



# LEGALLY SPEAKING

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## Law Library and Loislaw extend online service to Municipal Judges



The Loislaw subscription to online legal research has been extended to include the municipal judges in Alliance, Canton, and Massillon. Loislaw offers courtesy accounts to judges throughout the country, so the Stark County Law Library was able to add seven judges to its existing account at no extra charge.

In October, the Law Library negotiated a contract with Loislaw that provides access to online legal research databases for all the Stark County court agencies. The Law Library is paying the entire cost of the contract with Loislaw.

The judges' accounts allow them to access all Ohio legal materials on Loislaw, and any case or code hyperlinked in an Ohio document. Also, judges can access any GlobalCited case or code. GlobalCite is Loislaw's online citator service.

Loislaw users will find the Internet-based Loislaw a bit different than the CD-ROM products. With just a little training, Loislaw will be easy to use. Most of the databases on Loislaw are updated every 72 hours. This Internet-based service can be accessed from any computer, at home or work by court employees.

For training, please phone the Stark County Law Library at (330)451-7380. We can plan group or one-on-one training, at your place or ours. Don't be afraid to call. Make the Law Library your "connecting point" to legal research.



The Law Library will be closed in observance of **Martin Luther King Day** on Monday, January 15, 2001

## Changes to the Rules of Civil Procedure

December 1, 2000 brought changes to Rules 4 and 12 as well as amendments to the Admiralty Rules and Discovery Rules 5, 26, 30, 34 and 37. To read about these important changes we have listed a few websites you can access from the Internet.

A quick summary of the changes can be found at <http://www.depo.com/RCP2000.htm> - just two pages.

<http://www.uscourts.gov/rules/comment2001/summary.pdf> offers about 7 pages and includes a summary of some of the other rules changes (bankruptcy, appellate, criminal etc.)

The full text of the amendments can be found at <http://www.uscourts.gov/rules/approved.htm> and also at <http://www.law.cornell.edu/rules/frcp/overview.htm>.

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## Welcome to our new Board Member!

**Mr. Thomas Connors** of Black, McCuskey, Souers & Arbaugh will begin serving on the Law Library Board of Directors on January 1, 2001.

Mr. Connors passed the Bar in 1978 and has been in practice in Canton since 1988.

## Welcome! to our Newest Members

**David L. Firestine**  
**Cheryl S. Lee**  
**Robert S. Mudrick**

*Have you applied for membership yet?*

Complete a **membership application** at the law library, or call us. We'll FAX or email you one. The **first year** of membership is **free!**

### New Books!

*Paralegal Trial Handbook*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., by Beverly K. Hutson, 1995. Covers how to work with an attorney, organize case materials, prepare witnesses and evidence, and how to assist an attorney in the courtroom and after the trial.

*Age Discrimination Litigation*, by L. Stephen Platt and Cathy Ventrell-Monsees, 2000. Chapters cover issues such as selecting cases, managing the charge-filing process, drafting effective motions and resisting attempts to limit evidence. The book also includes sample jury instructions.

*Law of the Internet*, by F. Lawrence Street and Mark P. Grant, 2000. Discusses issues such as electronic contracts, privacy, censorship, defamation, jurisdiction, trademarks, copyrights, and taxation.

*Selecting the Form of Business Entity: Analyzing LLCs and Other Entity Choices*, by Bruce D. Bernard is aimed at business owners and their advisers, suggesting which factors should be considered in the process of choosing the most appropriate business entity. The book focuses on closely held companies. Chapters include: "Different Forms of Business," "Treatment of Business Losses," "Sale of Assets or Business," "Compensation Issues," "Determining Tax Status of an Entity," and "Estate Planning Considerations."

### Meet Your Library Staff



"If you can count your money, you don't have a billion dollars."

J. Paul Getty

From *The Great Getty* by Robert Lenzner

Although we don't have a billion dollars, Cheyene Andrews manages what money we do have with great zeal and efficiency. Since joining the library's staff in 1999, she has been able to work miracles with our West account!

### Great Source of Legal Information from Other States!

You can access any state government web page by using the following link: <<http://www.state.oh.us>> Just substitute any state's abbreviation for the "oh" and you are on your way to finding useful legal information and some very interesting facts!

For example did you know that our nation's first interracial, coeducational college, Oberlin College, was founded in Oberlin in 1833, or that Cleveland became the world's first city to be lighted electrically in 1879 when Charles Brush successfully demonstrated arc lights on the streets. From a pamphlet published on the web called "Ohio Defined" by J. Kenneth Blackwell,<sup>1</sup> found by browsing <[www.state.oh.us](http://www.state.oh.us)>.



