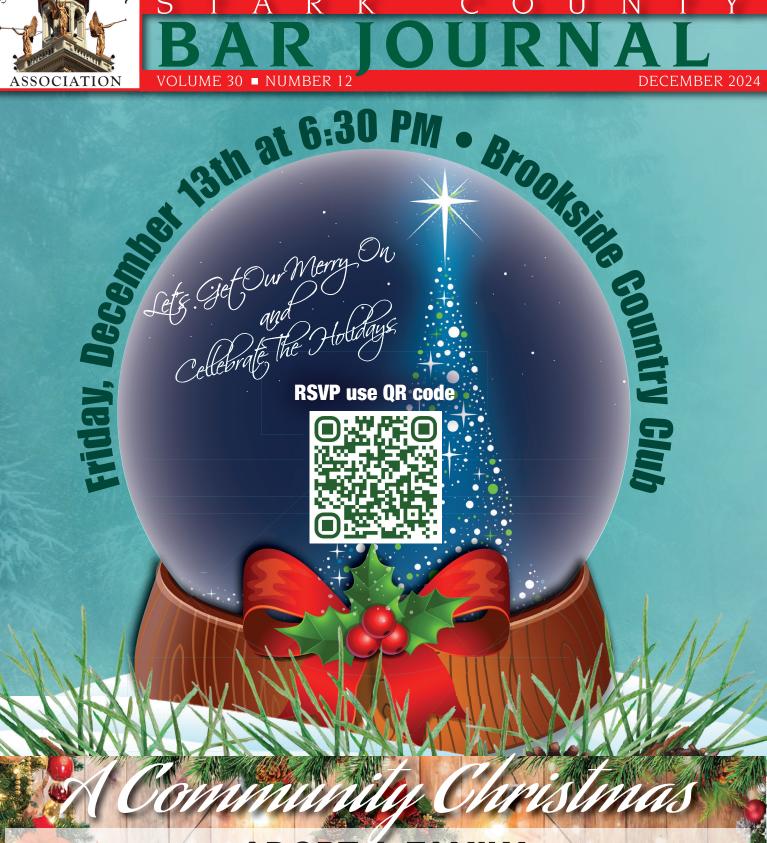


DECEMBER 2024



ADOPT-A-FAMILY

In lieu of the "Giving Tree Program", the Community Involvement Committee is adopting 1 family of 4-6 people this Christmas. Tags with their "wish lists" are available at the Bar Office (like in years past) to pick up. The gifts should be wrapped and have the tag on them. There will also be an option to purchase a gift card to Walmart for groceries. Of course, you may do both. All gifts should be returned to the Bar Office by December 6th for delivery to Community Christmas.

Thank you for your participation!!

SCBA December 2024 Office Schedule

Dec. 4th 11:30 PM Family Law Committee Meeting

at Bender's Tavern

Dec. 5th 12:00 NOON Community Involvement

Committee Meeting

Dec. 9th 4:00 PM Disputed Fee Committee Meeting

Dec. 10th 3:30 PM Municipal Court Committee Meeting

Dec. 16th 12:00 NOON SCBA 125th Celebration

Committee Meeting

Dec. 16th 4:00 РМ Bankruptcy Committee Meeting

Dec. 17th 3:45 PM Grievance Committee Meeting

Dec. 18th 12:00 NOON Law Day Committee Meeting

Dec. 18th 4:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting

Dec. 24th – 25th OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

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.

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

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2024 CLE Seminars

December 2024

Multi-Topic Video Replays SCBA Conference Room See Pgs. 4 & 5

2025 Upcoming CLE Seminars

January 31, 2025 Criminal Law Seminar SCBA Conference Room

See Pg. 6



On-Line CLE

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

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From Our President

We are rapidly approaching the season when many of us gather with our family and friends to celebrate the holiday season. Before we give our attention to the upcoming holidays, I want to reflect on a recent gathering of the Stark County Bar Association. A few of our members gathered to remember, reflect and honor 13 of our colleagues who died in the last year. They were judges, attorneys, co-workers, bosses, friends and most importantly cherished by their families. Thanks to Attorney John Frank and Attorney Erich Maier, the chairpersons of the Memorial Committee and their members, for hosting a heartfelt, reflective memorial service. It is held yearly, and no year is it any more or less significant, as each one honored contributed immensely to our legal profession and our community. They deserve a pause in our schedules to devote a very small amount of time to their memory.

