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TELEVISED ASK-A-LAWYER
Washington High School
April 20 at 12:30PM

MOOT COURT COMPETITION
May 1 at FIFTH DISTRICT
COURT OF APPEALS

OHIO JUSTICE BUS
May 1 at 2:00 - 5:00PM
MISSION BBQ



MAY 3, 2023

Law Day Luncheon
Keynote Speaker—

**ATTORNEY GENERAL
DAVE YOST**

2023 LAW DAY SEMINAR
Courtroom Civility & Collaboration
A View From The Judges Of The
Stark County Common Pleas Court
KSU AT STARK'S
CONFERENCE CENTER

**TOUR DE COURTS
DOWNTOWN CANTON**
May 4



SCBA April 2023 Office Schedule

April 4 th	4:00 PM	Senior Lawyers Committee Social at Fronimos
April 6 th	12:00 NOON	Community Involvement Committee Meeting
April 10 th	4:00 PM	Disputed Fee Committee Meeting
April 11 th	12:00 NOON	Annual Members Meeting
April 13 th	12:00 NOON	Legal Aid/Pro Bono Committee Meeting
April 18 th	3:45 PM	Grievance Committee Meeting
April 19 th	12:00 NOON	Law Day Committee Meeting
April 19 th	4:00 PM	Executive Committee Meeting
April 26 th	12:00 NOON	Administrative Professionals Day Luncheon – Bender's Tavern

THE STARK COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION



NOTARY EDUCATION CLASS & TESTING

Classes and Testing offered every 2nd & 4th Tuesday
Stark County Bar Association Office
By Appointment Only

1 Hour Renewal Education Class • 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

3 Hour New Notary Public Education Class
12:00 Noon – 3:00 PM

TESTING 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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2023 CLE Seminars

April 5, 2023	2023 Family Law Seminar SCBA Conference Room See Pg. 5
April 14, 2023	The 27th Annual White-Williams Bankruptcy Institute The Hartville Kitchen See Pgs. 6 & 7
May 3, 2023	2023 Law Day Seminar Kent State University at Stark's Conference Center See Pg. 8

Upcoming CLE

June 16, 2023	"Justice For All: Protecting The Elderly & Disabled" First Christian Church, Canton, OH Details In Next Issue.
June 28, 2023	Installation Luncheon & 2023 Professional Conduct Seminar DoubleTree by Hilton Canton Downtown Details In Next Issue.

CLE Self-Study Rule Changes

Effective January 1, 2023, the Supreme Court of Ohio adopted rule changes that will permanently remove the CLE self-study caps for attorneys.



On-Line CLE

Take advantage of the Stark County
Bar Association's **SELF-STUDY** courses
through our website:
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Reminder: A - LI
Complete your CLE by Dec. 31, 2023

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From Our President

BREAKING NEWS!¹

I The Law Day Committee is planning a panoply of propitious events.

Attorney Todd Evans, Judge Elum, Attorney Dick Kuhn, and the other members of the Law Day Committee are diligently working to get things squared away for this year's celebration of Law Day. This year, the majority of Law Day events will occur between May 1, 2023 and May 5, 2023. The Moot Court competition will be held on May 1, 2023 at the Fifth District Court of Appeals and we extend our gratitude to the Judges of the Fifth District Court of Appeals for allowing us to use their courtroom as a venue for this event.

Also, on May 1, 2023, members of the Law Day Committee have, quite literally, managed to take the telephone "Ask-A-Lawyer" legal hotline on the road. This year, the Ohio Access to Justice Foundation will be transporting the "Ohio Justice Bus" to Stark County where volunteers will be stationed outside of Mission BBQ (corner of Everhard Rd. and Dressler Rd.) to assist those in need of legal services who may otherwise not have the means to obtain answers to their questions.



Source: <https://www.ohiojusticefoundation.org/grantees/ohio-justice-bus/>

Thereafter, the Law Day Luncheon will take place on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, and we are honored to welcome Attorney General Dave Yost as the keynote speaker. Immediately following the luncheon with Attorney General Yost, the Judges of the Stark County Court of Common Pleas General Division will present a CLE covering a variety of topics, but generally focused on the Law Day theme of "Cornerstones of Democracy: Civics, Civility, and Collaboration" as it relates to litigation.

