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Stark County Bar Association Celebrates
125 Years with Open House at Historic Courthouse
During First Friday, May 2, 2025 • 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm

SCBA May 2025 Office Schedule

April 28 th - May 2 nd	LAW WEEK
May 1 st	12:00 NOON Community Involvement Committee Meeting
May 7 th	11:30 AM Family Law Committee Meeting Bender's
May 9 th	12:00 NOON Scholarship Committee Meeting
May 12 th	4:00 PM Disputed Fee Committee Meeting
May 13 th	12:00 NOON Elder Law Committee Meeting
May 15 th	12:00 NOON Referral Service Committee Meeting
May 19 th	12:00 NOON Technology Committee Meeting
May 20 th	12:00 NOON Social Committee Meeting
May 20 th	3:45 PM Grievance Committee Meeting
May 21 st	4:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting
May 22 nd	12:00 NOON Military & Veterans Affairs Committee Meeting
May 26 th	Office Closed in Observance of Memorial Day
May 27 th	4:00 PM Annual Election Ballot Counting

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

2025 CLE Seminars

June 25, 2025	Installation Luncheon & 2025 Professional Conduct Seminar Double Tree by Hilton Canton Downtown See Pg. 5
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Elder Law Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 13, 2025 - 12:00 Noon
Live Interactive Webinar

Honorable Curt Werren, Stark County Probate Court, will present **"Updates from the Stark County Probate Court"**.



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SCBA's 125th Anniversary Celebration

First Friday, May 2, 2025	Stark County Courthouse Open House 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Friday, September 12, 2025	Exhibit at Cyrus Custom Framing
Saturday, September 13, 2025	"Lawyers Do More Than Practice Law" Featuring art/photography/mixed media/reception included
Friday, November 7, 2025	12 Angry Women Play with Reception
Saturday, November 8, 2025	12 Angry Women Play

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From Our President

With April having passed, along with it went a very busy month at the Bar Association. At the time this newsletter went to print, our Law Week events had not taken place. Looking forward to commenting on them next month.

With May being Mental Health Awareness Month, it seems like a worthwhile discussion for our profession. The Stark County legal community has had its share of tragedies of our peers due to mental health conditions. It certainly shakes us to the core, mainly if you know the lawyer. It stays on our radar for the immediate future, but then, as is often the case, it fades out of the forefront of our mind. This should not occur. A good reason that May is for awareness is so we can spend a little time thinking about it and perhaps looking beyond our own mental health to reach out to peers who may be struggling. Most of us have a close relationship with some of our peers and are privy to how their lives are going and the stressors they are facing. Take the time to reach out and engage in a meaningful discussion about how they are doing. We are often reluctant to do this, fearing they may not want to share their struggles with others, but if you have a close relationship with them, they may welcome the concern. I am even a little hesitant trying to address this here as it is not a subject we are used to bringing up in this forum.

You don't have to be a mental health professional to help someone. There are many resources you can suggest such as counseling, primary care doctor visit for evaluation, and being available to them to listen and support. Obviously if there is an urgent concern, there are resources in Stark County such as the Crisis Center.

Mental Wellness is also something we each need to address in our own lives. As in many professions, we must prioritize our work life with our personal life. We have all experienced extremely stressful times in our careers and those times place a greater strain on our mental health. Hopefully we have developed tools and outlets to relieve some of the stress. It would be worthwhile in the future to assess the needs



Angela T. Vagotis
President, Stark County Bar Association

of our membership as to whether we would benefit from CLE's for stress management and recognizing mental health concerns in our friends and peers and how to handle this. In this issue, please find an article from Attorney Scott Mote, Executive Director of Ohio Lawyers Assistance Program (OLAP) titled Mental Health Myths.

Stress and angst definitely hit home with our Notary committee in March. As I have pointed out in the past, our organization depends on Notary education income to sustain us. As has occurred in the past, we received a notice from the Ohio Secretary of State, alerting us that they wanted certain updates completed, to retain our Notary education offerings. House Bill 315 made changes to the Notary Public Education Program and the changes went into effect on April 4, 2025. As has been in the past, a very short, like several weeks deadline, is given. True to form, our Notary chairs, Andrea Scassa and Beverly Proctor-Donald, along with our hero, Steve Babik (no joke), managed to get all our video education attorney participants to not only appear in person,

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on a very short notice, to retape their presentation and edit the written materials to be compliant with the current law. The participants were Steve Babik, Aletha Carver, Beverly Proctor-Donald, Scott Hastings, Ivan Redinger, Andrea Scassa and Melissa Ulrich. Hours were spent on this and that does not include the hours spent by Tina and Chris, and Bob Aman, getting everything organized and submitted. I cannot impress upon you enough what a tremendous job this was on such a short notice. The participants

take it seriously because they know how we rely on Notary income. Thank you so much!!

