Ohio attorney (Franklin and surrounding counties) in
  good standing with the Supreme Court of Ohio. While we prefer
  that you come in person to get a card (we love to meet our
  patrons!), you can email all of your contact information and your
  Ohio Supreme Court attorney registration number to <u>fcll-info@franklincountyohio.gov</u> and request a card.

We hope you explore the eBooks available to you when you can't make a trip to the library. We have found that the available resources fill a gap for those who need legal publications when working remotely.



#### **Holiday Closures**

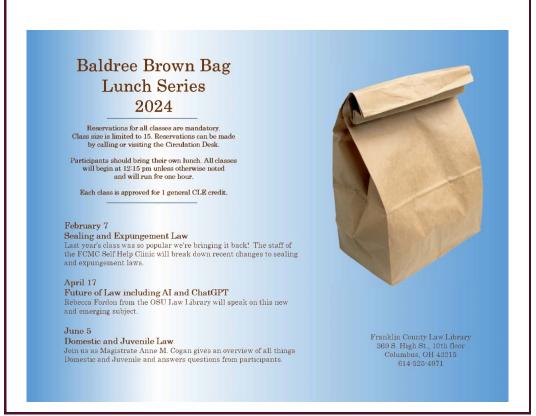
January 15: Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr., Day February 19: Closed for Presidents' Day

#### **Board Meeting**

February 21 at Noon in the Library

#### **Baldree Brown Bag CLEs**

**February 7:** Sealing and Expungement (register <u>here</u>) **April 17:** The Future of Law, Including ChatGPT and AI (register <u>here</u>)





#### **Recent Reference Requests**

Susanna Marlowe, Reference Librarian

Dear Reference Librarian,

Is civil conspiracy a cause of action in Ohio? If so, what are the elements?

Signed,
A Curious Litigant

Dear Litigant,

According to <u>Grimberg v. Blackbird Baking Co., 2023-Ohio-313</u>, to properly plead a civil conspiracy claim in Ohio, the plaintiff must establish the following:

- (1) a malicious combination of two or more persons;
- (2) causing injury to another person or property; and (3) the existence of an unlawful act independent from the conspiracy itself.

Signed, The Reference Librarian

Dear Reference Librarian,

I am looking for the Ohio Subcontractor Agreement Form mentioned in <u>Ohio Administrative Codes 153:1-3-01</u> and <u>153:1-3-02</u>. The link referenced in those sections no longer works. Can you find the correct form?

Signed,
A Puzzled Attorney

Dear Attorney,

All the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission forms are here, <a href="https://ofcc.ohio.gov/project-resources/documents/current-agreements/190-misc">https://ofcc.ohio.gov/project-resources/documents/current-agreements/190-misc</a>, including the State of Ohio Subcontract Form.

Best Wishes, The Reference Librarian

#### What We're Reading

Law Library Staff Share Their Favorites

Minnie - Good Bad Girl by Alice Feeney, The Wishing Game by Meg Shaffer, The Unfortunate Side Effects of Heartbreak and Magic by Breanne Randall, Midnight is the Darkest Hour by Ashley Winstead, A Different Kind of Christmas by Alex Haley



Susanna - Small Mercies by Dennis Lehane, How to Sell a Haunted House by Grady Hendrix, and The Guncle by Steven Rowley



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