Another gathering which took place recently was the Senior Lawyers Committee. Past President Steve Babik formed this committee during his presidency, as he believed, rightfully so, that a gathering of our Senior Lawyers is worthwhile. It was great to attend and to spend time with each other, reminiscing and hearing all kinds of stories. Definitely a relaxed group since no one seemed to need to go anywhere quickly. The benefits of being a senior lawyer. Some business was discussed such as reaching out to the Young Lawyers Committee for a joint gathering after the first of the year. It will be an opportunity to meet each other and hopefully get to know the practice areas of the young lawyers so that a referral relationship can be created. So what qualifies you to be part of this committee? I am told minimum age 60 and practice law for 30 years. Yes, many of you qualify. Contact Tina and she will include you in future committee emails.





Angela T. Vagotis *President, Stark County Bar Association*

As I am writing this, I just returned from another gathering with the Young Lawyers Committee, where they participated in a CLE. Judge Kristen Guardado gave her time to do a View of the Bench, and the participants heard a great presentation from the Stark County Law Library and all they have to offer us. We are very fortunate to have that resource available to us. Thank you to the Young Lawyers' Co-Chairs Brooke Meneses and Taryn Douglas for leading this great group of young lawyers.

By now you have received your electronic invitation for the Holiday Party, which will be held on Friday, December 13th. Judges Haupt and Farmer, Social Committee Co-Chairs, have worked to make this a fun-filled evening. They have added some things such as a photobooth, which should be very entertaining. Can't wait to see those mug shots!

If you need to finish your CLE's then the Bar Association now has available to you online CLE courses which you can take as self-study. Go to the Stark County Bar Association website and click on CLE. Thanks to Steve Babik and the Technology Com-

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From Our President (continued from previous page)

mittee and Bar Staff, there are 10 CLE courses you can choose from. Your participation in these courses helps provide revenue to our Bar Association, which is appreciated.

Stark County Bar Association Dues invoices have been sent out. We appreciate your continued membership so that we can continue to serve our legal community.

Finally, what does that Auld Lang Syne song mean, anyhow? You will probably sing it at midnight, if you are awake on New Years Eve. Its translation comes from Scottish words meaning "for the sake of old times". It became a tradition to sing at midnight in 1929 when Guy Lombardo directed his band to play it soon after midnight, at the Roosevelt Hotel in New York City. Being that it was broadcast on the radio,

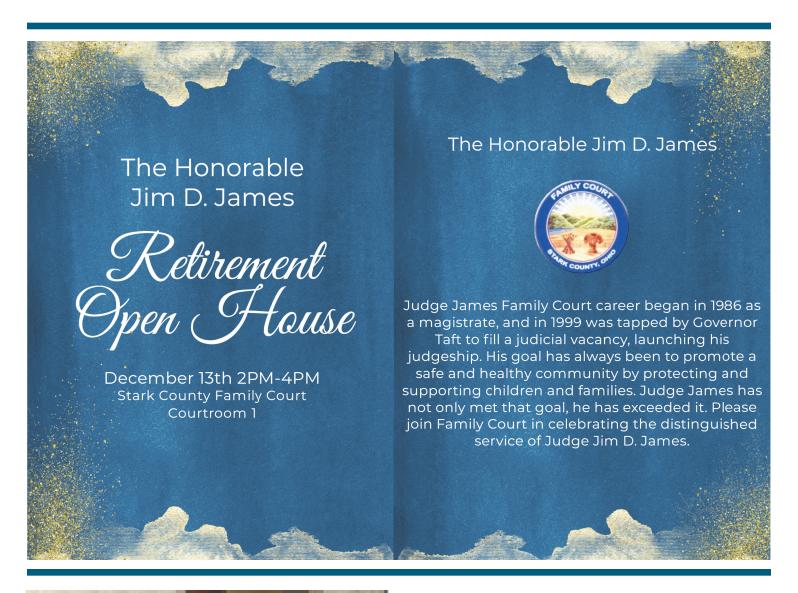
it became a tradition throughout the country. It is hard not to reflect on the year as the clock approaches midnight, and the start of a new year begins. But Auld Lang Syne propels us forward to have hope and joy in the promise of a fresh start as the new year begins.

Wishing all of you and your families a joyous holiday season. Gather with your loved ones and cherish your time together. For as we know, tomorrow is not promised. May 2025 bring you good health, happiness and blessed a year.

2025 Dues Bills Have Been Mailed ...

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Our Committees say THANK YOU!