The Social Committee thanks you for taking the time to complete the survey regarding Bar Social events. If you are interested in receiving a copy of the results or discussing the results, please contact Judge Natalie Haupt or Judge Kristin Farmer, Social Committee Co-Chairs.

THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS!!!

SCBA's Community Involvement Committee
Annual School Drive

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STARK COUNTY COURTHOUSE OPEN HOUSE

First Friday, May 2, 2025
4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Come celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Stark County Bar Association as we host an Open House at the Stark County Court of Common Pleas on the corner of Tuscarawas and Market. The Open House will include a variety of justice-themed activities and offers a rare chance to access this historic gem “after hours.” Activities will include:

- A chance to learn more about the mission of the Stark County Bar Association and the services it provides
- A meet and greet with your local Stark County Judges
- The opportunity to tour the historic courtroom where President McKinley practiced as a prosecutor
- Q & A with a local court historian to learn all about the history and architecture of the courthouse
- A viewing of the courthouse documentary “Celebrating 200 Years of History, Community and Justice”
- Justice-themed activities for the young (and young at heart)
- Justice-themed photo booth

This is a great opportunity to invite your friends and family who might never otherwise make it into Court. We hope to see you all there!

If you would like to volunteer for the event, a few spots are still available. Please contact the Bar Association.

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WE NEED ALL STARK COUNTY LAWYERS TO ATTEND THE BAR ART SHOW ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2025.

On Saturday, September 13, 2025, the Stark County Bar Association will host an art and talent exhibit to honor the 125th anniversary of the Stark County Bar Association. The exhibit will showcase the artistic talent of Stark County and surrounding area lawyers while also exhibiting artwork specifically developed by local artists to honor the Bar event. The opening show will be held at the Cyrus Art Gallery, 2645 Cleveland Ave., NW, in Canton, from 4:00 PM until approximately 9:00 PM. The exhibit will run from the opening night until October 3, 2025. The extravaganza show held on the opening night will

include an exhibit of the talents of local lawyers in writing/authorship, building, remodeling, carpentry, painting, sculpting, music, singing, dancing, and photography. Some of the artwork will be available for purchase through the Cyrus Art Gallery. Food and refreshments will be provided but no admission charge will be required. We need all Stark County lawyers and family/friends to attend the event and kick off the Bar Association’s anniversary celebration! Save the date, mark it on your phones and calendars and help make it a truly remarkable event by attending on September 13, 2025.

2025-2026 Nominees

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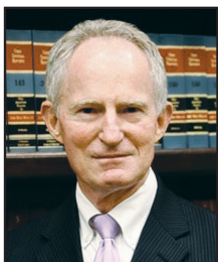
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Wednesday, June 25, 2025

Double Tree by Hilton Canton Downtown
320 Market Avenue South, Canton, OH 44702

- 11:45 A.M. INSTALLATION LUNCHEON
Magistrate Beverly Proctor-Donald, President-Elect, Officers and
Newly Elected Executive Committee Members
- 12:45 P.M. SEMINAR REGISTRATION
- 1:15 P.M. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AS IT RELATES TO ETHICS
Joseph M. Caligiuru, Esq., Chief Assistant Disciplinary Counsel
- 2:45 P.M. BREAK
- 3:00 P.M. BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT & CASE LAW
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- 4:00 P.M. ADJOURN



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CLE UPDATE!

**Take advantage of the Stark County Bar Association's
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THE FOLLOWING SELF-STUDY COURSES ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE:

- 2024 Criminal Law Seminar (3.25 General credit hours)
- 2024 Professional Conduct Seminar (2.5 Professional Conduct credit hours)
- 2024 Family Law Seminar (3.00 General credit hours)
- 2024 Law Day Seminar (3.00 General credit hours)
- The 28th Annual White-Williams Bankruptcy Institute (5.00 General & 1 Professional Conduct credit hour)
- 2024 Estate Planning & Elder Law Symposium (5.25 General credit hours & 1.0 Professional Conduct credit hour)
- 2024 Summertime Tech Series - Session 1: Generative AI Seminar (1.0 General credit hour)
- 2024 Summertime Tech Series - Session 2: Cyber Security Seminar (1.0 General credit hour)
- 2024 Summertime Tech Series - Session 3: Digital Forensics (1.0 General credit hour)
- 2024 Municipal Court Seminar (3.00 General credit hours)
- 2025 Criminal Law Seminar (3.00 General credit hours)
- 2025 Municipal Court Seminar (2.5 General credit hours & .50 Professional Conduct credit hour)

