



# STARK COUNTY BAR JOURNAL

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## *In Memoriam...*

*Please join us in remembering our  
Colleagues and Friends who have passed away  
during the last year.*

**Thursday, October 26, 2023 • 11:00 A.M.  
McKinley Courtroom (#201) • Stark County Courthouse**

### *Those Remembered:*

**JAMES PATRICK ALLEN PHILLIPS**

**WILLIAM P. BLAIR, III**

**HONORABLE JAMES H. WILLIAMS**

**THOMAS A. TREADON**

**JOHN S. MCCALL, JR.**

**VICTOR R. MARSH**

**RONALD E. STOCKER**

**MICHAEL D. DEMCHAK**

*Colleagues, Staff, Family And Friends  
Are Invited And Encouraged To Attend*



# SCBA October 2023 Office Schedule

October 4 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 NOON	Family Law Committee Meeting
October 5 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 NOON	Community Involvement Committee Meeting
October 9 <sup>th</sup>	Office Closed in Observance of Columbus Day	
October 12 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 NOON	Legal Aid/Pro Bono Committee Meeting
October 16 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 PM	Disputed Fee Committee Meeting
October 17 <sup>th</sup>	3:45 PM	Grievance Committee Meeting
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 NOON	Law Day Committee Meeting
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 PM	Executive Committee Meeting
October 26 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 AM	Annual Memorial Service Stark County Courthouse

## 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

Online classes and testing  
available at our website: [www.StarkCtyBar.com](http://www.StarkCtyBar.com)

## THE BAR JOURNAL

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## 2023 CLE Seminars

2023 Professional Conduct Seminar Video Replays offered on  
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## Did You Know?

As a member of the Stark County Bar Association you may request for your review our Annual Budget or our Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets. These financial documents are available upon request made to Tina McCort, our Executive Director.



**Reminder: A - I!**  
**Complete your CLE by Dec. 31, 2023**

## 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:  
**[www.StarkCtyBar.com](http://www.StarkCtyBar.com)**

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# Enjoy the Pleasure of Reading a Good Book

*“A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies... the person who doesn’t read lives only one.”*

– George R.R. Martin

When I was in the fifth grade at St. John’s Elementary School, I threw an apple across the cafeteria to my buddy, Victor Haidet. Unfortunately, it was intercepted by Sister Ruth’s head. Since there was no due process or equal protection back then, I received a rather harsh punishment from our principal, Sister Susanne, of detention “for life.” Attorney Arnie Glantz later claimed this was “cruel and unusual punishment” under the Eighth Amendment. As I sat outside her office during recess, she screamed, “You’re not wasting this hour.” So she ordered me to go to the library and grab a book. After soaking in the first 50 pages of a biography on an American patriot and spy, Nathan Hale, I was hooked, and excited by this concept of reading for pleasure.

Reading brings us so many rewards because it reduces stress and assists with sleep, grows your vocabulary, improves personal relationships and reduces loneliness. Reading can help us relive many special moments of history, make us chuckle or tear up, provide inspiration, or even allow us to escape this crazy world or the stresses of the practice of law for several hours.

Since then I read everything I can get my hands on, whether it’s a book, newspaper or magazine. During the period of time when I was a Canton City prosecutor I picked out a book for each prosecutor every Christmas for them to enjoy. Although they initially griped “bah humbug”, they later “shouted out with glee” (except Kevin L’Hommedieu, now the Chief of the Civil Division, who still remains bitter that I gave him an 800 page hardcover on President Harry S. Truman).

Books can be a resourceful tool in the courtroom. A Pittsburgh man stood in front of me on December 7<sup>th</sup> convicted of stealing from a VFW post. I expressed my dismay at the slap to our military. However, I became even more disgusted when he had no idea why December 7<sup>th</sup> was historically significant. I ordered him



**Honorable Frank Forchione**  
*President, Stark County Bar Association*

to dip into a bestseller I provided on Pearl Harbor and submit a five page report in hopes of delivering a valuable lesson. When I had several teenagers plead guilty for breaking into numerous cars, I observed that they had a bit of an attitude. In providing a short lecture, I tried to compare their actions with those of the brave young soldiers of the same age who stormed the beaches of Normandy. When they stared at me in a daze, I asked whether they had even heard of World War II, and one asked, “Who won?” As a result, I required them to pore over Steven Ambrose’s D-Day, hoping they could grasp some concept of the sacrifices that were performed by our courageous infantry on their behalf.

