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LAW WEEK 2024

**Law Day Luncheon
Keynote Speaker**

Richard Regula
Stark County Commissioner

VOICES OF DEMOCRACY

Law Day Luncheon &
3.0 Hr. CLE Seminar

“Legislative Process
& the Impact on Your
Practice”

Wednesday, May 1, 2024
Kent State University
Stark Conference Center

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- Moot Court Competition – 5th District Court of Appeals - April 29, 2024
- Ohio Justice Bus – Stark County Family Court - April 29, 2024
- Televised Ask-A-Lawyer – Perry High School - April 24, 2024
- Tour de Courts – Downtown Canton Courts - May 2, 2024

SCBA April 2024 Office Schedule

April 4 th	12:00 NOON	Community Involvement Committee Meeting
April 4 th	4:30 PM	Senior Lawyer Committee Meeting – The Still House
April 5 th	10:00 AM	Annual Members Meeting
April 8 th	12:00 NOON	Office closing due to Solar Eclipse
April 8 th	4:00 PM	Disputed Fee Committee Meeting
April 16 th	3:45 PM	Grievance Committee Meeting
April 17 th	12:00 NOON	Law Day Committee Meeting
April 17 th	4:00 PM	Executive Committee Meeting
April 22 nd	3:30 PM	125th Celebration Committee Meeting
April 24 th	12:00 NOON	Administrative Professionals Day Luncheon – Benders
April 25 th	12:00 NOON	Legal Aid/Pro Bono Committee Meeting
April 29 th - May 3 rd		LAW WEEK

Family Law Committee Meeting

There will be no Family Law Committee Meeting this month due to the seminar on April 10, 2024.

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**

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2024 CLE Seminars

April 10, 2024	2024 Family Law Seminar SCBA Conference Room See Pg. 7
April 12, 2024	28th Annual White-Williams Bankruptcy Institute Hartville Kitchen See Pgs. 8 & 9
May 1, 2024	2024 Law Day Seminar - “Legislative Process and The Impact On Your Practice” Kent State University Stark Conference Center See Pg. 11
May 16, 2024	2024 Probate Practice & Elder Law Symposium Kent State University Stark Conference Center See Pgs. 12 & 13
June 20, 2024	2024 Installation Luncheon and Professional Conduct Seminar Details in next issue.



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

THE STARK COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION



Annual Members' Meeting

The SCBA Constitution requires that we hold a Members' Meeting every April that is to include the submissions for nominations for candidates for the SCBA Executive Committee and Officers to be elected in May. This year we are conducting the Members' Meeting on Friday, April 5, 2024, at 10:00 am by Zoom and in person. More details will follow by e-mail.

The Bar Journal is published monthly for all bar members. Free to members, \$20.00 per year to others.

All communications and editorial material should be directed to the Bar Association office by the fifteenth day of the month preceding publication.

Opinions and positions expressed in the signed material are those of the author and may not necessarily reflect those of the Stark County Bar Association, its officers, staff or board of editors.

From Our President

How Baseball Saved My Legal Career

“To succeed in baseball, as in life, you must make adjustments”

Ken Griffey Jr.

Baseball is magical. It comes along every spring, bringing sunshine and optimism. I fell in love with baseball at an early age. The smell of fresh cut grass on the diamond, a brand new glove, and the opening of a new Topps package baseball card was intoxicating. Every summer morning I would rush out the door at the crack of dawn and hurry down the street to Rowland Park in hopes of being selected for the first of several games that would be played that day. Later it was the excitement of our Mighty Mite team’s practice or the thrill and heart pounding drama of game day that attracted my interest. It was one of the few things I was fairly good at. Each night I would sit on our front porch and listen to the Cleveland Indians announcer, Herb Score, tell us about a new hot prospect while the Tribe bottomed out in last place again. I was sure I would end up a big leaguer someday, and be the missing link to lead them back to the World Series (I later recognized my lack of ability to hit a curve ball which then prompted me to seek a different career).