Other events include the "Televised Ask-A-Lawyer" on April 20, 2023, the Tour de Courts which is set to occur on May 4, 2023, and several other events and competitions to commemorate Law Day. If you are interested in volunteering for any of these events, please contact Attorney Todd Evans. Additionally, please consider attending Attorney General Yost's speech/luncheon and the General Division Judges' CLE seminar that will follow.

II The passing of Judge Williams and a brief history of the White-Williams Bankruptcy Institute.

Each year, the Stark County Bar Association joins with the Akron Bar Association to present a seminar titled the Annual White-Williams Bankruptcy Institute. Although I have never practiced extensively in the area of bankruptcy law, I understand that this is one of the most well attended annual seminars presented, in part, by our Association. The namesake

Stephan P. Babik *President, Stark County Bar Association*



for this seminar is derived from its founders who were two longstanding Bankruptcy Judges in the Northern District of Ohio: The Hon. Harold F. White and the Hon. James H. Williams.

Judge White had served on the bench in Akron as a bankruptcy referee and, later, an active judge between 1958 and 1993. Judge White passed away on August 5, 2014 and left a legacy of dedication to his community, informed judicial opinions, and generosity.

Judge Williams was also dedicated to his community and he served as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Ohio in Canton, Ohio. Judge Williams was a Past President of the Stark County Bar Association, where he served between 1988 and 1989. On February 12, 2023, Judge Williams passed away surrounded by his family.

Judge White and Judge Williams' legacies endure and, once again, this year the Stark County Bar Association will partner with the Akron Bar Association for the 27th Annual White-Williams Bankruptcy Institute which will be held on April 14, 2023 at Hartville Kitchen.

III The Community Involvement Committee helps those in need at the Akron Canton Food Bank.

On Saturday, March 11, 2023, Attorney Cari Evans and other members of the Community Involvement Committee, including Magistrate Andrea Scassa, Judge Natalie Haupt, Attorney Todd Kotler, and Attorney Jamie Minor volunteered at the Akron Canton Food Bank to provide groceries to families in need. It takes a lot to volunteer your time during the busy workweek, but to spend your Saturday assisting those in need speaks to the quality of work done by the Community Involvement Committee. We are very fortunate to have such members who represent our Association so well in the community.



¹ Keeping with the theme espoused by many in this age of sensationalized headlines intended only to capture ever decreasing attention spans, there is nothing terribly "breaking" about any of these items brought to you from around the Stark County Bar Association.

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IV Nomadic “pop-up” happy hour socials.

As the twilight of my term as President of the Stark County Bar Association approaches, I have been running through a mental list of ideas that I accumulated before assuming this role and some that I have picked up along the way. Most of these ideas are not entirely my own and, instead, are amalgamations of my thoughts and conversations I have had with members during social gatherings.

One such idea that I believe I may have time to get off the ground, or at least complete a trial run, focuses on an effort to expand our social reach beyond the Canton area. Someone recently remarked to me on the size and diversity in Stark County.² Although our Association understandably uses the Canton area as the location for events, given its central proximity to the entire county, I tried to consider ways to expand our reach and get to know some of the neighboring communities and community leaders. One idea I had was to hold informal, “come-as-you-are” happy hours in various parts of our county to highlight local leaders, establishments, and (hopefully) draw some of our members who might balk at a 20-minute drive to a formal event, but might be willing to swing by a local (for them) establishment for a casual bite and a drink.

After sending an email of inquiry to a few individuals, Judge Elum, Judge Fichter, Magistrate Scassa, and Magistrate Kuhn answered the call and the first such happy hour will take place on **May 17, 2023 at 4:45 p.m.** at what has been described to me as Massillon’s “oldest liquor and city hall establishment,” the Kendal Tavern (705 Wales Road NE, Massillon, OH 44646).

The event can be described as a “pop-up” event as it is not a formal or official social event of the Bar Association. Instead, it is just an informal gathering, at a place that is outside of the Canton, Ohio area. Although it may be a one-off event, it may also grow into a regular gathering to socialize with fellow members and community leaders across Stark County’s constituent subdivisions. I hope to see you there!

V Dissolution of the Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee.