I love sharing books with others. I often dish out books to lawyers (sometimes whether they like it or not). My magistrate Gretchen Stocker and I share an exchange every Christmas, which I look forward to. Reading can teach us little facts we may have never known. One year, Judge Kristin Farmer surprised me with a biography on the controversial baseball manager Billy Martin. I was fascinated to learn that his family and mine are from the same city in southern

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Italy called Faeto Foggia (Judge Farmer hinted that this may be where we both inherited our tempers). Judge Natalie Haupt played Santa's elf and dropped off a holiday surprise on the making of my favorite Christmas classic, "It's a Wonderful Life", where I learned the original George Bailey was supposed to be played by Gregory Peck rather than Jimmy Stewart.

Reading can also improve your chances in romance. When I gathered the courage to go on my first date with my wife Rachel, I was a bit nervous since I was clearly out of my league. When I started the conversation by asking what was her favorite book, she replied, "Tale of Two Cities." When I repeated the opening phrase, "It was the best of times and the worst of times", she smiled, which gave me an inkling that maybe I had a chance. And to the shock of many, a few years later I convinced her to walk down the aisle with me.

In fact, reading stimulates our brains in a more productive way than either social media or Netflix. In some cases it allows us to understand life through a much clearer lens. Some novels can even appear magical as they take you into the world of the unknown and spark curiosity and intrigue. It's a cheap form of entertainment. So if you want to try something different for pleasure, especially as the weather cools, take the opportunity to read a good book – you won't regret it!

A few recommendations:

**"A Woman of No Importance: The Untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped Win the War" by Sonia Purnell**

A compelling story of Virginia Hall, who worked undercover in France during World War II and risked her life under constant danger to thwart the Nazis.

**"The Irresistible Henry House" by Lisa Grunwald**

In the middle of the twentieth century a home economics program at a prominent university uses real baby orphans to teach motherly skills. Henry, an unforgettable character, is raised under the most unlikely circumstances. After having so many women

love him he embarks on a unique journey as an adult to find love and trust in the world.

**"The Lincoln Highway" by Amor Towles**

In the 1950's, three 18 year-olds who met in a juvenile reformatory and a brainy eight year-old travel for adventure in a coming-of-age story down the Interstate highway to learn about hope, friendship and companionship while starting a new life.

**"The Cup of Coffee Club" by Jacob Kornhauser**

Eleven players with compelling stories discuss their efforts to reach the major leagues, their brush with baseball history, which turns out to be only one game and the struggle to deal with a broken dream as they try to figure out a way back "to the show".

- Thank you to Judge Natalie Haupt and Judge Kristin Farmer for planning and hosting the Summer Bar Outing. The Alliance Country Club is a hidden gem and the course is in immaculate shape. The dinner was outstanding, serving the biggest steaks we may have ever seen. Except for a bit of rain, it was a perfect day!
- Who says there's no romance in the practice of law? Congratulations to criminal defense Attorney Aaron Kovachik and Assistant Public Defender Stacey Zipay who tied the knot Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. It's nice to see two great minds think alike. More importantly, Aaron did not exercise his Miranda rights at the ceremony.
- Kudos to the multi-talented singer Magistrate Julie Geiser Everett and her Jericho Big Band who performed favorites from the Glen Miller Orchestra to today's favorites all over the area. They just finished their summer gig but will be back next summer!





Here's to Judge Natalie Haupt, her son Will, Magistrate Andrea Scassa, her daughter Mira, Attorneys Ivan Redinger and Kelsey Kochman who joined me on a Saturday morning to pack over 13,000 pounds of meat for the Food Bank. The Community Involvement Committee does so much to help those in need. Over 11,000 meals for those hungry will be served. Meanwhile, we are all scheduling an appointment with a chiropractor.

