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The Rule of Law and the American Dream—Happy Law Week!

Law Day, enacted in 1958 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, is a yearly staple for the legal community every May. This year's theme "The Rule of Law and the American Dream" invites us to reflect upon how our legal system offers protections and freedoms that allow all Americans to chase their own dreams.

The Rule of Law is an abstract concept and as such an agreed upon definition can be hard to pin down. For members of the general public, it may be difficult to come up with an accurate definition at all. But not having the correct vocabulary doesn't mean that the layperson is unfamiliar with the concept.

In fact, everyone being equal under the law is probably one of the first things the public would reference when asked what makes our legal system special. The Rule of Law persists because we believe in it. It is part of our founding ideology and plays a large part in the way we



view and interact with American culture.

This Law Week, take a moment to consider the ways the work you do supports the Rule of Law. It is thanks to the efforts of judges, magistrates, lawyers, and justice system staff that the Rule of Law is protected and stewarded forward for generations to come.

We hope you will stop in and celebrate Law Week with us! You can find the Law Library's **schedule of events** for Law Week on **page 4** of the newsletter.

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CLE—Civility Symposium Free Speech in Civil Society: Foundations, Rights, and Responsibilities

Join us for an engaging and thought-provoking symposium that explores the critical role of free speech in civil society.

When

Wednesday, April 29, 2026
2:00 PM—5:00PM

Where

Thomas J. Moyer Judicial Center, Room 101

Or via Zoom

2.5 hours of Professional Conduct CLE

Register for free here: <https://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/civility-symposium/>

Law Library Newsletters

Stay informed, stay ahead—and unlock even more value from your Law Library with timely updates that go beyond this newsletter. Explore our recurring email publications below:

5th District Court Case Summaries

Stay up to date with decisions from Ohio's 5th Circuit Court of Appeals. This weekly email provides concise summaries of the Court's latest opinions so you can quickly understand key rulings.

Domestic Relations Journal of Ohio

Delivered bimonthly, this resource offers access to case summaries and the latest articles and insights in domestic relations law.

Ohio Probate Law Journal

Also published monthly, this journal keeps you current on probate law with timely articles and updates.

These resources are included in your Law Library membership. To be added to any of our email lists, **contact us at inform@starkcountyohio.gov**.



National Library Week is April 20—25

Ohio libraries have always been something special. Despite being the seventh most populous state, Ohio has the second-largest library network in the country. Per capita, our library systems are used more than any other, consistently leading the way in checkouts, programming, and innovation. According to recent Ohio Library Council research, Ohio libraries remain “among the most trusted and highest-valued public services in the state.” So why is that?

Unsurprisingly, much of it comes down to funding. While Ohio has allowed for the incorporation of public libraries since 1817, public funds were not used for libraries until 1853. Changes in the 1860s allowed municipalities to open and fund public libraries, paving the way for Ohio communities to qualify for Carnegie grants. In total, 106 libraries were built in Ohio using Carnegie funding—many of which are still open and operating today.

State budget support for Ohio libraries began in 1933, tied to property taxes. These funds were distributed by the state but collected locally and remained within the community. State funding for libraries has existed ever since—something only implemented in Ohio (and later, Hawaii). When the intangible personal property tax was repealed in 1983, funding for libraries was preserved through the Library and Local Government Fund, which existed as a percentage of the state budget. This fund was renamed the Public Library Fund (PLF) in 2008 and, more recently, was changed from a percentage of the state budget to a designated line item.

Even with this strong history and public support, libraries would not continue to thrive without their communities. You can help preserve the legacy of Ohio's libraries for future generations by exploring digital collections, attending a program, or simply walking through their doors. National Library Week is April 20–25—follow along on our social media for themed posts throughout the week!

DOJ Sues OhioHealth Corp.