<sup>1</sup> <<http://www.oplin.lib.oh.us/products/ohiodefined/message.html>>

### Watch For Our New Column In The Stark County Bar Journal !

"[info@starklawlibrary.org](mailto:info@starklawlibrary.org)" is devoted to using computers in legal research and will contain three sections. In the first issue, section one is for beginners and starts with the most basic computer skills—getting comfortable with the mouse and keyboard. Section two is for intermediate computer users who are comfortable with all the basics of computer technology, in the January issue it contains some very interesting facts about general and legal search engines. Section three, for advanced computer users, discusses Boolean search operators and other advanced search techniques.

We want to address the topics and skills that will help you use the computer more efficiently and reduce the amount of time you spend in research. Please contact Nancy with suggestions for future issues. Section two and three users can email me at [nancy@starklawlibrary.org](mailto:nancy@starklawlibrary.org). You can call the law library at (330) 451-7380 or stop by between 8:30 and 12:30 and ask for Nancy.

Law Librarian needs YOUR help:

Due to budget restrictions and limited storage space, we are considering the need to maintain subscriptions for all the print codes from other states. The Law Library now maintains up-to-date copies of state codes and court rules for all fifty states.

The Law Library currently subscribes to 17 copies of the Ohio Revised Code. Three copies are housed at the Main Law Library. Other copies are located at the branches in Alliance, Massillon and Canton, and the rest are in offices of the Stark County courts..

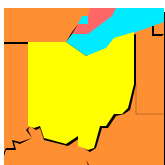
The Law Library also has subscriptions for print copies of the court rules of all fifty states. For Ohio, the Law Library purchases 22 copies of Ohio court rules for the Library, Branches and court offices.

Electronic codes and court rules are available for all fifty states on many free websites. There are two free versions of the ORC on the official Ohio government site. In addition, the Loislaw subscription purchased by the Law Library contains hyperlinked versions of the ORC and court rules, and WestLaw provides access to both the ORC and court rules. Although some courts may not consider these versions "official" versions, other libraries, such as the State Library of Ohio, can send copies of official versions if requested. FAX charges or other document delivery charges may apply.

We want to make the decision that is right for you, the patron of the law library. So any feedback you can give us will help make this library more efficient for you.

If you could reply with your suggestion from the choices below, we would greatly appreciate your time in reviewing this issue. *Please call: Director at (330) 451-7380.*

**Suggestions for maintaining state codes at the Law Library:**



Only keep the Ohio Revised Code and court rules for all locations currently receiving these items as part of the Law Library's subscription.

Keep the Ohio Revised Code, and codes and court rules for Michigan, West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, and Pennsylvania.

Keep the Ohio Revised Code, and codes and court rules for Michigan, West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, Pennsylvania, California, New York, Florida and Illinois.

Keep Ohio Revised Code and court rules along with the codes and court rules for 25 other core states.

Keep all the codes and court rules from all fifty states for which we currently subscribe.



If you have a suggestion not listed, please feel free to email Niki Domenick (director@starklawlibrary.org) or call at 330-451-7380, county extensions 7380 or 7670.



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## DIAL-IN TO OUR CATALOG

With telecommunication software in place,  
use these settings:

Phone number 330-451-7379

Baud: 9600

Parity: N

Data bits: 8

Stop bits: 1

Duplex: F,

Login: dialin.

Password: dialin.

Terminal type: VT100

Press enter at main SIRSI

screen.

Select Utility: Wsclient

Press BEGIN to start

Choose Library Catalog

For more detailed instructions, please contact the law library at 330-451-7380.

**Membership and Fees:** Membership is open to those who have passed the Ohio State Bar Examination.

First year Bar member...Complimentary  
2-5 years as member.....\$5.00  
6+ years as member.....\$10.00

Membership checks must be separate from other payments, please.

**Circulation:** Most print materials can be checked out by members for two weeks. Some items may be taken out overnight only. You may renew items by phone.

**Online Databases Available to members :** Internet (including email), WestLaw, LEXIS-NEXIS, OPEN, Grateful Med, DIALOG. Technical support from the staff is available. Charges vary.

**Photocopies:** \$.15 each, self-service. Vending cards may be purchased in any amount. Microfiche/film copies are also \$.15 each. Printing from computers is \$.05 per page.

**FAX services for members:** Send a fax for \$.25 per page within our local calling area, \$.50 outside. Receive free of charge.

**Reference services for members by phone, fax and email are available.**

**Inter-library Loan services for members are available.** Charges vary.

**Free Training for members** on any electronic service.