- If you want to be impressed, check out the brilliant artwork of Attorney Todd Bergert. The self-taught artist has won numerous awards for his paintings. His amazing talent has been featured in many local art galleries and even highlighted in Charleston, South Carolina and Savannah, Georgia.
- The Bar Association will be hosting its Annual Memorial Service on Thursday, October 26, 2023 in the McKinley Courtroom at the Stark County Courthouse. It's a celebration to honor members of our legal community who passed away in the past year. It's a special day for their families. Hope to see you there.

# Help set the table this Thanksgiving for our veterans in need

Join with SAM Center to collect items to provide Thanksgiving feasts to veterans, service members and military widows in our community:

- |                   |                      |                                    |
|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| • Canned soups    | • Turkey gravy       | • Aluminum roasting pans           |
| • Stuffing        | • Canned corn        | • \$10 grocery store gift cards    |
| • Mashed potatoes | • Canned green beans | • Notes of thanks and appreciation |
| • Corn muffin mix | • Biscuit mix        |                                    |
| • Egg noodles     | • Jell-O Mix         |                                    |
| • Broth           | • Fruit cocktail     |                                    |

## Give thanks with a grateful heart

The SCBA Military Affairs and Community Involvement Committees ask that the above items or cash donations be dropped off at the SCBA Office (M-F 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at 116 Cleveland Ave. N.W., Suite 400, Canton, OH 44702), no later than Nov. 8, 2023.

Thank you for your generosity!





# CLE DIRECTOR/REFERRAL SECRETARY POSITION AVAILABLE

The Stark County Bar Association is currently seeking a full time CLE Director/Referral Secretary/Receptionist.

The applicant must have the collegiality and professionalism necessary to work well serving the public and the members of the bar association.

Primary responsibilities will be applying for CLE with the Supreme Court of Ohio, working with committees to schedule meetings to plan seminars; work with speakers and their equipment requirements, prepare Agendas; prepare and put together hand-out material; handle registration and attend all seminars; scheduling of the facility; gather information for mailings, and send e-mail blasts. Applicant will also conduct webinars via Zoom.

The Referral Secretary makes referrals to attorneys, works with the Referral Service Committee, prepares and sends reports including the Annual Supreme Court Referral Service Report.

Additional duties include - answering telephone calls, contacting committee members,

attends to telephone messages, prepares bulk mailings, in addition to sending out e-mails by Constant Contact software.

The ideal candidate must have some previous work in the legal field, be organized, manage time effectively, be a self-starter, very dependable, work well independently, be a team player, and enjoys working with the public. The applicant must display a positive attitude and be willing to do such other tasks as assigned.

Proficiency with Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, and Outlook) is a must.

Please send resume to Stark County Bar Association, 116 Cleveland Ave., N.W., Suite 400, Canton, Ohio 44702.



## Save The Date



## Holiday Party Brookside Country Club December 8, 2023





# Stark County Bar Association

## 2023 LAW DAY VIDEO REPLAY

*“Cornerstones of Democracy: Civics, Civility, and Collaboration”*

Thursday, October 19, 2023

SCBA Conference Room

### 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 – Water & coffee provided.  
You may bring your own snacks/refreshments.
- 1:00 P.M.      COLLABORATION IN DISCOVERY DISPUTES; CIVILITY DURING  
PRETRIAL HEARINGS; COLLABORATION IN TRIAL PREPARATION; AND  
CIVILITY IN DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS AND OTHER MOTION PRACTICES
- 2:15 P.M.      BREAK
- 2:30 P.M.      COLLABORATION & CIVILITY IN MEDIATION; CIVILITY IN JURY &  
BENCH TRIALS; AND UNCIVIL TACTICS & COMMON MISTAKES
- 3:45 P.M.      POST-COVID PROTOCOLS & COURTROOM TECHNOLOGY
- 4:15 P.M.      ADJOURN



## 2023 Law Day Video Replay

\*Members: \$90.00

Associate Members: \$75.00

Non-Members: \$165.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Atty. Reg. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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Application has been submitted for 2.50 Professional Conduct and .5 General CLE Credit Hours.