This year, when you are marking your preferences for Committee appointments, please note that one Committee will be absent from the list: Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee. Under recent amendments to Gov. Bar.R. VII, to obtain certification of such a Committee would require, among other things, bar counsel being appointed to supervise the Committee; adoption of formal bylaws; a layperson designated to serve on the Committee; at least 2 annual meetings; and quarterly reports. Given the fact that the Stark County Bar Association has received approximately 3 complaints for the unauthorized practice of law in the past 5 years, the matter was brought before the Committee and the Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee voted in favor of dissolution. On March 15, 2023, the Executive Committee was presented with the information regarding changes to Gov.Bar.R. VII, together with the outcome of the vote of the Committee, and the Executive Committee voted in favor of dissolving the Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee. If any of our members are confronted with a situation that they would have otherwise brought to the attention of this Committee, please refer such situations to the Ohio Supreme Court Board on the Unauthorized Practice of Law.

VI Reminder: Annual Members Meeting

The Annual Members Meeting will take place on April 11, 2023 at 12:00 noon at the Bar Office and by Zoom. Although this event is not usually well-attended, it is the meeting where the future potential leaders (Executive Committee and Officers) of our Association are nominated for election.

² If, for the sake of the discussion, I were to attend the White-Williams Bankruptcy Institute at Hartville Kitchen and decided to swing by Brewster Cheese afterwards, I would be on the road for approximately 45 minutes and never leave Stark County. Add another 10 minutes or so to the drive and I could just as easily depart Hartville Kitchen and swing by the West Side Market in Cleveland, Ohio.

Stark County Bar Association

Administrative Professionals Day Luncheon

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

BENDER’S TAVERN, DOWNTOWN CANTON

12:00 Noon • \$24.50 per person

LUNCH ENTREES:

- Chicken Marsala with Mashed Potatoes - Served with a House Salad & Bread
- Scrod ala Foley with Rice - Served with a House Salad & Bread
- Chef Salad - Served with Bread

*All lunches will include a Bender’s Mini Sundae.
Choice of coffee, iced tea, hot teas or soft drink.*

Please call the Bar Office (330-453-0685) or e-mail (SCB@StarkCtyBar.com), no later than April 21st to make your reservations. We hope to see you and your staff!

COMMITTEE SELECTIONS FOR 2023 - 2024

Your membership in the Stark County Bar Association will be more rewarding to you and of greater value to the profession if you serve as an active member of a committee.

Please study the list of committees and indicate your preference by placing a 1, 2 or 3 before the respective committees and return to the Bar Association Office **no later than April 30, 2023.**

Committee assignments cannot always be made on the basis of your first choice, but an effort will be made to do so. Priority will be given to present members of the committee. **If you do not return a committee preference sheet, it will be assumed that you have no preference and/or wish to continue to be a member of the committee(s) upon which you are currently serving.**

Terms of office will commence July 1, 2023 and terminate June 30, 2024. All committees are encouraged to hold an organizational meeting after taking office on July 1, 2023.

Thank you.
Honorable Frank G. Forchione
President-elect 2023-2024

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400 Courtyard Centre
116 Cleveland Avenue
Canton, Ohio 44702-1728

E-MAIL: SCB@StarkCty.Bar.com

2023 Elections – Primary & General

The Stark County Bar Association's Judiciary Committee has completed its evaluation of each candidate listed below in each judicial election. The Judiciary Committee evaluated each candidate by reviewing the candidate's biography and interviewing the candidate. The Committee then established a rating for each candidate.

The Judiciary Committee, on behalf of the Stark County Bar Association, shall make one of

three recommendations for each candidate: "Not Recommended", "Recommended" or "Highly Recommended." A candidate receiving 55% or greater of the total membership of the committee present shall receive a "Recommended" rating. A candidate receiving 75% or greater of the total membership present shall receive a "Highly Recommended" rating.

