

Winter 2025



Happy 2025!



The FCLL staff hopes you had a wonderful holiday season with friends and family. We have been busy planning programming for 2025 and discussing how we can continue to improve the library experience for our patrons. Be sure to check below for the schedule of upcoming CLE programs: We're kicking off the year with programs on the Environmental Court and Ohio cannabis law.

Since our last newsletter went out in the fall, we have completed a couple minor improvement projects. We installed a new sign for the library entrance that indicates hours and services. We also installed tables in our classroom area. For our program attendees, the tables have opened



We are proud of the girls' efforts--and the resulting clean shelves and carts!

Finally, the new year will mark some exciting changes to the Franklin County Law Library Resources Board. We are excited to welcome the Honorable Elizabeth Gill to the Board. Judge Gill has served the Franklin County Common Pleas Court Domestic Relations and Juvenile Division since 2007, and her experience will be a significant asset to the library. Additionally, we are pleased that Law Library Board Chair Charles Schneider has been appointed to serve another term, continuing his long history of service to law libraries. And congratulations to Justice Daniel Hawkins, former member of the

up the classroom space a bit and provide more options for seating arrangements. We know these are small changes, but they are improvements we have made with our patrons in mind.

Also, we were recently joined by staff members' daughters for a service day. The two oldest received service hours for helping clean the library, while the youngest joined in for fun.

Law Library Board, on his election to the Ohio Supreme Court. We are proud to work with these legal professionals who fully support the library and its role in access to justice for central Ohio litigants.

We expect 2025 to be a great year for the Franklin County Law Library and wish you all the best in this new year.

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[Holiday Closures](#)

January 20: Martin Luther King, Jr., Day

February 17: Presidents' Day

[Board Meeting](#)

February 19 at noon in the library

[Baldree Brown Bag Lunch CLE Programs](#)

January 29: Environmental Court, 12:15-1:15

March 12: Ohio Cannabis Law, 12:15-1:15

Click [here](#) to access the Brown Bag site and follow the links provided to register and read program descriptions.

Two more programs are already in the works for May and

August, so check back soon for additional program options!



Recent Reference Requests

Susanna Marlowe, Reference Librarian

Dear Reference Librarian,

I represent a bank that wants to become certified as a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI). Do you know the licensing requirements?

A Financial Attorney

Dear Attorney,

The application is available at the U.S. Department of the Treasury's page on the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, <https://www.cdfifund.gov/programs-training/certification/cdfi/apply-step>. This should get you started.

The Reference Librarian

Dear Reference Librarian,

Are attorney's fees recoverable in cases of civil contempt?

A Local Attorney

Dear Attorney,

The "American Rule" is that each party pays their own attorney's fees. There are, however, numerous statutes that allow the prevailing party to recover attorney's fees. In addition, the trial judge has discretion to award attorney's fees in cases of civil contempt, according to the Ohio Supreme Court's decision in State ex. rel. Fraternal Order of Police v. City of Dayton, 49 Oh. St.2d 219 (1977), and reaffirmed by Planned Parenthood v. Project Jericho, 52 Oh. St.3d 56 (1990).

The Reference Librarian

What We're Reading

Law Library Staff Share Their Favorites

Minnie - *Pumpkinheads* by Rainbow Rowell, *In the Lives of*

Puppets by T.J. Klune, *Life on Svalbard* by Cecilia Blomdahl,
and *The Third Gilmore Girl* by Kelly Bishop

Susanna - *The Age of Grievance* by Frank Bruni and *All the Colors of the Dark* by Chris Whitaker



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