**COURT OF COMMON PLEAS**

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

**PROBATE COURT**

Judge Dixie Park

**STARK COUNTY PROSECUTOR**

Kyle Stone

**STARK COUNTY SHERIFF**

George T. Maier

**FAMILY COURT**

Judge Jim D. James  
 Judge Rosemarie A. Hall  
 Judge Michelle L. Cordova

**CANTON MUNICIPAL COURT**

Judge Mary A. Falvey  
 Judge John A. Poulos  
 Judge Richard J. Kubilus  
 Judge Curt Werren

**ALLIANCE MUNICIPAL COURT**

Judge Andrew L. Zumbar

**STARK COUNTY POLICE CHIEFS ASSN**

Chief Mark Brink

**MASSILLON MUNICIPAL COURT**

Judge Edward J. Elum  
 Judge Joel C. Fichter

**CANTON LAW DIRECTOR**

Jason P. Reese

**ALLIANCE LAW DIRECTOR**

Caitlyn Weyer

**MASSILLON LAW DIRECTOR**

Justin Richard

S.M.A.R.T.

STARK MULTI DISCIPLINARY ADVOCACY/PROTECTIVE RESOURCES TEAM  
 STARK COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

*Present*

**COORDINATED COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO ELDER/DISABLED ABUSE**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023

First Christian Church, 6900 Market Avenue North, Canton, OH 44721

9:15 A.M.

**REGISTRATION and continental breakfast**

10:00 A.M.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: HB 23 AND DEMENTIA AND RELATED DISORDERS,  
 SYMPTOMS AND IMPORTANCE OF ASSESSING DECISION-MAKING CAPACITY**

Brenda Jill Cury, Curriculum Design Specialist, Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission

Dr. Jennifer Drost, Geriatrician, Summa Health System

11:30 A.M.

**RESPONDING TO OLDER VICTIMS AND DEMENTIA: WHAT LAW ENFORCEMENT  
 NEEDS TO KNOW**

Teri Ruslander, Grove City Elder Services Coordinator, Retired Grove City Police Detective

12:30 P.M.

**LUNCH PROVIDED**

1:15 P.M.

**PANEL DISCUSSION** Brenda Jill Cury, Dr. Jennifer Drost, Teri Ruslander, APS  
 Moderator: Sylvia Pla-Raith, Director of the Elder Justice Unit, Consumer Protection Section of  
 the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Stark County Prosecutor Kyle Stone, Stark County  
 Sheriff George Maier

2:15 P.M.

**ADJOURN**

\*Members: \$105.00

Associate Members: \$87.50

Non-Members: \$192.50

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Atty. Reg. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**RESERVATION DEADLINE: Friday, October 13, 2023**

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Application has been submitted for 3.50 General CLE Credit Hours and 3.5 Credit Hours of Guardian Continuing Education by the Stark County Probate Court.





## 2023 PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT VIDEO REPLAYS

• SEE DATES BELOW •

SCBA Conference Room

A.M.

8:45 A.M.

REGISTRATION - Coffee & water provided.  
You may bring your own refreshments/snacks.

9:00 A.M.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND FAIRNESS

Honorable Kristin G. Farmer, *Stark County Common Pleas Court*

9:50 A.M.

ETHICS

Peter T. Cahoon, Esq., *Plakas Mannos*

Maria Klutiny Edwards, Esq., *Plakas Mannos*

10:40 A.M.

BREAK

10:55 A.M.

PROFESSIONALISM

James M. Williams, Esq.

Krugliak, Wilkins, Griffiths & Dougherty Co., LPA

11:45 A.M.

ADJOURN

P.M.

12:45 P.M.

1:00 P.M.

1:50 P.M.

2:40 P.M.

2:55 P.M.

