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STARK COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL SCHOOL DRIVE

For the last several years, the Community Involvement Committee has selected a different school from the Stark County area to partner with by sponsoring a drive to collect items that help meet the needs of the students of that school.

This year our selected school is:



Canton Local School District has requested items to be given to students as rewards for positive behavior in connection with their PBIS Program.

PBIS, which stands for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, is a means by which to engage and motivate the student body in a way that goes beyond the typical intrinsic rewards of the regular school day.

At this time, we are requesting donations of cash or Amazon gift cards in any amount, and gift cards from local fast-food restaurants in \$5-\$10 increments.

You can drop donations off at the Stark County Bar Association office or you can order from Amazon with delivery to the bar office at

116 Cleveland Ave NW, Suite 400, Canton, OH 44702

Amazon wishlists will be sent out via email in mid-March.

We are accepting donations until April 5, 2024.

SCBA March 2024 Office Schedule

March 6 th	11:30 AM	Family Law Committee Meeting
March 7 th	12:00 NOON	Community Involvement Committee Meeting
March 11 th	4:00 PM	Disputed Fee Committee Meeting
March 12 th	12:00 NOON	Elder Law Committee Meeting
March 13 th	4:00 PM	Executive Committee Meeting
Please note the date change		
March 19 th	3:45 PM	Grievance Committee Meeting
March 20 th	12:00 NOON	Law Day Committee Meeting
March 21 st	5:00 PM	Young Lawyers Committee Meeting Loby's in Canton
March 28 th	12:00 NOON	Military and Veterans Affairs Committee Meeting

ELDER LAW COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 – 12:00 NOON

Live Interactive Webinar

Bambi Simon, from The Alzheimer's Association, will present "Understanding and Responding to Dementia Related Behavior".

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

2024 CLE Seminars

March 20, 2024	2024 Municipal Court Seminar SCBA Conference Room See Pg. 4
April 3, 2024	2024 Family Law Seminar SCBA Conference Room See Pg. 5
April 12, 2024	28th Annual White-Williams Bankruptcy Institute Hartville Kitchen See Pgs. 6 & 7
May 1, 2024	2024 Law Day Seminar - "Legislative Process and The Impact On Your Practice" Kent State Professional Conference Center See Pg. 9
May 16, 2024	2024 Probate Practice & Elder Law Symposium Kent State Professional Conference Center See Pgs. 10 & 11



Reminder: M - Z!
Complete your CLE by Dec. 31, 2024

THE STARK COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION



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Embrace March Madness

"I hope your decisions in life are not as ill-conceived as your March Madness bracket."

Unknown Spouse

America used to be known for simple things like apple pie, baseball and Mickey Mouse, but now the nation has a new and more popular mania that disrupts our lives and brings forth fleeting emotions of ecstasy, empathy, joy and sorrow. It's also had an enormous impact on the practice of law. Each winter, men and women's NCAA college basketball teams try to survive three weeks of drama with these high-stakes matches filled with hour-long final minutes (at least it seems that way) that keep you on the edge of your seat. It isn't even so critical for your team to win it all, but just a trip to the final four brings thrills to those whose players get hot at the right time and survive to the final weekend. It's epic, gripping, with a cast full of colorful players and coaches. The tournament is unmatched in sports when it comes to drama.

One of the more endearing parts of the competition is the potential for upsets and underdogs to prevail. The advent of the transfer portal and NIL deals has produced remarkable parity in college basketball. Fans now find themselves rooting for less familiar programs like Creighton, Wagner and St. Mary's. Low seeded teams are no longer viewed as a walk in the park by their opponent. The gap between the "blue bloods" and "Cinderellas" is slim – anyone can fit in the glass slipper! It now seems to be the only event where a casual fan can outlast a proclaimed sports guru by simply selecting teams randomly or because they like the sound of the school's name or their mascot.

Many families are barred from scheduling weddings, anniversaries, or any special events during the tournaments; obsessed basketball followers fill bars and restaurants to the brim, screaming for a foul to be called or gasping at the electrifying sight of a vio-



Honorable Frank Forchione
*President, Stark County Bar
Association*

lent dunk. A doctor once told me that a patient on his death bed begged him, "Just keep me alive long enough to watch March Madness." Divorce rates jump in April due to their spouse's addiction to the television. Some viewers develop carpal tunnel from their constant pounding on their iPhone with FanDuel. The NCAA basketball tournament is one of the best traditions in American sports. We don't just watch it – it consumes us. Regardless of whether you follow college basketball religiously or only watch the games in March, everyone joins in the fun.