SCBA's self-study courses direct link: <https://starkctybar.com/cle/cle-self-study/>

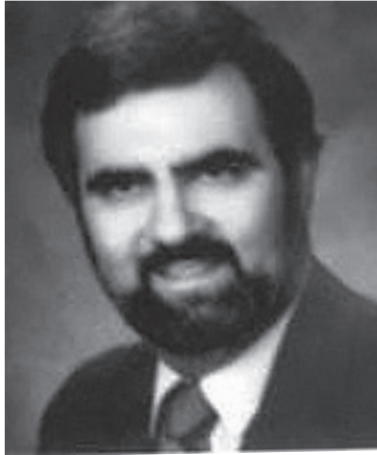
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In 2025 we will take the opportunity to recognize local practitioners who are celebrating 50 years in the practice of law. Our next attorney for 2025 to be recognized for a largely commendable 50 years of practice is William G. Williams, Esq.

50TH Year Spotlight

William G. Williams, Esq.



This month, we recognize Attorney Bill Williams as a 50-year practitioner. Bill was in the first graduating class at St. Thomas Aquinas High School. He attended the College of Steubenville (Franciscan University) where he majored in math and physics. Bill attended the Cleveland Marshall School of Law and graduated in 1975.

Bill's career started in the public sector. As a law student, he interned for Legal Aid. After graduating from law school, he worked for the next six years for local government in the Canton City Prosecutor's Office and served as counsel for the Canton Downtown Commission, the Community Development and Energy and Natural Resources Development Departments.

Bill's career took a turn when he accepted a position as the Executive Director of the Energy & Mineral Law Foundation (EMLF) at WVU Law School. He and his wife, Denise, relocated to West Virginia for three years, returning home in time for Denise to deliver their first child in Canton. Bill said he used that opportunity to learn all he could about oil, gas, and coal law from practitioners who represented or were in-house counsel for the largest coal, oil, and gas companies east of the Mississippi River.

Upon returning to Canton, Bill joined the law firm of Arter & Hadden in 1985 where he worked for five years. He then transitioned to Buckingham, Doolittle, and Burroughs, LLC where he worked for 14 years. In 2004, Bill joined the firm of Krugliak, Wilkins, Griffiths & Dougherty, Co., L.P.A. where he worked for 21 years until his recent retirement.

Bill is known for his expertise in oil and gas law. However, he also practiced real estate, corporate, environmental, and immigration law. He was involved in over 250 litigation cases over the course of his

career. His oil and gas practice included large and small Ohio producers and, later in his career, thousands of landowners wanting to lease or sell their mineral rights.

Bill was also very active in community organizations such as the Canton Jaycees, Canton Palace Theatre, Preservation Society, Amateur Sports HOF, Downtown Canton Association, Stark State College's Foundation, Plain Township Board of Zoning Appeals, and Ohio Oil and Gas Commission. He has also been active in the bar association serving on SCBA's Corporate and Bar Applicant Committees and chairing the Real Estate Committee for 12 years. Bill also served as counsel for the Better Business Bureau for 27 years and had been involved in numerous Chamber of Commerce committees for over 30 years.

Bill enjoys mentoring young lawyers and his advice to them is to not be afraid to ask for help. He noted we are very fortunate in Stark County to still have a collegial atmosphere in the legal and judicial communities. He explained lawyers have to be expert jugglers, being able to keep airborne balls encompassing career, family, and outside activities.

These days, Bill is enjoying spending time with his wife of 44 years, Denise, and his two children and 5 grandchildren.

Thank you Bill for your service and dedication to the Stark County legal community.



Legal Avenues: Your Road to Solutions

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A Spring Refresh on Legal Research Skills

In the legal world, strong research skills are essential. Whether you are preparing for a case or advising a client, the ability to efficiently locate relevant laws, precedents, and interpretations can make or break your argument. Legal research is often arduous, but with a structured approach and the right tools, it can become significantly more effective—and less frustrating.

