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STARK COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON E-FILING RULE CHANGES



Starting on December 8, 2026, the Stark County Court of Common Pleas and the Stark County Clerk of Courts will begin using their new electronic case management system (CMS) and Electronic Filing System. In preparation for this change, the court will be shutting down the current CMS beginning Monday, November 23, 2026.

During this transition, all cases will be processed manually by court staff. In order to keep the court functioning efficiently, both the General Division and Family Court Division request that only emergency motions and filings be submitted. The Clerk of Courts will accept only a limited number of filings during this time. No new traffic summonses, traffic arraignments, or juvenile summonses will be scheduled during this transition. The Clerk of Courts will reschedule any summonses that have already been issued.

Changes to Local Rule 9.11 are proposed to reflect the capabilities of the new CMS and Electronic Filing System. The local rule change will operate in conjunction with the proposed Administrative Order with the Procedures for Electronic Filing. Both proposed documents can be found on

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the Court of Common Pleas' website.

Public comment and questions are being requested for the new language of Rule 9.11 and the Administrative Order. Please email comments to arculler@starkcountyohio.gov or submit via regular mail to:

General Division Court Administrator
Arlune Culler, Suite 400
115 Central Plaza North
Canton, OH 44702

Please submit comments by November 3, 2026.

OHIO AG JOINS 20 STATES IN DOLLAR GENERAL OVERCHARGE LAWSUIT

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC), along with the attorneys general of 20 states, has filed a lawsuit against Dollar General, alleging the company charges customers more for items at the register than the display prices. Misrepresenting prices to consumers violates the FTC Act. The lawsuit was filed in federal court in Tennessee on Monday, October 26, 2026.

With over 20,000 stores across the country, Dollar General markets itself as a cost-effective option for underserved, often rural communities. According to the complaint, Dollar General itself has acknowledged that its target customer relies on items that typically cost less than $1 to fit into limited budgets. Despite this, Dollar General routinely charged higher prices at the register, showing a "pattern of inaccurate pricing [that] has persisted for years and affects millions of purchases across the country."

This complaint is not the first of its nature against the dollar store chain. In 2023, Dollar General settled with the State of Ohio over pricing discrepancies between its shelves and registers. Also in Ohio, a consumer reached an out-of-court settlement with Dollar General over deceptive pricing. As part of the agreement, the case was dismissed with prejudice, permanently preventing the consumer from refiling the same lawsuit. Other settlement terms remain undisclosed. Between 2023 and 2026, Dollar General has received more than 29,000 consumer complaints categorized as 'Did Not Honor Marked Price."

Dollar General was alerted to the FTC investigation in early February, though was not expecting the draft complaint it received in September. According to the company, its goal is 100% pricing accuracy between the shelf and register and they have "worked tirelessly and in good faith to resolve this matter."

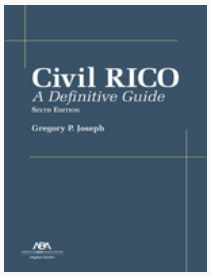


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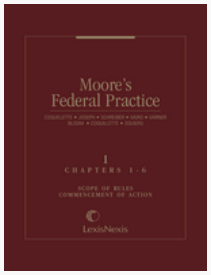
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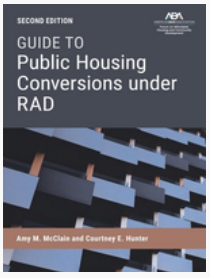
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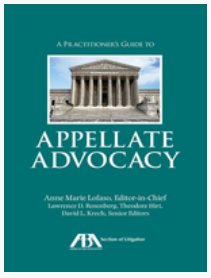
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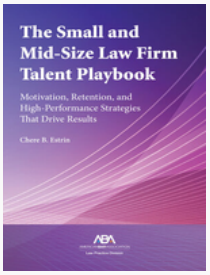
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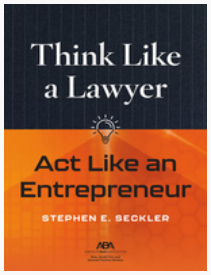
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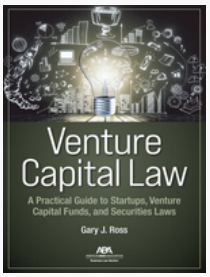
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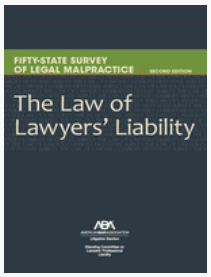
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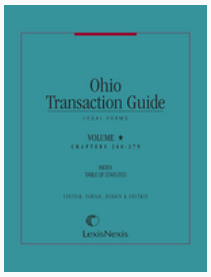


