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PUBLIC COMMENT OPEN ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO STATISTICAL REPORTING

The Supreme Court of Ohio is accepting public comment on proposals to modernize what case data is collected from Ohio courts and redesign the forms used to collect it. These changes represent phase two in the review of court statistical reporting processes.

Some proposed changes include separating tolled cases to see a more accurate picture of case resolution rate, adding protection orders as a separate case category, and tracking the use of court interpreters. Information collected is available to the public via dashboards on the Court's website.

Additional information about the proposed changes is available here: <https://tinyurl.com/m5b7wn2s>

The deadline to submit comment is July 13, 2026. All comments must be submitted in writing to:

statsreporting@sc.ohio.gov

or mailed to:

Chris Geocaris
Supreme Court of Ohio
65 S. Front St.
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3431



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5TH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEALS LOCAL RULES RENUMBERED

Ohio's 5th District Court of Appeals has renumbered their Local Rules. A Key highlighting the changes is included.

If an Appellate Rule is supplemented by a Local Rule, the Local Rule has been changed to match the number of its related Appellate Rule. All Local Rules that do not supplement an Appellate Rule have been renumbered in sequence, beginning with Local Rules 44.

Several proposed have been made to Local Rule 16 (former Local Rule 9), pertaining to

formatting a brief. Major changes to the procedure for obtaining a time extension to file a brief are also included.

Finally, a new Local Rule 51 has been added, emphasizing the ethical obligation of counsel, and noting that the use of artificial intelligence does not excuse violation of those obligations.

The updated Local Rules and included Key can be found on the 5th District Court of Appeals website here:

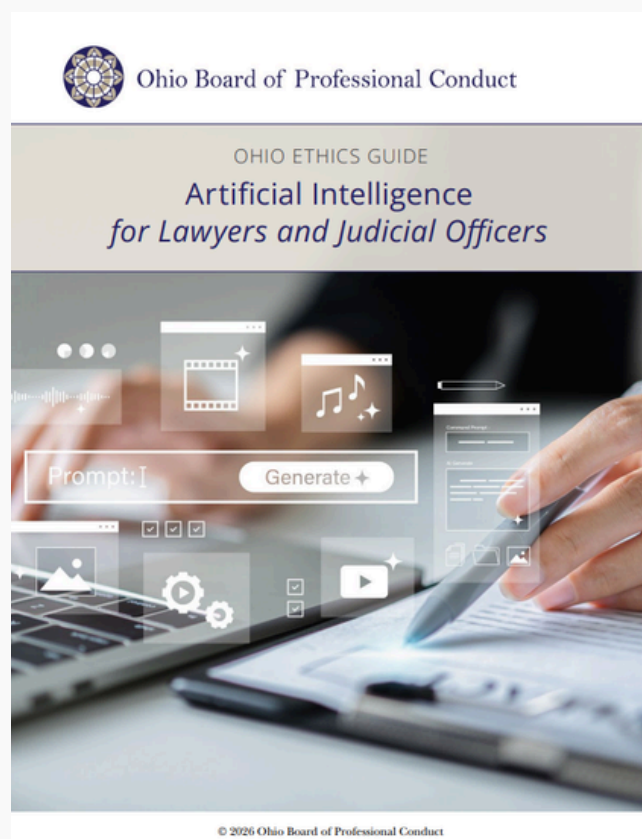
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NEW OHIO ETHICS GUIDE FOR AI USE

The Ohio Board of Professional Conduct released a new Ohio Ethics Guide focusing on artificial intelligence use in the legal profession. This nonbinding report aims to provide guidance to legal professionals looking to integrate AI into their practice.

Best practices for using these new tools have been slow to emerge. The Board's new guide make Ohio one of the first states to provide guidance on the topic. Still, this is not an all-encompassing guide to all of AI's potential uses. Several topics, such as using AI for research, proofreading, and courtroom management are not included.

You can find the Ohio Ethics Guide: Artificial Intelligence for Lawyers and Judicial Officers here: <https://tinyurl.com/5fud5zcg>



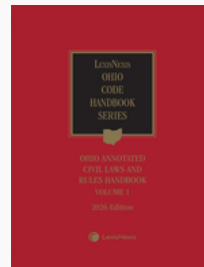
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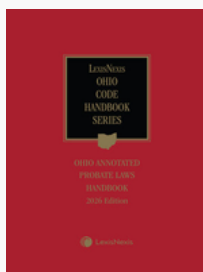
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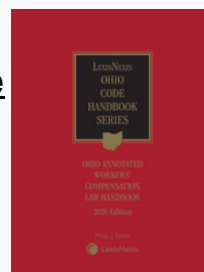
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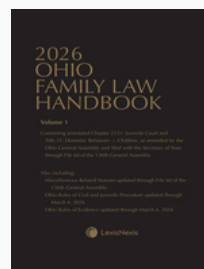
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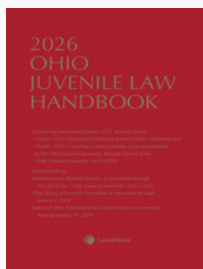
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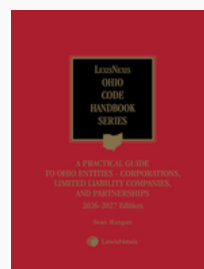
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12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Webinar via Zoom (register for the link)
\$30
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Register: <https://tinyurl.com/ynyz8njf>

Ensuring Safe and Healthy Housing in Summit County

Tuesday, July 28, 2026
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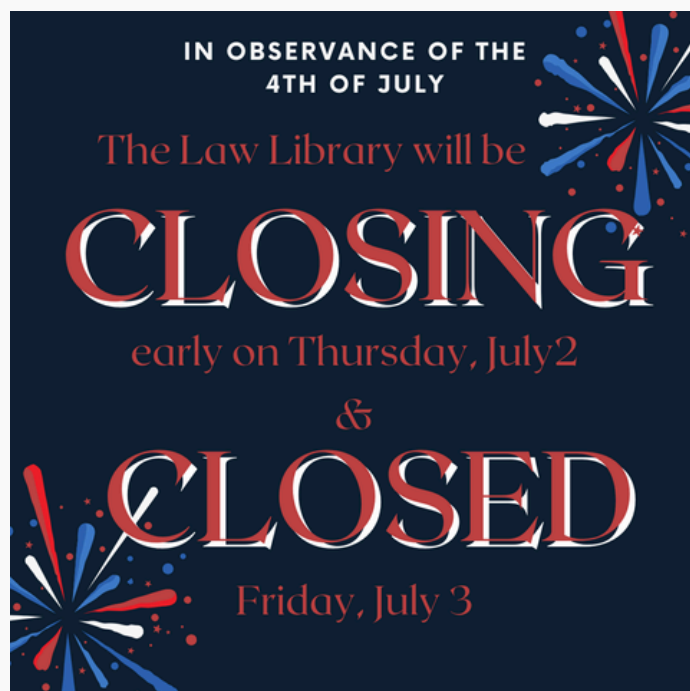
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STARK COUNTY COURTHOUSE FEATURED IN "SEATS OF JUSTICE"

The Supreme Court of Ohio's *Seats of Justice* series takes a stop in Stark County! This short video features beautiful shots of the Stark County Courthouse, history of the 3 courthouses that have existed in Stark County, and some local legal history.

You can watch *Seats of Justice: Stark County* here: <https://tinyurl.com/2r34unem>

Interested in more Ohio Courthouse history? Watch *Where Justice Settled: The History of Ohio's 88 County Courthouses* here: <https://tinyurl.com/4dbevrj7>