Step 1: Clearly Identify the Problem

Before diving into databases and statutes, take time to clarify what you are looking for. A well-defined question will point you toward the most relevant sources and tools. Ask yourself:

- What question am I trying to answer?
- What legal issue is at stake?
- What are the critical facts of the case?
- Which jurisdiction applies?¹

The answers to these questions will guide your choice of search terms, databases, and filters.

Step 2: Build a Smart Search Strategy

Once your question is clear, break it into specific terms and concepts. Identify key words and phrases that relate to your issue. Expand your search by including synonyms or related legal terms. For instance, if you are searching for information on someone being “liable,” try also including “liability” to catch broader or differently phrased sources.

Effective legal research begins with knowing what to ask. A well-defined search strategy yields better results.

Use Search Tools: Terms, Connectors, and Truncation

Terms, connectors, and truncation are useful tools for retrieving relevant information. Although most databases use these advance search tools, the distinction between Boolean searches and term and connectors searches varies between them.² Be sure to check the databases help sections. Additionally, each database should have a list of connectors including a guide on how to use them.

- **Terms** appear in all results and can be sorted based on proximity and relevance to each other.³
- **Connectors** define relationships between your terms and can broaden or narrow your search.⁴
- **Boolean searches** use AND, OR, or NOT.⁵
- **Truncation** allows searches for multiple word endings. Use an asterisk (*) as a placeholder⁶ (e.g., deprecia** to find depreciate, depreciation).
- Exact matches can be searched using a pound symbol (e.g., #depreciation).⁷

Know When to Stop

Even the most strategic search can reach a dead end. When that happens, pause and reassess:

- Are your keywords effective? Try synonyms, broader/narrower terms, or new legal angles.
- Ask a Law Librarian—they can suggest alternative sources, databases, or search strategies.

And remember, sometimes no clear answer exists—yet. That absence can be meaningful and may strengthen your argument or highlight areas for further inquiry.

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Footnotes

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6 MENTAL HEALTH MYTHS THAT NEED TO BE SQUASHED

By Scott R. Mote, Esq., Executive Director of the Ohio Lawyers Assistance Program

A mental illness is a treatable medical condition that involves changes in thinking, emotion or behavior that can affect people of all ages, races, religions, and income levels. Some examples of mental illness include depression, anxiety, panic disorder, and post-traumatic stress disorder. When a person has a mental illness, he or she finds it difficult to cope with the ordinary demands of life.

Mental health issues affect everyone, even judges and lawyers. Unfortunately, there is a stigma attached to mental illness. Sometimes, people define others by their illnesses rather than who they are as individuals. This happens often, which leads the person living with mental illness to refuse to get help because of feelings of shame, isolation and hopelessness. As judges and lawyers, we help people on a daily basis. Let's start helping those with mental illness by educating ourselves and others.

The following are myths about mental illness that need to be squashed. The more that people understand about mental health and decrease its stigma, the more likely people will be willing to seek help.

Myth: People with mental health disorders can just snap out of it. They choose not to because they are weak or have character flaws.

Fact: Having a mental illness is like any other illness that needs treatment. If you have a fever, a bad cough and cannot get out of bed, you go see your doctor for help. The same goes for mental health. If depression, anxiety, suicidal thoughts or other mental health disorders are keeping you from your normal routine, you need to seek help and get proper treatment.

It's impossible to just snap out of pneumonia, just as it is impossible to snap out of a mental health issue.

Mental health disorders are not contributed to being weak or having character flaws. Many factors, such as biology, genes, brain chemistry, trauma, and abuse can cause mental illness.

Unfortunately, because of the stigma associated with mental illness, many people do not seek treatment.

According to data from the National Institute of Mental Health and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, only about 50% of adults with a diagnosable mental illness receive treatment.

Myth: People with mental health problems have no hope. They will never get better.

The truth is mental illness is treatable. There are many different methods that are used to treat mental disorders, such as behavioral therapy and medication. In fact, the American Psychiatric Association reports that 70-90% of people who seek proper treatment for mental health disorders witness a significant reduction in symptoms.

Myth: I can't help a person with a mental health problem.

Friends, colleagues and loved ones can truly make a difference and influence a person to get help. If you notice a colleague is having a difficult time, communicate that you value their well-being, and show them the path to treatment. If you have conquered mental illness, be an advocate for other legal professionals who might be afraid to speak up. Share your story so that others can feel confident sharing theirs.