Canton Municipal Court, 1-1-24

Kristen Donohue Guardado (D)
Dennis E. Barr (R)

RECOMMENDED
RECOMMENDED

Canton Municipal Court, 1-2-24

Earle E. Wise, Jr. (D)
Curt Werren (R)

RECOMMENDED
RECOMMENDED

Change of Address

Morgan A. Craig, Esq.
Bixler Moore, LLC
4505 Stephen Circle, NW
Canton, OH 44718
PH: 330-491-2222
Email: mbarth@bixlermoore.com

New SCBA Member

Julie S. Mills, Esq.
Associated with: Sole Practitioner
P.O. Box 484
Hartville, OH 44632
PH: 614-519-8661
FAX: 330-302-9212
Email: julie@columbus.rr.com

New SCBA ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Jenny Myers, Legal Administrator
Associated with:
Stark County Law Library

Community Service Award For Attorneys 40 And Under

The SCBA Community Involvement Committee is seeking nominations for a Stark County Attorney to be honored by the Ohio State Bar Foundation for their Community Service Award for Attorneys 40 & Under. Please submit nominations to the Stark County Bar Association to the attention of the Community Involvement Committee. All nominations require a brief resume of the nominee along with a list/description of the organizations they are serving or have served. The Nominator's contact information must be included. DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2023.

This award is presented to attorneys, 40 years of age or younger, who contribute substantial time and effort in service to a local social service, or a local civic, artistic or cultural organization. The service must be outside the recipients' practice of law and must be given without compensation. Emphasis is placed on current service. Recipients should represent the ideals of the legal profession and, by example, be a credit to the profession. NOTE: This award is presented to honorees in each of the OSBA Districts. The statewide award recipient is chosen from these district honorees.



Stark County Bar Association

2023 FAMILY LAW SEMINAR

Wednesday, April 5, 2023
SCBA Conference Room

- 8:30 A.M. **REGISTRATION**
Doughnuts, coffee & water provided.
- 9:00 A.M. **FACES OF MENTAL ILLNESS**
Aimee Thomas, Ph.D., J.D., P.C.C.-S
Lighthouse Family Center, Ltd.
Catherine M.W. Bell, Esq.
Magistrate Stark County Family Court
- 10:30 A.M. **BREAK**
- 10:45 A.M. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**
Scott Lundregan, Esq.
Legislative Counsel/Director of Policy, Ohio State Bar Association
- 11:45 A.M. **COMMON PITFALLS OF GRIEVANCE COMPLAINTS**
Richard S. Milligan, Esq., SCBA Bar Counsel
Milligan & Pusateri Co., LPA
- 12:15 P.M. **ADJOURN**



2023 Family Law Seminar

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

*Members: \$90.00 Associate Members: \$75.00 Non-Members: \$165.00

Name _____ Atty. Reg. No. _____

Address _____

Email _____

***PLEASE NOTE:** If you are currently a member of any local bar association, you may attend at our members' price.

Do you prefer to receive the seminar materials via Email or Hard Copy on the day of the seminar? Circle One.

Please mail checks to: Stark County Bar Association
116 Cleveland Avenue, N.W., Suite 400, Canton, Ohio 44702-1728

NO REFUNDS UNLESS RESERVATION CANCELLATION IS RECEIVED 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF SEMINAR.
Application approved for 3.00 CLE credit hours, including 2.0 Professional Conduct CLE credit hours.