One of the most important duties of family and office staff is to make sure brackets are filled out properly and submitted on time. Lawyers make more effort in contemplating their picks than preparing for oral arguments. Clients struggle to get ahold of their counsel on the date their favorite teams hit center court. Somehow, a strange flu takes over the legal profession which requires them to stay quarantined on Thursdays and Fridays during the tournament. It comes as no surprise to judges that trial lawyers claim their calendars are completely full when attempting to schedule any type of trial in the month of March.

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In the end, it is probably best to embrace the madness while watching so many heart-wrenching contests go down to the final seconds. It captures our attention for a few weeks and takes us away from a demanding profession: long hours, difficult clients, high expectations and skyrocketing stress levels. Instead, a different sensation kicks in our gut when one of our top pick's players steps up to the foul line in a tight game. Go ahead and get caught up in the hoopla over bubble teams, buzzer beaters and broken brackets. Suffer through the pressure of selection Sunday, praying that your favorite team or alma mater gets invited "to the dance". The chaos brought to our lives once a year is not a bad thing. In reality, during these horrid Ohio winters, the unforgettable moments provided by March Madness can keep us warm, and more importantly, sane.

Tips for Bracket Selection

- Look for a team with senior point guards – experience counts.
- Always include one Cinderella team for the final four.
- Never pick an undefeated or one loss team – there're not used to playing from behind and fold under tournament pressure.
- Teams from the East that get sent out to the West bracket generally don't fare well because of the time change.
- Be careful selecting strong football schools in the men's tournament. Notre Dame, Alabama, Texas, LSU and Oklahoma have never cut down the net.
- Don't listen to anything Charles Barkley says.
- Thank you to Attorneys Kevin L'Hommedieu and John Konovsky for all their hard work as Chairpersons of the Judiciary Committee for keeping judges up at night while delivering their "report card" through the Judicial Polls. In addition, we appreciate all the members who participated. The feedback is very helpful!
- I was fortunate enough as Bar President to observe the interview process for the judicial candidates in the upcoming election. I admire any lawyer who has the courage to run for public office and put themselves out there. The process was well organized, efficient and impartial. We're so fortunate to have so many talented and gifted candidates dedicated to the practice of law. We're equally grateful to the committee members who unselfishly spent two afternoons listening to the presentations. Their recommendations are helpful to assist the public when filling out their ballots.
- Thank you for all the Lawyers, Paralegals and Administrative Staff who joined me on a Saturday morning and volunteered to assist those in our community who are struggling to get their drivers license reinstated. It was a busy, well crafted process that allowed us to assist over 130 people. Sarah Strattan and David Butz have done an amazing job with this project. A special note of appreciation to the law firm of Krugliak, Wilkins for their extra effort! Kudos to all that helped:

Angela Stone, Monica DeRamus, Chelsea Small, Charlie Wilson, Ken Mirken, Sara Strattan, Bill Dowling, Elsa Gottfried, Kyle Rea, Elizabeth Haavisto, Michael Sermer-sheim, and Law Student Amber Hassig. Also, the following Paralegals were of great assistance: Julie Harter, Kathy Durant, Wendy Smith, Shawna Clement, Sandra Dunbar, Terryann Thomas and Misty Thomas.
- Thank you to all the Judges, Magistrates and Lawyers who attended our 9th Annual Opioid Symposium. There were too many to mention in this column. We had a packed house and three great speakers who spoke on addiction and recovery which may save lives!
- In a recent article I talked about "Owning Your Mistakes!" Unfortunately, I omitted to introduce my good friend Canton Municipal Court Magistrate Derek McClowry. Well, I made a doozy. Sorry Derek and thanks to everyone for all their support!



2024 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.

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.

The Judiciary Committee, on behalf of the

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, GENERAL DIVISION, 4-16-25

JUDGE NATALIE HAUPT (D)
DANIEL FUNK (R)
CAITLYN WEYER (R)

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
RECOMMENDED
RECOMMENDED

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, FAMILY COURT DIVISION, 1-1-25

KATIE ERCHICK GILBERT (D)
MATTHEW P. KREITZER (R)

RECOMMENDED
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, FAMILY COURT DIVISION, 1-2-25

JUDGE ROSEMARIE HALL (R)

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

COURT OF APPEALS 5TH DISTRICT, 2-9-25

ALETHA M. CARVER (R)
JEFF FURR (R)
ROBERT G. MONTGOMERY (R)

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
DID NOT PARTICIPATE
RECOMMENDED

COURT OF APPEALS 5TH DISTRICT, 2-10-25

JUDGE DIXIE PARK (R)
KEVIN W. POPHAM (R)