In high school I found that baseball had new competition; girls, 3.2 beer and Bruce Springsteen. Unfortunately, the winter of my junior year I came home to a terrifying sight – my father holding up my report card with a 1.67 GPA. It didn’t help that all five of my sisters had made some type of academic honor roll that quarter. It was one of the first times I felt true fright filtering through my body when my father pointed his finger at me and said, “If I ever see something like this again, you are all mine.” I didn’t know what “you’re all mine” meant, nor did I want to find out. He also scolded me saying, “I’m the boss of this household, not



Wrigley Forchione

Springsteen.” However, my stomach dropped when my dad said, “unless I see dramatic improvement, there will be no more baseball this spring.” My body was shaking, realizing my dreams were about to blow up like a novelty cigar. It’s funny what fear can do to you. The next quarter I came home with a shocking 3.8 GPA, which landed me back in the dugout. At that point I thought my greatest obstacles in life were over.

A few years later I entered law school (they obviously didn’t know about the 1.67 report card), and a new source of anxiety grabbed hold of me the next three years – the dreaded Bar exam. The stress of taking the test followed me like a lingering ghost. The tension worsened that summer as I took a prep class and tried to cram all the legal knowledge into my small brain while being tormented by my sisters, who played New Kids on the Block on their stereo as I tried to study. Several lawyers cautioned me that passing the Bar came down to just one or two points, so I needed to make sure that I answered every question and essay whether I knew it or not.

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As I prepared I realized there were two topics that scared me the most – commercial paper and the Interstate Commerce Clause. I understood nothing about either of those subjects, nor did I care to learn. It was like Calculus – when would I ever see it again? Attorney Craig Chessler (an all-county baseball player in his own right) gave me great advice on commercial paper when he advised, “On every essay, the fact pattern contains a thief. Use every legal principal and doctrine to blame it all on the thief.” That made good sense to me. The morning of the Bar exam, I felt confident and self-assured until I read the third essay question. Suddenly I started sweating, butterflies filled my gut, and I could hardly breathe. I examined it closely for minutes, my mouth wide open, finally grasping it was on the Interstate Commerce Clause. I panicked, and my heart pounded while I tried to pull myself together. I recall it to be a very general question – something to the effect of “explain how the Interstate Commerce Clause effects our daily lives”. I quickly lost my focus on the test and envisioned how I would tell my parents that I flunked the Bar. That’s when baseball stepped across the plate and saved my legal career. I suddenly remembered as a boy reading about the landmark Supreme Court case involving the baseball player Curt Flood highlighted in the Sporting News and Sports Illustrated. I also watched a short, ten-minute segment on the lawsuit a few months prior on that educational channel ESPN. Flood was an African American team captain and perennial 300 hitter for two St. Louis Cardinal World Championship teams in 1965 and 1967. He had the audacity to sue major league baseball (MLB) and Commissioner Bowie Kuhn, challenging baseball’s claim that they had an “interstate commerce” exception to anti-trust laws. Flood focused on baseball’s “Reserve Clause” that kept players from being free agents. Flood was enraged that he was traded to the Phillies without his consent. He requested to be deemed a free agent, which Kuhn denied, since MLB maintained a given team’s rights to a player, even after the player’s contract expired, until he retired.

At that point, desperate times called for desperate measures. So the Flood case became the whole subject of my response to the essay, as I pointed out that the Supreme Court acknowledged that professional baseball was a business, and engaged in interstate commerce, but was handed an exception and deemed an anomaly. Actually it was the only professional sport given this confounding privilege. Instead of immediately considering the facts of the case, the court offered a lengthy tribute to Major League Baseball and its effect on the United States. Although many legal scholars described the opinion as “senseless, chaotic and unprofessional”, the Supreme Court stood by its exception to the Sherman Act that they carved out for America’s pastime.

Thrilled that I had concocted some type of response to the question rather than leaving it blank, I finished the final portion of the rigorous exam as dejected and confused as everyone else. However, a big shock came a few months later when I found that I passed the Bar by a shoestring. Baseball had come to my rescue and I’d hit a home run. Interestingly enough, Curt Flood finally won his victory against MLB in 1988 when President Bill Clinton signed into law the Curt Flood Act, which overturned part of the 76 year old anti-trust exception. I will always admire Curt Flood’s courage, moxie, and one-man stand that revolutionized major league players’ rights. I also hope he’s up there in heaven looking down with a smile on his face, knowing that his own personal battle had a strong influence on me and my legal career. As the great Brooklyn Dodgers Hall of Famer Jackie Robinson, who made his own dramatic impact on the diamond, once said, “A life is not important except for the impact it has on other lives.”