THE 27TH ANNUAL WHITE-WILLIAMS BANKRUPTCY INSTITUTE

April 14, 2023

The Hartville Kitchen

1015 Edison Street NW, Hartville, OH 44632

6.00 CLEs applied for (5.00 general hrs. & 1 professional conduct hr.)



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association



- 7:45 A.M. **REGISTRATION**
- 8:25 A.M. **WELCOME**
Michelle Jackson Limas, Esq., *Chair, Bankruptcy Committee, Stark County Bar Association*
Michael Steel, Esq., *Chair, Bankruptcy & Commercial Law Section, Akron Bar Association*
- 8:30 A.M. **U.S. TRUSTEE UPDATE**
Amy L. Good, Esq., *Office of the U.S. Trustee*
Scott R. Belhorn, Esq., *Office of the U.S. Trustee*
- 9:00 A.M. **CASE LAW UPDATE**
Hon. John P. Gustafson, *US Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Ohio*
Thomas DeCarlo, Esq., *Osipov Bigelman, P.C.*
- 10:30 A.M. **BREAK**
- 10:45 A.M. **CHAPTER 13 PANEL**
Hon. Alan M. Koschik, *US Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Ohio*
Dynele L. Schinker-Kuharich, Esq., *Canton Chapter 13 Trustee*
Keith L. Rucinski, Esq., *Akron Chapter 13 Trustee*
- 11:15 A.M. **VIEWS FROM THE CANTON BANKRUPTCY COURT BENCH**
Hon. John P. Gustafson, *US Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Ohio*
Hon. Mary Ann Whipple, *US Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Ohio*
Hon. Tiiara N. A. Patton, *US Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Ohio*
- 11:45 A.M. **BREAK** – Please leave meeting room for staff to prepare for lunch.
- 12:00 NOON **LUNCH** Presentation by George Vogl of Stretto
- 1:00 P.M. **STUDENT LOAN ISSUES**
Suzana K. Koch, Esq., *Assistant US Attorney General*
Richard H. Nemeth, Esq., *Nemeth & Associates, LLC*
- 1:30 P.M. **CHAPTER 7 PANEL**
Lisa Barbucci, Esq., *Canton Chapter 7 Trustee*
Ryan McNeil, Esq., *McNeil Law Firm, LLC*
- 2:00 P.M. **TAX CLAIMS**
Trish D. Lazich, Esq., *Director of Bankruptcy & Legal Support,*
Office of the Ohio Attorney General
- 3:00 P.M. **PIE BREAK** sponsored by Vance P. Truman, Esq.
- 3:15 P.M. **SUCCESSION PLANNING & DUE DILIGENCE**
Gretchen J. Mote, Esq., *OBLIC Director of Loss Prevention*
- 4:15 P.M. **CLOSING REMARKS AND DRAWING FOR**
DEAN WYMAN SCHOLARSHIP

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2023 - 27th ANNUAL WHITE-WILLIAMS BANKRUPTCY INSTITUTE

Register online at www.akronbar.org/events. Register by phone Akron Bar Association **330-436-0112**,
OR Register online and choose "Payment at Later Time," then mail this form with your check to:
Akron Bar Association, 57 S. Broadway St., Akron, OH 44308.

NAME: _____

FIRM: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: (____) ____ - _____ E-MAIL: _____

(must provide in order to receive registration confirmation/receipt/link to materials)

OHIO REG. # _____

LUNCH CHOICE:

Baked Boneless Chicken _____ OR Baked Fish _____ OR Vegetarian Pasta _____ No Lunch _____

SEMINAR FEE

(includes continental breakfast, lunch and electronic materials)

Akron Bar Member _____ \$239.00

Stark County Bar Member _____ \$239.00

Attorney Non-Member _____ \$389.00

Non-Attorney _____ \$139.00

Bankruptcy Judge or
Law Clerk _____ COMP

Late Registration Fee:
(after 4/5/23) _____ \$25.00

TOTAL FEE: \$ _____

Registration Options:

Online: www.akronbar.org
with credit card payment

Phone: Akron Bar Association 330-436-0112

Register online, choose "Payment at a Later Time",
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57 S. Broadway St.
Akron, OH 44308

Registration Info: Registration fee includes CLE,
electronic materials, continental breakfast & lunch.
Registrations received after 4/5/23 will incur an
additional \$25 fee.

GENERAL SEMINAR INFORMATION:

MATERIALS: Handouts for this program will be provided to all attendees in electronic, rather than hard copy format. When you register, be sure to include your email address so that we can notify you when the electronic materials are available. **WI-FI access may be interrupted at the Hartville Kitchen, attendees are encouraged to download the handouts to their devices and ensure that the device is fully charged before arriving at the seminar or print materials prior to the seminar.** The materials will be available at www.akronbar.org (under CLE heading, click on "Seminar Materials").

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellations must be submitted in writing via email: cle@akronbar.org. Refunds will be made with the following charge: a \$45.00 cancellation fee. If no cancellation is received PRIOR to 12:00 p.m. the day before the seminar, no refund will be issued. The Akron Bar Association reserves the right to change or cancel the program if circumstances warrant.

ACCREDITATION: The Akron Bar Association is an approved sponsor of Continuing Legal Education seminars. Under Rule X (Ohio CLE) we will request credit for this program.

SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: If special arrangements are required for individuals to attend this seminar, please contact the CLE Department at 330-436-0112, at least one week prior to the seminar.