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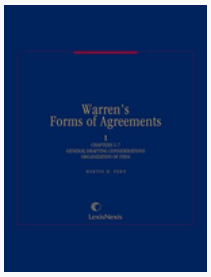
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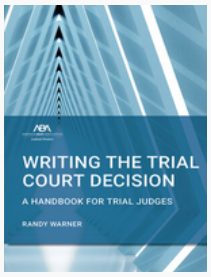
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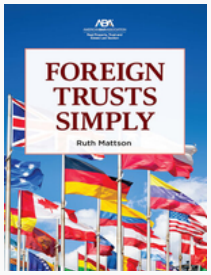
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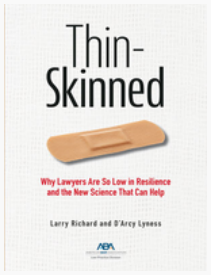
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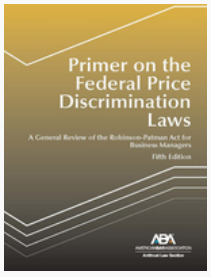
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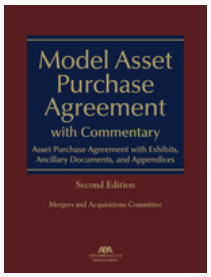
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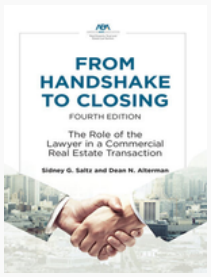
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Ohio Public Defender Symposium Progress and Possibility: Strengthening Ohio's Indigent Defense System

Wednesday, November 4, 2026
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Webinar or In Person
Supreme Court of Ohio, Room 101
65 South Front Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Free!
2.5 CLE hours

Additional Information
Registration

Tuscarawas County Bar Continuing Legal Education Seminar

Friday, November 13, 2026
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Kent State University at Tuscawaras
Science and Advanced Technology Center

$70
5 General CLE hours
1 Professionalism CLE hour

Additional Information and Agenda
Registration

Don't Forget: Stark County Law Library members receive Tuscarawas County Law Library member pricing!

Probate CLE: Requirements, Removals, Reinstatements, Oh My!

Thursday, November 5, 2026
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

The Cleveland Law Library
Webinar

$35
1.5 Self-Study General CLE hours

Additional Information
Registration

View from the Bench Seminar: New Lawyer Training

Thursday, November 19, 2026
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Stark County Office Building
110 Central Plaza South
Auditor's Hearing Room, Suite #210
Canton, OH 44702

Free - Stark County Bar Association Attorney Members and Non-members admitted to the Bar 5 years or Fewer
$30 - All others

1.5 General CLE hours (for non-new attorneys)

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This holiday season, the Stark County Bar Association has partnered with the SAM to help provide Thanksgiving dinners for local veterans, service members, and military widows. Donations can be dropped off at the SCBA Office during regular hours no later than November 13, 2026. Thank you for your support!

- $10 Grocery Cards
- Corn Muffin Mix
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- Canned Corn
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- Mushroom Soup
- Stuffing Mix
- Mashed Potatoes
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