- Congratulations to Stark County Attorney Avery Chiswell! In a span of one month he obtained a seven-figure jury verdict on a nursing home negligence case, obtained his FAA private pilot license, and has been selected as a contestant to appear on the

reality television dating show, “The Bachelorette”. We’ll all be rooting for you!

- Thank you to Judge Andrew Zumbar and his committee for hosting the Municipal Court Seminar, which provided valuable guidance and direction to practicing lawyers. Kudos to our talented speakers Judge Kristen Guardado, Chief Magistrate Jeremy Foltz, Magistrate Derek McClowry, Magistrate Christy Pierson, Judge Curt Werren, Judge Edward Elum, Judge Joel Fichter, Magistrate Andrea Scassa and Attorney Scott Zurakowski.
- All members and their administrative staff please remember to attend the Administrative Professional’s Day luncheon on April 24th at Benders. The flyer to register is on Page 6. It’s an honor to those who work so hard each day to make our jobs easier. It’s also a good payback for them putting up with us!
- The 2024 Law Day Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 1st at 11:45 a.m. at the Kent State University Stark’s Conference Center. The theme is “Voices in Democracy” and our keynote speaker will

be the talented and entertaining Stark County Commissioner, Richard Regula. Tickets are \$26.00 and can easily be purchased by filling out the form on Page 10. We will also 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.

- The 2024-2025 Committee Preference Sheet is on Page 4 in this issue. Members will be able to view the different Committees available that may fit their practice. Hopefully members will choose a committee to participate in the coming year. Remember, the Bar Association will only be as good as the members make it!
- Our Membership Directory is now updated and published on our website www.starkctybar.com. Please visit our directory to view your listing. If you would like your picture posted with your listing, please send to: scbanotary@starkctybar.com.

Honorable Frank Forchione
President, Stark County Bar Association

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 19, 2024.

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.

COMMITTEE SELECTIONS FOR 2024 - 2025

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, 2024.

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, 2024 and terminate June 30, 2025. All committees are encouraged to hold an organizational meeting after taking office on July 1, 2024.

Thank you.
Angela T. Vagotis, Esq.
President-elect 2024-2025

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Continuity |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Law Day | <input type="checkbox"/> SCBA's 125th Celebration Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Aid/Pro Bono | |

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

E-MAIL: SCB@StarkCtyBar.com

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, and items from their Amazon wishlist below.

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

We are accepting donations until April 5, 2024.

Thank you in advance for your continued support!!

Amazon wishlists:

Canton South Elementary School:

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Canton South Middle School:

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Canton South High School:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/lis/Z24MLD21OO13?ref=cm_sw_em_r_un_un_N1Ye0SZhOsCYc

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!



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

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 has been approved for 3.00 CLE Credit Hours.

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
Steve Ellioff, *Chief Magistrate, 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.

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

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",
and mail this form with your check to:
Akron Bar Association
57 S. Broadway St.
Akron, OH 44308

Registration Info: Registration fee includes CLE,
electronic materials, continental breakfast & lunch.
Registrations received after 4/5/24 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) toward 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.

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Stark County Bar Association 2024 LAW DAY LUNCHEON

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

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY STARK 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

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\$26.00 per Person

Number of Reservations: _____ Total Enclosed: _____

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

Please mail: Stark County Bar Association
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Phone: 330-453-0685

Stark County Bar Association **2024 LAW DAY SEMINAR**

“Voices of Democracy”



Wednesday, May 1, 2024
Kent State University Stark Conference Center

- 12:45 P.M. REGISTRATION
- 1:15 P.M. MARIJUANA IN THE WORKPLACE: “DO NOT PANIC”
Gust Callas, Esq., *Black McCuskey*
- 2:00 P.M. LEGISLATIVE PROCESS & THE IMPACT ON YOUR PRACTICE
Ohio State Representative Scott Oelslager
- 3:00 P.M. BREAK
- 3:15 P.M. LEGISLATIVE PROCESS & THE IMPACT ON YOUR PRACTICE
Ohio State Representative James Thomas
- 4:15 P.M. Q & A SESSION
Ohio State Representative Scott Oelslager
Ohio State Representative James Thomas
Gust Callas, Esq., *Black McCuskey*
- 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