3:45 P.M.



## 2023 Professional Conduct Video Replays

☐ Tuesday, October 31, 2023

9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

☐ Thursday, November 16, 2023

1:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

\*Members: \$75.00

Associate Members: \$62.50

Non-Members: \$137.50

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Atty. Reg. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Applications have been submitted for 2.50 Professional Conduct CLE Credit Hours.

# The 27th Annual White-Williams Bankruptcy Institute



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association

## Video Replay • SCBA Conference Room

**Wednesday, November 8, 2023**

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



8:10 am	<b>Registration</b> Coffee and water provided. You may bring your own refreshments/snacks.
8:25 am	<b>Welcome</b> Michelle Jackson Limas, Esq., <i>Chair, Bankruptcy Committee, Stark County Bar Association</i> Michael Steel, Esq., <i>Chair, Bankruptcy &amp; Commercial Law Section, Akron Bar Association</i>
8:30 am	<b>U.S. Trustee Update</b> Amy L. Good, Esq., <i>Office of the U.S. Trustee</i> Scott R. Belhorn, Esq., <i>Office of the U.S. Trustee</i>
9:00 am	<b>Case Law Update</b> Hon. John P. Gustafson, <i>US Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Ohio</i> Thomas D. DeCarlo, Esq., <i>Osipov Bigelman, P.C.</i>
10:30 am	<b>Break</b>
10:45 am	<b>Chapter 13 Panel</b> Hon. Alan M. Koschik, <i>US Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Ohio</i> Dynele L. Schinker-Kuharich, Esq., <i>Canton Chapter 13 Trustee</i> Keith L. Rucinski, Esq., <i>Akron Chapter 13 Trustee</i>
11:15 am	<b>Views From The Canton Bankruptcy Court Bench</b> Hon. John P. Gustafson, <i>US Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Ohio</i> Hon. Mary Ann Whipple, <i>US Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Ohio</i> Hon. Tiara N. A. Patton, <i>US Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Ohio</i>
11:45 am	<b>Lunch - On your own</b>
12:45 pm	<b>Student Loan Issues</b> Suzana K. Koch, Esq., <i>Assistant US Attorney General</i> Richard H. Nemeth, Esq., <i>Nemeth &amp; Associates, LLC</i>
1:15 pm	<b>Chapter 7 Panel</b> Lisa Barbacci, Esq., <i>Canton Chapter 7 Trustee</i> Ryan McNeil, Esq., <i>McNeil Law Firm, LLC</i>
1:45 pm	<b>Tax Claims</b> Trish D. Lazich, Esq., <i>Director of Bankruptcy &amp; Legal Support, Office of the Ohio Attorney General</i>
2:45 pm	<b>Break</b>
3:00 pm	<b>Succession Planning &amp; Due Diligence</b> Gretchen J. Mote, Esq., <i>OBLIC Director of Loss Prevention</i>
4:00 pm	<b>Closing Remarks</b>



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# **THE 27TH ANNUAL WHITE-WILLIAMS BANKRUPTCY INSTITUTE VIDEO REPLAY**

## **Wednesday, November 8, 2023 SCBA Conference Room**

\*Members: \$180.00      Associate Members: \$150.00      Non-Members: \$330.00

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Continuing Legal Education**

# **Looking For Free CLE?**

The Stark County Bar Association is in need of Moderators for CLE video replays at our office. We need attorneys throughout the year, especially during the month of December, who would be willing to serve in this capacity. **In order to qualify as a Moderator, the Supreme Court requires that an attorney must have experience in the area of law in which they will be serving, must have reviewed the recorded materials prior to the replay, and must remain in the room with the attendees during the entire video. The Moderator will attend the video replay free of charge and receive CLE credit for the program.**



If interested, please indicate the areas of law in which you would be willing to serve and email the Bar Office, [CLE@StarkCtyBar.com](mailto:CLE@StarkCtyBar.com) or Fax: 330-453-0180.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ EMail: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Elder Law

☐ Professional Conduct

☐ Family Law

☐ Litigation

☐ Other (s)