The Military & Veterans Affairs Committee along with the Community Involvement Committee thank all that participated in the 2024 SAM Center Thanksgiving Drive!

The donated food items, cash, gift cards and notes of appreciation benefited our area military families with approximately 15 boxes of food donations in addition to cash and gift card donations of over \$3,000.00 to the SAM Center for turkeys with all the trimmings.

Thank you for your generosity!!

DECEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6 2024 Criminal Law Seminar 9:00am - 12:30pm	7
8	9	10	28th Annual White-Williams Bankruptcy Institute 8:35am - 4:30pm	12	2024 Professional Conduct Seminar 9:00am - 11:45am	14
15	16	2024 Law Day Seminar 9:00am - 12:15pm	18	2024 Professional Conduct Seminar 1:00pm - 3:45pm	20	21
22	23	24 Office Closed	25 Office Closed	26	27	28
29	2024 Professional Conduct Seminar 1:00pm - 3:45pm	31				

Stark County Bar Association Video Replay Seminars

Friday, December 6, 2024 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 2024 CRIMINAL LAW SEMINAR VIDEO REPLAY

Members: \$97.50 Assoc. Members: \$81.25

Non-Members: \$178.75

Application approved for 3.25 General CLE Credit

Hours.

Wednesday, December 11, 2024 8:35 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

THE 28TH ANNUAL WHITE-WILLIAMS BANKRUPTCY INSTITUTE VIDEO REPLAY

Members: \$180.00 Assoc. Members \$150.00

Non-Members: \$330.00

Application approved for 6.00 CLE Credit Hours

including 1 Professional Conduct Hour.

Friday, December 13, 2024 9:00 a.m.to 11:45 a.m. 2024 PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT SEMINAR VIDEO REPLAY

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Non-Members: \$137.50

Application approved for 2.50 Professional Conduct CLE

Credit Hours.

Tuesday, December 17, 2024 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. 2024 LAW DAY SEMINAR VIDEO REPLAY

Members: \$90.00 Assoc. Members: \$75.00

Non-Members: \$165.00

Application approved for 3.00 General CLE Credit

Hours.

Thursday, December 19, 2024 1:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. 2024 PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT SEMINAR VIDEO REPLAY

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Non-Members: \$137.50

Application approved for 2.50 Professional Conduct CLE

Credit Hours.

Monday, December 30, 2024 1:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. 2024 PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT SEMINAR VIDEO REPLAY

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Credit Hours.

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	2024 Professional Conduct Seminar Video Replay - 12/13/24 - 9:00 am - 11:45 am - \$75/\$62.50/\$137.50
	2024 Law Day Seminar Video Replay - 12/17/24 - 9:00 am - 12:15 pm - \$90/ \$75/ \$165
	2024 Professional Conduct Seminar Video Replay - 12/19/24 - 1:00 pm - 3:45 pm - \$75/ \$62.50/ \$137.50
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- 2024 Family Law Seminar (3.00 General CLE credit hours)
- 2024 Municipal Court Seminar (3.00 General CLE credit hours)
- 2024 Law Day Seminar (3.00 General CLE credit hours)
- 2024 The 28th Annual White-Williams Bankruptcy Institute (5.00 General CLE credit hours & 1 Professional Conduct hour)
- 2024 Estate Planning & Elder Law (5.25 General CLE credit hours & 1.0 Professional Conduct hours)
- 2024 Summertime Tech Series Session 1: Generative AI Seminar (1.0 General CLE credit hour)
- 2024 Summertime Tech Series Session 2: Cyber Security Seminar (1.0 General CLE credit hour)
- 2024 Summertime Tech Series Session 3: Digital Forensics (1.0 General CLE credit hour)

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Stark County Bar Association



2025 CRIMINAL LAW SEMINAR

Friday, January 31, 2025 - SCBA Conference Room

8:45 A.M.	REGISTRATION - Coffee, water and donuts provided.
9:00 A.M.	IMMIGRATION ISSUES AND CRIMINAL LAW Anthony Wolters, Esq.
9:45 A.M.	U.S. AND OHIO SUPREME COURT CASE LAW UPDATE Russ Bensing, Esq. Cuyahoga County Criminal Defense Lawyers Association
10:45 A.M.	BREAK
11:00 A.M.	TIPS FROM THE BENCH The Honorable Taryn Heath The Honorable Frank Forchione The Honorable Kristin Farmer The Honorable Chryssa Hartnett The Honorable Natalie Haupt

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2025 Criminal Law Seminar

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