DIRECTIONS TO HARTVILLE KITCHEN:

FROM AKRON: Take I-77 S to OH-241 Exit (Exit #118) towards OH 619/Massillon. Turn LEFT on Massillon Rd/OH-241. Turn RIGHT on E. Turkeyfoot Lake Rd./OH-619. Follow OH-619 past Cleveland Ave. The Hartville Kitchen is on the left side of the street.

FROM CANTON: Take I-77 N to OH-241 Exit (Exit #118). Turn RIGHT on Massillon Rd/OH-241. Turn RIGHT on E. Turkeyfoot Lake Rd./OH-619. Follow OH-619 past Cleveland Ave. The Hartville Kitchen is on the left side of the street.



Stark County Bar Association **2023 LAW DAY SEMINAR**

"Cornerstones of Democracy: Civics, Civility, and Collaboration"

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

Kent State University At Stark's Conference Center

COURTROOM CIVILITY & COLLABORATION

A VIEW FROM THE JUDGES OF THE STARK COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT

The Honorable Kristin G. Farmer
The Honorable Frank G. Forchione
The Honorable Chryssa N. Hartnett
The Honorable Natalie R. Haupt
The Honorable Taryn L. Heath

12:45 P.M. REGISTRATION

1:15 P.M. COLLABORATION IN DISCOVERY DISPUTES; CIVILITY DURING
PRETRIAL HEARINGS; COLLABORATION IN TRIAL PREPARATION; AND
CIVILITY IN DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS AND OTHER MOTION PRACTICES

2:30 P.M. BREAK

2:45 P.M. COLLABORATION & CIVILITY IN MEDIATION; CIVILITY IN JURY &
BENCH TRIALS; AND UNCIVIL TACTICS & COMMON MISTAKES

4:00 P.M. POST-COVID PROTOCOLS & COURTROOM TECHNOLOGY

4:30 P.M. ADJOURN



2023 LAW DAY SEMINAR

LUNCH & SEMINAR:

*Members: \$141.00 Associate Members: \$126.00 Non-Members: \$216.00

SEMINAR ONLY:

*Members: \$132.00 Associate Members: \$117.00 Non-Members: \$207.00

Name: _____ Atty. Reg. No. _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

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Application will be submitted for 3.00 General CLE Credit Hours.

Stark County Bar Association **2023 LAW DAY LUNCHEON**

Wednesday, May 3, 2023 - 11:45 A.M.

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY AT STARK'S CONFERENCE CENTER



The Law Week theme this year is “Cornerstones of Democracy: Civics, Civility, and Collaboration”. Our program at the Law Day Luncheon will feature Keynote Speaker Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost.

The luncheon is open to the public and the Bar Association cordially invites your staff, fellow attorneys, family members and friends to attend the luncheon.

Tickets will be \$26.00 per person. Please note that the luncheon will begin promptly at 11:45 A.M. We cannot reserve tables other than for the award recipients so it is suggested that you arrive early.

We will be recognizing the recipients of the Liberty Bell Award as well as the winners of the Moot Court Competition, Digital Media Contest, Essay and Poster contests. Please join us as we honor these deserving award winners.

Reservations must be made by 4:30 P.M. on Wednesday, April 26th. Please mail your reservation form to the Bar Office or call in your reservation at 330-453-0685.

We look forward to seeing you on May 3rd.

Todd Evans, Chairman
Law Day Committee



2023 Law Day Luncheon

Wednesday, May 3, 2023 - 11:45 A.M.

Kent State University at Stark's Conference Center

\$26.00 per Person

Number of Reservations: _____ Total Enclosed: _____

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

Please mail: Stark County Bar Association
400 Courtyard Centre • 116 Cleveland Ave., N.W. • Canton, OH 44702
Phone: 330-453-0685

Attorney Registration Fee Changes Effective July 1



The upcoming fee registration change is the first one for Ohio attorneys in 16 years. Beginning in July, the biennial registration fee for Ohio attorneys

will be \$400. Fee changes will be phased in over two registration periods, beginning with the period that opens July 1. Fees for the two-year period covering 2023-2025 will be \$400. For the two-year period covering 2025-2027, fees will be \$450.