Name: _____ Atty. Reg. No. _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

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2024 ESTATE PLANNING AND ELDER LAW SYMPOSIUM

Thursday, May 16, 2024 • Kent State University 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 Kelly Badnell, *Richland 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

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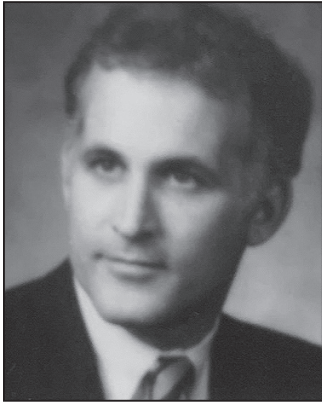
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50TH Year Spotlight

Honorable Richard D. Reinbold, Jr.



How did you become an attorney?

I returned to Miami University, after 3 years in the Army, to finish my last semester as a junior and then finish, graduating in 1971.

The job market was non-existent so with the advice and help of a professor I decided

to apply to law school. Then, with the help of friends, Akron admitted me in the fall of '72.

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?

My friend and I made at least a half-dozen trips to Washington DC during our 3rd year and interviewed every federal agency that existed.

We actually interviewed the Justice Department the Friday before the "Saturday Night Massacre" when Nixon fired the US Attorney. We were not successful in our hunt.

I returned to Akron and, with the help of a young 3rd year law student named Scott Gwin, secured a position with the Canton Law Department. I left for 11 months for Washington where I had finally landed a job with the Labor Department.

I returned to Canton in March of 1976 (or 1776) after then Law Director Harry Klide offered me a position as an assistant city prosecutor. The journey from there to now is too lengthy to recount.

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

help you develop your practice?

Harry Klide taught me perseverance and innovation; Judge Robert Mylett taught me to never (again) enter a court room unprepared; Bob Horowitz taught me "to sleep on it" before reacting to a negative; and Tom Borcoman and Paul Mastriacovo taught me how to try a case. And all my peers I grew up with.

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

Passing the bar the first time.

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

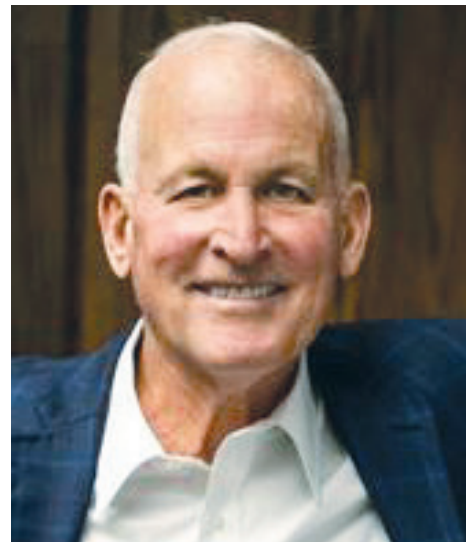
US Attorney for the Justice Dept., Criminal Division in Washington D.C.

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

Being a part of this most magnificent profession.

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

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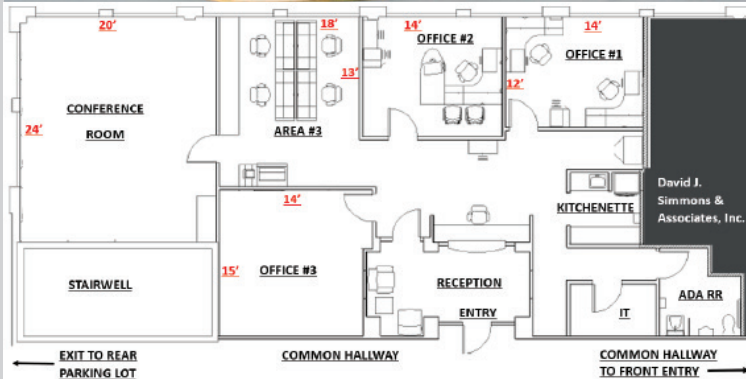
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