RECOMMENDED
RECOMMENDED

COURT OF APPEALS 5TH DISTRICT, 2-11-25

JUDGE PATRICIA A. DELANEY (R)
JUDGE DAVID GORMLEY (R)

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
RECOMMENDED



Stark County Bar Association

2024 MUNICIPAL COURT SEMINAR

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 • SCBA Conference Room

- 12:45 P.M. REGISTRATION - Coffee & Water provided
- 1:00 P.M. CANTON MUNICIPAL COURT
Judges of the Court
Chief Magistrate Jeremy Foltz
Magistrate Derek McClowry
Practice in the Canton Municipal Court - Policies and Procedures
- 1:50 P.M. MASSILLON MUNICIPAL COURT
Honorable Edward J. Elum
Honorable Joel C. Fichter
Magistrate Andrea M. Scassa
1. Basic Forms to Survive and Updates/Changes to the Law
2. Landlord/Tenant Current Issues, Hearings, and Mediations
3. Coordinated Probation/Community Control Orders
- 2:40 P.M. BREAK
- 2:55 P.M. ALLIANCE MUNICIPAL COURT
Honorable Andrew L. Zumbar
Policies, Procedures, and Updates
- 3:45 P.M. MARIJUANA LAW UPDATE
Scott M. Zurakowski, Esq.
Krugliak, Wilkins, Griffiths & Dougherty Co., LPA
- 4:15 P.M. ADJOURN



2024 Municipal Court Seminar

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

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

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Application has been submitted for 3.00 General CLE Credit Hours.



Stark County Bar Association

2024 FAMILY LAW SEMINAR

Wednesday, April 10, 2024
SCBA Conference Room

- 8:45 A.M. REGISTRATION
Water, coffee and donuts provided
- 9:00 A.M. ELUDING ELECTRONIC EVIDENCE ERRORS WISELY
Honorable Kristin Farmer
Stark County Court of Common Pleas
- 10:30 A.M. BREAK
- 10:45 A.M. THE WEAPONIZATION OF TECHNOLOGY IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES
Stephen Bradley
Professional Liaison, OurFamilyWizard
- 12:15 P.M. ADJOURN



2024 Family Law Seminar

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

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

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THE 28TH ANNUAL WHITE-WILLIAMS BANKRUPTCY INSTITUTE

April 12, 2024

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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- 7:45 A.M. REGISTRATION WITH CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
- 8:20 A.M. WELCOME
Michelle Jackson Limas, Esq., *Chair, Bankruptcy Committee, Stark County Bar Association*
Julie K. Zurn, Esq., *Chair, Bankruptcy & Commercial Law Section, Akron Bar Association*
- 8:25 A.M. STRETTO
George Vogl, IV
- 8:45 A.M. U.S. TRUSTEE UPDATE
Speaker TBA, *Office of the U.S. Trustee*
- 9:15 A.M. CASE LAW UPDATE
Hon. John P. Gustafson, *U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Ohio*
Thomas D. DeCarlo, Esq., *Osipov Bigelman, P.C.*
- 10:30 A.M. BREAK
- 10:45 A.M. TRANSITIONS OF CHAPTER 13 TO CHAPTER 7
Joseph A. Ferrise, Esq., *Joseph A. Ferrise, LLC*
Anthony J. DeGirolamo, Esq., *DeGirolamo Law Offices*
- 11:15 A.M. VIEW FROM THE BENCH
Hon. Suzana K. Koch, *U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Ohio*
Hon. Alan M. Koschik, *U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Ohio*
- 12:00 NOON BREAK – Please leave meeting room for staff to prepare for lunch.
- 12:15 P.M. LUNCH
- 1:15 P.M. VALUATIONS
Eric Bevington, *Kiko Company*
- 1:45 P.M. LAW PRACTICE EFFICIENCIES
James F. Hausen, Esq., *Hausen Law, LLC*
Ryan McNeil, Esq., *McNeil Law Firm, LLC*
- 2:15 P.M. PROBATE AND BANKRUPTCY
Hon. Elinore Marsh Stormer, *Summit County Probate Court*
Melissa Macejko, Esq., *Suhar & Macejko, LLC*
John Rossi, Esq., V.P., *Farmers Trust Company*
- 3:15 P.M. PIE BREAK sponsored by Vance P. Truman, Esq.
- 3:30 P.M. PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT
William G. Chris, Esq., *Roderick Linton Belfance, LLP*
- 4:30 P.M. CLOSING REMARKS AND DRAWING FOR
DEAN WYMAN SCHOLARSHIP

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024 - 28th 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.