☐ Municipal Court

☐ Probate

☐ Real Estate

☐ Criminal Law



Stark County Bar Association  
**TIPS FROM THE BENCH SEMINAR**  
**Thursday, November 9, 2023**

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

**NEW LAWYER TRAINING!!**  
**Non-new attorneys will receive 1.00 CLE General Credit Hour**

**Sponsored by the Young Lawyer's Committee of the Stark County Bar Association  
and the Stark County Law Library**

Lunch provided by the Stark County Law Library

11:30 A.M.      **TODAY'S RESOURCES AT THE LAW LIBRARY**  
Jenny Myers, *Director of the Stark County Law Library*

12:00 NOON      **TIPS FROM THE BENCH**  
Presented by the Honorable Frank G. Forchione  
Stark County Court of Common Pleas General Division  
President of the Stark County Bar Association

Program content: Picking the Right Client; Own Your Mistakes; Know Your Judge; Find a Mentor; Select an Expert that Can Help You Win; Professionalism; Communication and Networking.

1:00 P.M.      **ADJOURN**

Members/Assoc. Members/Non-Members \$30.00  
Registration deadline is Monday, November 6, 2023

The boxed lunch options are as follows:

\_\_\_\_ Turkey Boxed Lunch    \_\_\_\_ Ham Boxed Lunch    \_\_\_\_ Herbivore (vegetarian) Boxed Lunch  
\_\_\_\_ Grilled Chicken House Salad (Select either Ranch or Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressing)

\*All lunches come with chips, pickle, cookie, bottled water, and utensils.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Atty. Reg. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**\* Seating is Limited\***

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# CLE Update!

**Take advantage of the Stark County Bar Association's  
SELF-STUDY courses through our website:**

**[www.starkctybar.com](http://www.starkctybar.com)**

## SUPREME COURT CLE ORDER:

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

## THE FOLLOWING SELF-STUDY COURSES ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE:

- 2022 Professional Conduct Seminar (2.50 Professional Conduct CLE credit hours)
- 2022 Law Day Webinar: "Toward A More Perfect Union: The Constitution In Times Of Change" (3.00 General CLE credit hours)
- "Back To The Basics" Luncheon Series Live Interactive Webinars:
  - Civil Litigation (1.00 General CLE credit hour)
  - Guardian ad Litem Program (1.00 General CLE credit hour)
  - IOLTA Accounts (1.00 Professional Conduct CLE credit hour)
  - Real Estate (1.00 General CLE credit hour)
  - Wrapping Up The Estate (1.00 General CLE credit hour)
- 2022 Health Care Law & Labor Law Seminar (3.00 General CLE credit hours)
- 2022 Estate Planning & Elder Law Symposium (6.00 General CLE credit hours)
- 2022 Family Law Webinar (3.00 General CLE credit hours)
- 2023 Criminal Law Seminar (2.50 General & .50 Professional Conduct CLE credit hours)
- 2023 Family Law Seminar (1.00 General & 2.00 Professional Conduct CLE credit hours)
- 2023 Law Day Seminar: "Courtroom Civility & Collaboration: A View From The Judges Of The Stark County Common Pleas Court" (.50 General & 2.50 Professional Conduct CLE credit hours)
- 2023 Municipal Court Seminar (3.00 General CLE credit hours)
- 2023 Professional Conduct Seminar (2.50 Professional Conduct CLE credit hours)

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# Are you emotionally resilient?

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Emotional resilience is the ability to adapt to stressful situations or negative experiences in a positive way, and it is critical to being a good lawyer. If an opposing lawyer is disrespectful to you, do you snap at the lawyer or do you act in a calm manner? If a colleague or a member of the public criticizes you, do you get defensive or are you deliberate in your response, or do you just let it go? Most lawyers were never formally trained in being aware of our own or others' emotions and feelings. We are taught to look at facts, study the law, and develop conclusions. But being able to relate to others is a key trait that lawyers need in all aspects of their careers. Lawyers need to be able to understand others' feelings and put themselves in their shoes at times. Lawyers need to learn how to work with others who are angry, frustrated and stressed. Learning how to manage emotions in times of high stress is crucial to a lawyer's success.