It has been 16 years since attorney registration fees were last updated in 2007. Cost-saving measures by the Supreme Court Office of Attorney Services extended a projected 10-year window for the additional years. Ohio currently ranks as one of the lowest attorney registration fees in the country. And Ohio attorneys pay every two years, compared with annually in some other states. Fees fund attorney services including processing registrations

and maintaining attorney records; investigating complaints of judicial or attorney misconduct and the unauthorized practice of law; reimbursing victims of attorney theft through the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection; and supporting the Commission on Continuing Legal Education.

There will also be adjusted rates for late registration and certificates of good standing. Attorneys that file late on or after Sep. 1 must pay an additional \$100. The fee for standard good standing certificates will be \$20 and disciplinary certificates of good standing will be \$35 each. Attorneys will also have an option for an expedited certificate of good standing for \$50. A request made by 2:00 p.m. will be fulfilled the same business day. Starting July 1, the Ohio attorney registration process will all be completed online, including an electronic bar license which can be stored on an attorney's phone for easy access, or printed out as needed.

The changes will be reflected in Rule VI for the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio.

In Memory Victor R. Marsh, Esq.

We are deeply saddened by the loss of our longtime partner, colleague, and friend, Vic Marsh. After earning his Juris Doctorate from The Ohio State University, he joined Black McCuskey and practiced law for 56 years.



Vic was a respected partner and he mentored many young attorneys throughout his career. In addition, he dedicated his time to improving our community; serving on many boards and committees. It was a pleasure to work with Vic and we feel fortunate to have known him.

Vic enjoyed the outdoors and spending time at his farm, but his greatest passion was spending time with his family. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. We mourn the loss of Vic along with his family and friends, knowing that he lives on in the hearts of those who knew him. He will always be a member of the Black McCuskey family.

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Another Successful VALID Clinic

The Legal Aid/Pro Bono Committee was able to assist fifty (50) people at the VALID Clinic held on Saturday morning, March 3, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The following people volunteered their time to make the clinic possible:

Attorneys: Aletha Carver, Ken Mirken, Ed Murray,
and Sara Strattan

Paralegals: Mandy Harman, Julie Harter, Cheena
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Thompson, Grace Williams, and Kyra
Zemlanski.

As before, participants had their driving records printed out from the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) website and then met with volunteers to review and interpret their driving records. An individualized plan for becoming valid was worked out with each



participant, and they left with detailed information about what to expect as they worked through each step.

The League of Women Voters of the Canton Area (LWVCA) was present and offered participants help in navigating the voter registration process which can be challenging for those without driving licenses. Eleven (11) of the participants chose to register, and



several others requested instructions as they did not have required documentation with them.



Participants were asked to complete evaluations, and forty-three (43) did so. Besides confirming that they felt the clinic was useful, those who responded offered guidance regarding the frequency of the clinics, future locations, and other types of legal help that were needed. It is worth noting that 31 of the 43 respondents said that assistance with criminal record sealing was needed. Quite a few chose to make comments on the day. Among them were:

- You guys are helpful in every matter. Thank you for all you do.
- Continue these clinics and prayerfully we can pull our community together.

Another Successful VALID Clinic cont.

Krugliak, Wilkins, Griffiths, and Daugherty, donated supplies for the clinic, contributed marketing efforts, and recruited many of their staff members to volunteer. In addition, the following organizations were extremely helpful in getting information out to those who might benefit from the clinic: Access Health Stark County, Community Legal Aid Services, Inc., Stark County Community Action Agency, the Stark County Honor Court, and United Way of Greater Stark County.



Upcoming Volunteer Opportunity: Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Record Sealing Clinic / VALID Clinic

The clinics will be co-located at Trinity Gospel Temple (1612 West Tuscarawas Street, Canton). They are a part of the “We are Making Connections” series sponsored by Metamor5sis and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Those wishing to help who are not familiar with criminal record sealing or driving license law will be paired with experienced attorneys. These are information and advice clinics. There is no expectation that attorneys will undertake ongoing representation. If you would like to volunteer for either clinic, please reach out to any of the following people and specify which clinic you are interested in:

Andrea N. Burton - (330.983.2658)
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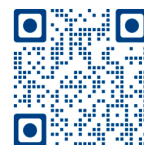
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