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LUNCH CHOICE:

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

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(includes continental breakfast, lunch and electronic materials)

Akron Bar Member _____ \$239.00

Stark County Bar Member _____ \$239.00

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Non-Attorney _____ \$139.00

Bankruptcy Judge or
Law Clerk _____ COMP

Late Registration Fee:
(after 4/5/24) _____ \$25.00

TOTAL FEE: \$ _____

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with credit card payment

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Akron Bar Association
57 S. Broadway St.
Akron, OH 44308

Registration Info: Registration fee includes CLE,
electronic materials, continental breakfast & lunch.
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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:

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Stark County Bar Association 2024 LAW DAY LUNCHEON

Wednesday, May 1, 2024 - 11:45 A.M.

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY AT STARK'S CONFERENCE CENTER



The Law Week theme this year is "Voices of Democracy". Our program at the Law Day Luncheon will feature Keynote Speaker Stark County Commissioner Richard Regula.

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 and Legal Aid Pro Bono Awards, 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 17th.** 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 1st.

Todd Evans, Chairman
Law Week Committee



2024 Law Day Luncheon

Wednesday, May 1, 2024 - 11:45 A.M.

Kent State University at Stark's Conference Center

\$26.00 per Person

Number of Reservations: _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

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Phone: 330-453-0685

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"Voices of Democracy"



Wednesday, May 1, 2024
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- 12:45 P.M. REGISTRATION
- 1:15 P.M. LEGISLATIVE PROCESS & THE IMPACT ON YOUR PRACTICE
Ohio State Representative Scott Oelslager
Ohio State Representative James Thomas
- 3:30 P.M. BREAK
- 3:45 P.M. LEGISLATIVE PROCESS & THE IMPACT ON YOUR PRACTICE
Ohio State Representative Scott Oelslager
Ohio State Representative James Thomas
- 4:15 P.M. Q & A SESSION
Ohio State Representative Scott Oelslager
Ohio State Representative James Thomas
- 4:30 P.M. ADJOURN



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

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2024 ESTATE PLANNING AND ELDER LAW SYMPOSIUM

Thursday, May 16, 2024 • Kent State Stark Conference Center

LIVE SEMINAR

**Sponsored by: Judge Dixie Park and the Probate Practice and
Elder Law Committees of the Stark County Bar Association**

- 8:00 A.M. REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
- 8:30 A.M. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
Honorable Dixie Park, *Stark County Probate Court*
- 9:00 A.M. CASE LAW UPDATE
Honorable Laura J. Gallagher, *Cuyahoga County Probate Court*
- 10:00 A.M. BREAK
- 10:15 A.M. SECURE ACT 2.0
Edwin Morrow, Esq., Sr. Vice President, *Huntington National Bank*
Daniel R. Griffith, Esq., Sr. Vice President, *Huntington National Bank*
- 11:15 A.M. NURSING HOME OVERSIGHT: A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE
STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF APS, THE LTC OMBUDSMAN,
AND THE DEPT. OF HEALTH
Blaine P. Brockman, Esq., *Darby Legal Assistance*
- 11:45 A.M. CREDITOR'S CLAIMS
Matthew R. Hochstetler, Esq., *David J. Simmons & Associates, LLC*
- 12:00 NOON LUNCH PROVIDED
- 1:00 P.M. Presentation by Event Sponsor
- 1:05 P.M. NOTARY PUBLIC CHANGES/UPDATES
Magistrate Stephan P. Babik, *Stark County Common Pleas Court*
- 1:35 P.M. SUCCESSION PLANNING
Gretchen Koehler Mote, Esq., *Director of Loss Prevention, Ohio Bar Liability Insurance Co.*
- 2:35 P.M. BREAK
- 2:55 P.M. DEMENTIA AND RELATED DISORDERS: SYMPTOMS AND
IMPORTANCE OF ASSESSING DECISION-MAKING CAPACITY
Dr. Jennifer Drost, DO and MPH, *Medical Director, Geriatrics*
- 3:55 P.M. VIEW FROM THE BENCH
Honorable Dixie Park, *Stark County Probate Court*
- 4:25 P.M. ADJOURN

2024 ESTATE PLANNING AND ELDER LAW SYMPOSIUM

LIVE SEMINAR – KENT STATE STARK CONFERENCE CENTER

Thursday, May 16, 2024

Registration Deadline: May 2, 2024

*Members: \$245.00

Associate Members: \$181.00

Non-Members: \$400.00

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Stark County Bar Association

Administrative Professionals Day Luncheon

April 24, 2024
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) no later than
April 17th to make your reservations.
We hope to see you and your staff!