You can also:

- Learn and share facts about mental health, especially if you hear something that isn't true.
- Treat the person with respect, just as you would anyone else.
- Refuse to define people by their diagnosis or using labels such as "crazy."
- Contact the Ohio Lawyers Assistance Program or the Judicial Advisory Group (JAG) for help.

Myth: Mental health problems don't affect me.

Mental health issues affect everyone, even judges and lawyers. According to "The Path to Lawyer Well-Being," the report of the National Task Force on Lawyer Well-Being, "40% to 70% of disciplinary proceedings and malpractice claims against legal professionals involve substance use or depression, and often both."

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Some signs and symptoms of mental illness include:

- Withdrawal from activities
- Frequent absences
- Inappropriate behavior, moods
- Decreasing quality of performance
- Inappropriate pleadings, decisions
- Co-workers and staff “gossip” about changes in behavior
- Malpractice and disciplinary claims
- Missed hearings, appointments, depositions
- Loss of clients, practice, respect
- Change of friends, acquaintances
- Loss of confidence in attorney by community leaders
- Isolation from support systems

If you or a colleague are experiencing any of these symptoms, it is important that you get help. Contact the Ohio Lawyers Assistance Program or the Judicial Advisory Group (JAG). All inquiries are confidential.

Myth: Substance use disorder is not associated with mental health issues.

According to the 2023 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 35% of adults aged 18 and over in the U.S. who have another mental disorder also have a substance use disorder. At OLAP, we treat many lawyers who have a dual diagnosis. This means that they are living with mental illness, such as depression or anxiety, and they use substances, such as alcohol, prescriptions medications or illegal drugs, to cope.

Treatment for dual diagnosis includes integrated intervention, where a person receives care for both their

diagnosed mental illness and substance use disorder. Both issues must be addressed.

Myth: I can get better on my own.

Just as you cannot treat a disease such as cancer on your own, you cannot will yourself to get mentally healthy. Sure, you can exercise, meditate and be more present, which are helpful and work for some people, but if your mental illness is keeping you from being competent and the best lawyer to your clients, you must seek professional help.

Fact: You can help

As a judge or lawyer, you help people, and you are a leader in your community. Help end the stigma of mental health. Learn the facts about mental health, be cognizant of them, and help yourself or someone you think is struggling. Be quick to dispel something that is not true. Avoid labeling people with negative words, such as “crazy,” “wacko,” “loony,” or by their diagnosis. Instead of saying someone is a “schizophrenic” say “a person living with schizophrenia.” Treat people with mental illnesses with respect and dignity, as you would anybody else.

It's important to acknowledge that the pressures of your role as a legal professional may lead you to seek solace in alcohol or other substances to manage overwhelming thoughts and emotions.

If you find yourself confronting such challenges, consider reaching out to the Ohio Lawyers Assistance Program (ohiolap.org / (800) 348-4343) or the Judicial Advisory Group (JAG) (ohiolap.org/judges / (800) 348-4343), a peer-based, confidential assistance program dedicated to supporting judges and magistrates with both personal and professional issues.



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ATTORNEY REGISTRATION OPENS ON JULY 1

Attorney registration for the 2025-2027 biennium opens July 1.

The second phase of attorney registration fee increases are set to begin on July 1, when attorney registration for the 2025-2027 biennium opens.

Beginning in July, the biennial registration fee for Ohio attorneys will be \$450.

After 16 years without an increase, biennial registration fees were increased in 2023. During phase one, covering 2023-2025, fees were increased from \$350 to \$400. For the second two-year period covering 2025-2027, fees will be \$450.

Prior to the recent change, attorney registration fees were last updated in 2007. Ohio currently ranks as one of the lowest attorney registration fees in the country. Also, Ohio attorneys pay every two years, compared to annual payments in some other states.

Fees fund services to attorneys, including processing

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

The Ohio attorney registration process must be completed online and includes an electronic bar license, which can be stored on an attorney's phone for easy access or printed out as needed.

New to the registration process this year is the voluntary option for attorneys to list if they are multilingual. This information is publicly available and can serve as a resource for those seeking the service of attorneys who speak multiple languages.

Attorneys can register by accessing the Supreme Court of Ohio Attorney Portal. The portal is being updated and will soon have additional features.



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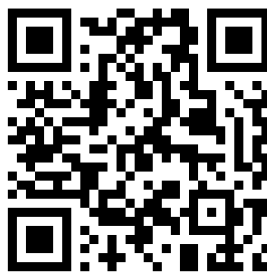
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