Being able to recognize your emotions is the first step in improving your emotional resilience. Take some time to honestly reflect on how you deal with negative situations, such as being wrongly accused of something, getting negative feedback, or comforting a colleague who is upset. Once you start identifying your emotions, you can learn how to deal with them in a positive manner.

If you find yourself in a negative situation, try telling yourself some of these phrases, and you will be more prepared to get through stressful experiences.

## **"I will get through this."**

If you are on the fifth day of trying a high-profile murder case that shows disturbing images of the victim, you might tell yourself that it is nearly

impossible to withstand this. Your emotions are at an all-time high and you feel for the victim and the family. If you are emotionally resilient, you will know that you will get through this, even if you are uncomfortable and uneasy with the situation. You know that the past cannot be changed and that the feelings of the family are out of your control. There is nothing you can do to take away their pain.

## **"I will not be a victim."**

You have a case that has attracted media and social justice warriors' scrutiny, and you are pilloried by the media and protesters. The politicians camp outside the courthouse with cameras and microphones everywhere. You will probably be angry and anxious and might think to yourself, "Of course this is happening to me. The media is going to label me as a monster." Emotionally resilient people will not let this experience define them or ruin their future. They know that these things happen and they can move on.

## **"Life is not always easy."**

Life is not always fair, and emotionally resilient people understand this. You might think life is unfair after a divorce, a death of a loved one, or having a disability. Some people may get trapped in these negative emotions long after the event has passed. Emotionally resilient people are able to eventually bounce back to their normal emotional state. When you accept the truth and learn how to not take things personally, you are on your way to emotional resilience.

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### **“I am grateful.”**

Gratitude means being thankful. It means showing appreciation for and returning kindness. It's a personality trait, a mood, and an emotion. When we are grateful, we are more likely to feel good about ourselves. It's a way to remind ourselves of the things that make us happy. We tend to look at the negative sides of situations. Even if something does not go your way, be grateful for all the other positives in your life.

### **“I will let this go.”**

Sometimes we are hurried or in a bad mood and something happens that makes us even more annoyed. Perhaps you are on your way to the office, and someone cuts you off while you are driving. You could get angry at the driver or try to cut that person off. But what will you gain if you try to get back at that person? Instead of dwelling on “the nerve of that person who does not know how to drive...,” just let it go. The situation will not get any better if you try to retaliate.

### **“I learned a lesson from this.”**

Did you accidentally say the wrong thing to a colleague in distress? Instead of asking yourself why this negative experience happened to you, think about how you can use this incident to learn and grow from it. Tell yourself you will try to remember to think before you speak.

### **“This will pass.”**

Setbacks and challenges will happen to you, but remember that emotions are not permanent. If you feel like another lawyer or colleague is trying to push boundaries and it makes you angry and you want to lash out, take a moment to reflect on your feelings. Tell yourself that getting angry will not help the situation. Know that this feeling will pass.

### **“It is what it is.”**

You see things realistically even if they are not the way you want them to be and you can still move forward. If you are in a less than ideal situation, such as getting caught in the rain without your umbrella, you realize that you cannot change the situation. It is what it is. You deal with it. There is no use getting emotional about it, because it is unchangeable.

Being emotionally resilient is not something we are born with. It is a trait that all of us can learn. Many people who experience hardships in life and get through them do not become weaker. They become stronger. The next time you find yourself in a stressful or emotional situation, try telling yourself one or two of these phrases. As Nietzsche said, “What does not kill you can make you stronger.”

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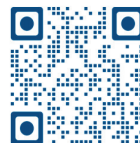
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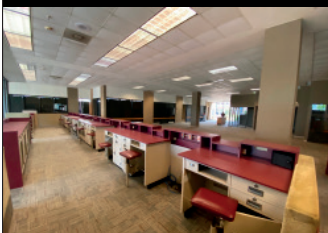
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