The Liberty Bell Award

In Celebration of Law Day

April 29, 2024 – May 3, 2024



The Liberty Bell Award is presented annually by the Stark County Bar Association to individual(s), particularly non-lawyers, who have rendered outstanding service to the community. All fields of endeavor are intended for promoting a better understanding of our Constitution and the Bill of Rights; encouraging a better respect of the law and the courts; stimulating a deeper sense of individual responsibility so that citizens recognize their duties as well as their rights; contributing to the effective functioning of our institutions of government; and fostering a better understanding and appreciation of the rule of law.

For further information, please contact Teresa P. Cusma, Liberty Bell Award Committee Chairman at 330-324-3982. Nominations will close Friday, March 29, 2024.

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Stark County Bar Association Legal Scholarship

The Stark County Bar Association offers a Legal Scholarship. Consideration is given to the following:

- Students enrolled or accepted as a full or part-time student at an educational institution accredited to award a Juris Doctorate degree;
- Students pursuing a course of study designed to result in a Juris Doctorate degree; and
- Students in good academic standing in Law School or in prior academic work, as determined by the Scholarship Committee.

The Scholarship Committee also gives priority consideration to students with demonstrated financial need; students from the Stark County area; and students likely to pursue a law career in the Stark County area.

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50TH Year Spotlight

John A. Tscholl, Esq.



Let's start with how you became an attorney, give us the background.

I really never thought of another occupation. My father was an attorney and I knew that's what I wanted to be. I did my undergraduate work at the University of Detroit, majoring in Economics, graduating in 1971. I received my law

degree from The University of Akron in 1974.

When you first graduated law school did you immediately know what area of law you were interested in practicing? Is that the area of law you started in? If not, how did you eventually get to the area of law that you primarily practiced in during your career?

When I was in law school, I interned under Harry Klide in the Canton City Prosecutor's Office. Once, at sentencing, a defendant was given jail time by the Judge. He wasn't happy because he turned and raced out of the courtroom. At that point, John Hoffman, the Prosecutor, ran after him and tackled him in the hallway. I realized, at that moment, that I wanted to be a criminal defense attorney.

Did you have any legal mentors you really relied on during your career and how did they help you develop your practice?

One month after passing the bar, I tried my first criminal case. My client was charged with murder. Every day after court during the trial, I went to the Public Defender's Office and spoke with the Director, Gary Procario, and his chief assistant, John Nicodemo, reviewing the day's court proceedings and making a plan on how to move forward. BTW, my client was found Not Guilty.

What was one of the greatest legal achievements you look back on from your career?

My final criminal trial before Common Pleas Judge John Boggins involved a client who was charged with felony domestic violence against his spouse. Because of his previous conviction of committing domestic

violence against her, this charge was considered a felony. The prosecutor was required to inform the jury of the previous conviction of abusing the same person. Although I feel this information would probably bias most juries against my client, he was found Not Guilty.

Is there a legal opportunity you wish you had experienced during your career?

No, there isn't.

What have been the things you treasure most about the practice of law over your career?

During my practice of law, the camaraderie developed over the years within the legal community has been priceless. The practice of law has enabled me to meet and befriend numerous attorneys and judges over the span of my career. ... Don Little, John Hornbrook, Tom Borcoman, John McCall, Don Miller, John Haas, Bob Rubin, Tom Bernabei, Alan Schulman, Stacy Roth, and Tim Saylorto name a few..... And, of course, last but not least, my brother, Bob Tscholl.

Looking back over the last 50 years, what advice would you give a new lawyer with respect to the outlook for their own career?

There are many areas of the law in which to practice. My advice would be to find one that you truly enjoy and make it your passion.



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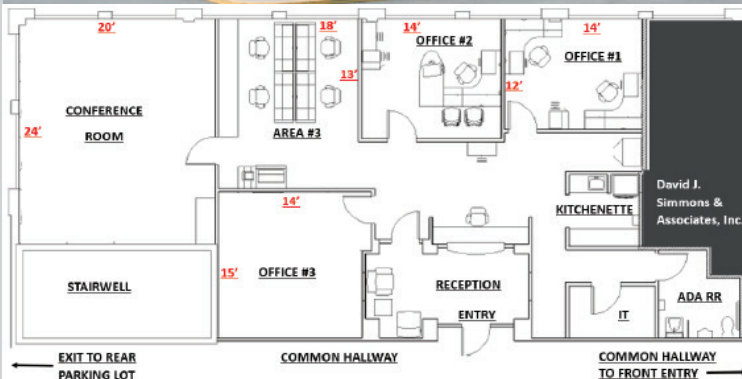
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