A complaint filed in federal court by the U.S. Department of Justice and Ohio's attorney general's office accuses OhioHealth Corp. of violating the Sherman Act. It alleges that OhioHealth uses contractual restrictions to block insurers from offering plans that could include lower-cost hospitals or informing patients about lower-cost options.



OhioHealth Corp. operates 16 hospital and outpatient facilities, mostly in the Columbus region. Some of these facilities are in rural areas, and represent the only option for healthcare for some Ohioans. Restrictions in insurer contracts take away affordable options for these Ohioans, according to the complaint.

Visit our digital collection for the most up-to-date versions of anti-trust law resources.

Supreme Court of Ohio Releases Updated Court Statistics Dashboards

Interactive dashboards produced by the Supreme Court of Ohio showing visual data from Ohio's courts have received an upgrade. Using statistics required to be reported to the Supreme Court, these updates improve ease of use and aid in easier interpretation.

Dashboards for municipal and county courts have been combined, and a new page for Ohio appellate courts has been added. It is now easier to filter information, and added graphs make viewing court trends clearer. Definitions of data measures used are available via on-screen hovering.

Expanding the court statistics dashboards is part of the Supreme Court of Ohio's ongoing initiative to better understand delays in Ohio's courts and reduce court backlog.

Learn more and access the State of Ohio Court Statistics Dashboards here: <https://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/courts/services-to-courts/court-services/dashboards/>



New eBooks

Thriving! Not Just Surviving: Leading Your Law Firm to Excellence

Authors: Boyer, Sandra J. / Beaver, Michael S.
Edition: 1st

Sentence, Paragraph, Argument, Brief: Meeting the Four Challenges of Legal Writing

Author: Greenwald, David N.
Edition: 1st

On the Jury Trial

Authors: Melsheimer, Thomas / Smith, Craig
Edition: 2nd

Modern Fidelity Claim Deskbook

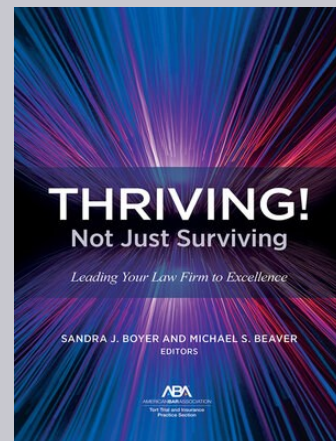
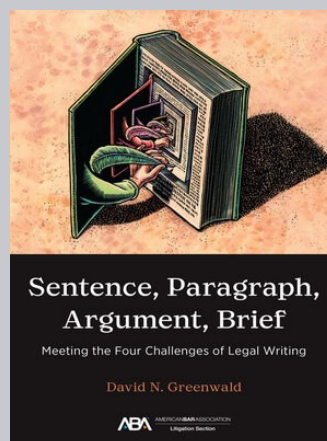
Authors: Clark, Sarah / Gooley, Theresa A. / Reed, Toni Scott
Edition: 1st

Mastering GRC: The Lawyer's Guide to Success in Governance, Risk, and Compliance

Author: Switzer, Carole Stern
Edition: 1st

Legal Specialization: A Handbook

Author: Edmunds, Robert H. , Jr.
Edition: 1st





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Law Week Schedule of Events!

Join us all week long as we celebrate National Law Week with fun activities and prizes.

Monday, April 27th— What's your American Dream? Share it with us on our **American Dream Board**.

Tuesday, April 28— Visit our **information table** in the lobby of the Stark County Office Building to learn more about the resources we offer.

Wednesday, April 29— It's **swag giveaway day**! Stop in and pick up your free item!

Thursday, April 30— So good we brought it back! **Grab swag again today!**

Friday, May 1— Take your American Dream Vacation at the Law Library, with a **vacation photo op** and **Dreamscicle treat**!

Stop in any day during the week to **enter our raffle**, and don't forget to **follow our socials** for daily Law Week posts.

Stark County Law Library Resources Board

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Monday - Friday

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM