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## THE STARK COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION CELEBRATING 125 YEARS

### LAWYERS DO MORE THAN PRACTICE LAW

*An Exhibit of the Fine Art Works of Area Lawyers and  
Local Artists in Authorship & Writing; Building & Remodeling;  
Woodworking; Art & Painting; Sculpting;  
Fabric Art; Singing; Dancing; and Photography*

### *Opening Night Fine Art Extravaganza*

*Saturday, September 13, 2025*

*4:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.*

**Cyrus Custom Framing & Art Gallery**

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# SCBA September 2025 Office Schedule

|                        |                                                              |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sept. 1 <sup>st</sup>  | OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE<br>OF THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY      |
| Sept. 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 11:30 AM Family Law Committee Meeting<br>@ Bender's          |
| Sept. 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 12:00 NOON Community Involvement<br>Committee Meeting        |
| Sept. 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 4:00 PM Disputed Fee Committee Meeting                       |
| Sept. 15 <sup>th</sup> | 12:00 NOON Technology Committee Meeting                      |
| Sept. 16 <sup>th</sup> | 3:30 PM Grievance Committee Meeting                          |
| Sept. 17 <sup>th</sup> | 4:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting                          |
| Sept. 18 <sup>th</sup> | 12:00 NOON Military & Veteran's Affairs<br>Committee Meeting |
| Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 3:30 PM SCBA 125th Celebration<br>Committee Meeting          |

## Elder Law Committee Meeting

There will be no Elder Law Committee Meeting in September due to the "2025 Estate Planning and Elder Law Symposium" on September 25, 2025, at Kent State Stark Conference Center.

## NOTARY EDUCATION CLASS & TESTING

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

**\*By Appointment Only\***

1 Hour Renewal Education Class • 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

3 Hour New Notary Public Education Class  
12:00 Noon – 3:00 PM

TESTING 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**Online classes and testing**

available at our website: [www.StarkCtyBar.com](http://www.StarkCtyBar.com)

# 2025 CLE Seminars

|                    |                                                                                                       |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| September 25, 2025 | 2025 Estate Planning & Elder Law<br>Symposium<br>Kent State Stark Conference Center<br>See Pgs. 4 & 5 |
| October 17, 2025   | 2025 Professional Conduct Seminar<br>Video Replay<br>SCBA Conference Room<br>See Pg. 6                |

## UPCOMING CLE

|          |                         |
|----------|-------------------------|
| November | 2025 Technology Webinar |
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## On-Line CLE

Take advantage of the Stark County  
Bar Association's SELF-STUDY courses  
through our website:  
[www.StarkCtyBar.com](http://www.StarkCtyBar.com).



**Reminder: A - L!**  
**Complete your CLE by Dec. 31, 2025**

## THE STARK COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION



## Save The Date

### SCBA's 125th Anniversary Celebration

|                            |                                    |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Friday, November 7, 2025   | 12 Angry Women Play with Reception |
| Saturday, November 8, 2025 | 12 Angry Women Play                |

# THE BAR JOURNAL

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## From Our President

The July issue of the Bar Journal included a list of our many association committees along with active members. Our committees have been busy over the past few months planning and executing various activities to benefit our Stark County lawyers and the community. On August 8, 2025, several bar association members brought their families out to our summer social at Canal Park for an Akron RubberDucks baseball game. This was a wonderful idea spearheaded by The Honorable Robert Lavery and everyone enjoyed a beautiful summer evening with excellent seats behind home plate. John Clark, the Chairperson of our Scholarship and Finance Committees, was kind enough to facilitate a 50/50 raffle during the game. Ironically, Judge Lavery was the raffle winner!

Continuing throughout the year, as we all come out to social events, the Social Committee will be working in conjunction with the Scholarship Committee to raise funds for the Stark County Bar Association's Legal Scholarship Fund which is administered by Stark Community Foundation. The scholarship(s) are awarded each spring to students pursuing a law degree and likely to pursue a law career in the Stark County area and hopefully become members of our very own bar association. Please take advantage of this chance to contribute to the scholarship fund through the 50/50 raffles!

The 125th Year Celebration Committee, in conjunction with the Lawyers Do More Than Practice Law Committee chaired by Todd Bergert, David Dingwell and David Herbert put together an extraordinary event showcasing the incredible talent of our Stark County lawyers. Opening Night for this Fine Art Extravaganza will be September 13, 2025, at Cyrus Custom Framing & Art Gallery and the exhibits will remain on display until October 3, 2025. There is a lot of excitement in the air about this special opportunity to appreci-



**Magistrate Beverly Proctor-Donald**  
*President, Stark County Bar Association*

ate the fine art works of area lawyers, including dance, music, photography, painting, sculpting, woodworking and writing.

On September 25, 2025, the Elder Law and Probate Practice Committees will hold their Estate Planning and Elder Law Symposium lead by the Honorable Curt Werren at the Kent State University Stark Conference Center. This is always a very well attended seminar filled with excellent practice tips and updates. Although this will be Judge Werren's first symposium as Probate Court Judge, it will be one of the last events held at the Kent Stark University Conference Center which will be permanently closing after 25 years.

Also in September, the Family Law Committee will be resuming its monthly CLE luncheons at Bender's Tavern. The seminar includes lunch (with a delightful dessert) and one hour of CLE on various family law topics. In the spring a ½ day seminar is usually offered.

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The next event planned by the Social Committee is on Monday, October 13th – a Federal holiday – so the courts will be closed! It will be a 9 Hole Golf Scramble at Sleepy Hollow in Alliance followed by our quarterly Bar Review Happy Hour with food and fellowship. Please come out and bring your team or join up with others to make a team.

On October 30, 2025, the Memorial Committee will hold its annual ceremony at the McKinley Courtroom inside the Stark County Court of Common Pleas to celebrate the lives of lawyers who have passed throughout the year. The families who attend these gatherings are always so appreciative to see their loved ones honored

by their peers. Please show your support by attending.

Several other events are in the works and updates will be here in the Bar Journal! Currently, we are seeking to increase membership in the Labor Law, Notary Public, and Finance Committees. If you desire to get involved in these, or any other committee, please consider reaching out to the Bar Association to offer your expertise and experience or simply a willingness to serve or be a part of a group that can offer networking opportunities in your field of practice.

Thank you everyone for your active involvement in our Bar Association!





## Sleepy Hollow Golf Course

374 Homeworth Rd., Alliance, Ohio 44601

Monday, October 13th

9 Holes

1:00 p.m. Tee Off

\$50.00 Per Person

includes burger, potato salad, etc.  
after golf

# GOLF & MORE

Bar Review Happy Hour

4:00 p.m.

Cash Bar

**REGISTER NOW**



### Team

Player One: \_\_\_\_\_

Player Two: \_\_\_\_\_

Player Three: \_\_\_\_\_

Player Four: \_\_\_\_\_

Bar Review Happy Hour: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, October 8th

Mail checks to Stark County Bar Association, 116 Cleveland Ave., N.W., Suite 400, Canton, Ohio 44702



# Stark County Bar Association

## **2025 ESTATE PLANNING AND ELDER LAW SYMPOSIUM**

Thursday, September 25, 2025-Kent State Stark Conference Center

### **LIVE SEMINAR**

***Sponsored by: Judge Curt Werren 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  
Mary Augsburger, Esq., OSBA Chief Executive Officer & Corporate Secretary
- 9:30 A.M.      DRAFTING BEST PRACTICES  
John D. Clark, Esq., Law Office of John D. Clark
- 10:15 A.M.      BREAK - Sponsored by Direction Home Akron Canton Area Agency on Aging & Disabilities
- 10:30 A.M.      SURVIVING SPOUSE'S RIGHTS UNDER THE PROBATE CODE  
Ralph E. Lehman, Esq., Logee, Hostetler, Stutzman & Lehman, LLC
- 11:15 A.M.      DRAFTING BEST PRACTICES TRUST PROTECTOR ACT  
Brian C. Layman, Esq., Layman Law Group  
Daniel R. Griffith, Esq., SVP Director of Wealth Strategy, The Huntington National Bank
- 12:00 NOON      LUNCH PROVIDED
- 12:55 P.M.      Presentation by KIKO (Event Sponsor)
- 1:00 P.M.      CASE LAW UPDATE  
Jessica Forrest, Esq., Reminger Co., L.P.A.
- 2:00 P.M.      BREAK - Sponsored by PNC Private Bank
- 2:15 P.M.      UNDERSTANDING LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE: POLICY TYPES,  
QUALIFICATION STANDARDS, AND CASE STUDIES  
Jim Wolverton, J.D., Director of Legal Education, Krause Financial
- 3:15 P.M.      BREAK - Sponsored by WesBanco Bank, Inc.
- 3:25 P.M.      Presentation by Farmer's Trust Company (Reception Sponsor)
- 3:30 P.M.      VIEW FROM THE BENCH  
Honorable Curt Werren, Stark County Probate Court
- 4:15 P.M.      ADJOURN

RECEPTION WITH THE HONORABLE CURT WERREN FOLLOWING SEMINAR.



# 2025 ESTATE PLANNING AND ELDER LAW SYMPOSIUM LIVE SEMINAR – KENT STATE STARK CONFERENCE CENTER

Thursday, September 25, 2025

Registration Deadline: September 11, 2025

\*Members: \$265.00

Associate Members: \$235.00

Non-Members: \$415.00

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

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

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

Please mail your payment for this seminar to: Stark County Bar Association  
116 Cleveland Avenue, N.W., Suite 400, Canton, Ohio 44702-1728

**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.

**\*PLEASE NOTE:** If you are currently a member of any local bar association, you may attend at our members' price.

NO REFUNDS UNLESS RESERVATION CANCELLATION IS RECEIVED 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF SEMINAR.

Application applied for 6.00 CLE General Credit Hours and  
6.00 Certified Specialization Credit Hours in Elder Law and Estate Planning, Trust, and Probate Law.



## Continuing Legal Education **Looking For Free CLE?**

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

If interested, please indicate the areas of law in which you would be willing to serve and mail or fax to the Bar Office, 116 Cleveland Avenue, N.W., Suite 400, Canton, Ohio 44702. Phone: 330-453-0685 / Fax: 330-453-0180. The complete form can also be scanned and emailed to: [CLE@StarkCtyBar.com](mailto:CLE@StarkCtyBar.com).

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Appellate Court

☐ Litigation

☐ Criminal Law

☐ Municipal Court

☐ Professional Conduct

☐ Probate

☐ Family Law

☐ Real Estate

☐ Other (s)

# Stark County Bar Association



## 2025 PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT SEMINAR VIDEO REPLAY

Friday, October 17, 2025  
SCBA Conference Room

8:45 A.M. REGISTRATION - Coffee, water and donuts provided.

9:00 A.M. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AS IT RELATES TO ETHICS  
Joseph M. Caligiuri, Esq., *Disciplinary Counsel*

10:30 A.M. BREAK

10:45 A.M. BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT & CASE LAW UPDATE  
Aletha M. Carver, Esq., *Mediator, Fifth District Court of Appeals*

11:45 A.M. ADJOURN



## 2025 Professional Conduct Seminar Video Replay

\*Members: \$75.00

Associate Members: \$62.50

Non-Members: \$137.50

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

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

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

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

\*PLEASE NOTE: If you are currently a member of any local bar association, you may attend at our members' price.

Please mail checks to: Stark County Bar Association  
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NO REFUNDS UNLESS RESERVATION CANCELLATION IS RECEIVED 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF SEMINAR.  
Application made for 2.50 Professional Conduct CLE Credit Hours.





# CLE UPDATE!

Take advantage of the Stark County Bar Association's  
**SELF-STUDY** courses through our website:  
[www.starkctybar.com](http://www.starkctybar.com)

## 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)
- 28th Annual White-Williams Bankruptcy Institute (5.00 General & 1.0 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)
- 2025 Family Law Seminar (2.75 General credit hours)
- 2025 Law Day Seminar (2.5 General credit hours & .75 Professional Conduct credit hour)
- 2025 Professional Conduct Seminar (2.5 Professional Conduct credit hours)

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

## AVAILABLE AND ACCESSIBLE ANYWHERE 24/7!

If you have questions about our online CLE or have problems logging in, please call the Bar Office or email [CLE@starkctybar.com](mailto:CLE@starkctybar.com).

# COMING IN NOVEMBER 2025

## 2025 TECHNOLOGY WEBINAR



The Stark County Bar Association Technology Committee will Present:

A two (2) hour continuing legal education session to introduce and present ways and methods that attorneys are using technology to make their practices more efficient, more effective, and, generally, to make life in the profession better.

Topics to include DIGITAL TRAINING AND AI and BACK TO THE BASICS.  
Webinar to begin at 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

### Stark County Family Court Attorneys

Volunteers are needed! The Stark County Family Court Help Desk was established about 3 years ago to provide assistance to pro se individuals seeking help with completing forms for filing in the various cases that are addressed in the Family Court – custody, visitation, divorce, dissolution, contempt, child support issues, etc. Participants are assisted on a first come first served basis and there is no restriction on financial eligibility. The Help Desk is staffed by experienced family law attorneys on Mondays from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The Family Court is seeking Stark County attorneys to staff the Help Desk for the last quarter of 2025. I am sure your schedules are beginning to fill quickly with work and holiday events. Please consider including the Help Desk in your busy schedules!

For those who are interested in participating in this program, Judge Rosemarie Hall, her Assistant Nori Ruegg or Magistrate Ashley Brahler can provide access to additional information concerning the limited scope agreement, getting signed up with the court's administrative offices for payment, and all other details.

If you are interested or if you have previously assisted, please simply contact me as soon as possible via e-mail ([bpproctordonald@starkcountyohio.gov](mailto:bpproctordonald@starkcountyohio.gov)) to let me know what Mondays you are available during the months of September, October, November and December. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve!

**Stark County Bar Association President**  
**Magistrate Beverly P. Proctor-Donald**

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# **The SCBA's CLE Director/Referral Secretary Position is Available**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## **125th Celebration Art Show Gala and Exhibit**

The art show gala and exhibit opening for “Lawyers Do More Than Practice Law” to be held at the Cyrus Art Gallery will kick off on the evening of Saturday, September 13, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The show will run after the 13th for a number of weeks. Mark the opening event on all your calendars and please plan on attending. Invite your family, clients and friends. Complimentary refreshments will be provided for the opening event and there will be no admission charge. This should be a really great event!

### **NOTICE**

#### **ONLINE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY PHOTO REQUEST**

Members wishing to have their photo posted in our Online Membership Directory on our website, please e-mail your photo to Chris at [SCBANotary@StarkCtyBar.com](mailto:SCBANotary@StarkCtyBar.com).



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## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

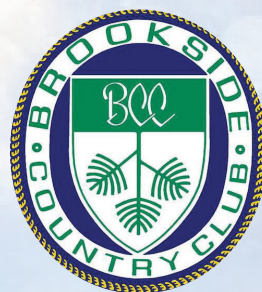
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## NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Henry Liebermann – Law Student



## Save The Date



**Holiday Party**  
Brookside Country Club  
December 5, 2025

## PROFESSIONAL VIDEO SERVICE

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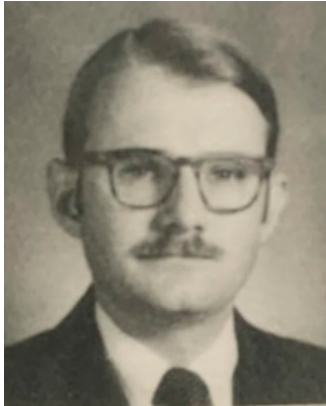
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This year, we will take the opportunity to recognize local practitioners who are celebrating 50 years in the practice of law. Our next attorney to be recognized for a largely commendable 50 years of practice is John D. Morris, Esq.

## 50TH Year Spotlight

### John D. Morris, Esq.



I had the pleasure of speaking with Attorney Morris recently to inquire about his practice of law in Stark County. Attorney Morris indicated he is semi-retired and resides part-time in Florida.

#### WHERE DID YOU GO TO UNDERGRAD/ LAW SCHOOL?

Attorney Morris graduated from NYU and studied abroad at the prestigious London School of Economics, he graduated law school from Case Western Reserve.

#### WHY DID YOU BECOME A LAWYER?

Law was in his blood, as his grandfather, father, and brother are all attorneys. Attorney Morris joined the United States Army Reserves and the JAG Corps with his early career aspirations set on being a diplomat leading him to take the Foreign Service Office Exam.

#### MAIN AREA OF LEGAL PRACTICE?

Attorney Morris practices primarily in real estate with his office in Alliance and Hartville.

#### BIGGEST CHANGE IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW?

Complete control of real estate transactions outside the legal profession, title companies and realtors as non-attorneys. Also, the use of Magistrates in court proceedings.

#### BOOK YOU WOULD RECOMMEND?

Biography of Otto Von Bismarck and Historical Foundations of the Common Law, 2nd Edition by S.F.C. Milsom.

#### ADVICE FOR NEW LAWYERS?

"Agree with your adversaries quickly" Matthew 5-26. Avoid going to court and suffering the possibility of more severe consequences.





## DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN

THE MOST REVEREND DAVID J. BONNAR

**Bishop of Youngstown**

and the

*Thomas More Society*

*cordially invite you  
to the*

**TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL RED MASS**



*A joyful and traditional celebration for those  
who serve in judicial and legal professions*

*To be held on*

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025**

**12:10 p.m.**

**Saint Columba Cathedral  
Youngstown, Ohio**

*Luncheon and program to follow at  
St. Columba Hall*

- *The cost of the luncheon is \$25.00. Please make check payable to the Diocese of Youngstown. (Please note if you have special dietary needs.) Please respond by October 3, 2025. For further information please contact Monsignor Robert Siffrin at (330) 744-8451 ext. 225.*



## The Power of Secondary Sources: When and Why to Use Them

Legal research can often feel like a race against the clock. Whether you're preparing for court, drafting a client memo, or exploring a new area of law, you need accurate, authoritative answers - and fast.

Used effectively, secondary sources deepen understanding, uncover issues, and lead directly to controlling authority.

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### What Are Secondary Sources?

Secondary sources explain, interpret, or analyze the law. They are written by legal scholars, practitioners, and subject matter experts, and while not binding authority, they offer valuable context and persuasive guidance.

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### When Should You Use a Secondary Source?

#### 1. Starting in an Unfamiliar Area of Law

When you're working outside your usual practice area - or facing a novel issue - secondary sources provide an efficient entry point. A good treatise or practice manual will outline the basic rules, define key terms, and explain important exceptions. For example, if you don't regularly handle landlord-tenant disputes but need to draft a lease provision or respond to an eviction notice, starting with ***Baldwin's Ohio Practice: Landlord-Tenant Law*** can help you identify key statutes, relevant cases, and typical pleadings.

#### 2. Saving Time When the Clock Is Ticking

It's often more efficient to begin with a secondary source than to jump into keyword searching in a case law database. Instead of spending an hour refining Boolean searches on Lexis+ or Westlaw, a quick scan of ***Ohio Jurisprudence*** or ***Anderson's Ohio Civil Practice*** might give you what you need in a fraction of the time.

#### 3. Finding Practical Tools and Samples

Many secondary sources include checklists, model forms, or sample clauses. These are especially useful for transactional work, motion practice, or complex filings. Using vetted templates can help ensure your documents are complete, compliant, and

professional. These resources can be found in publications like **West's Legal Forms, Ohio Transaction Guide**, or annotated commentary accompanying Ohio-specific statutes.

#### 4. Identifying Majority and Minority Views

When you're researching a multi-jurisdictional issue, secondary sources - particularly ALR annotations and Restatements - summarize how courts have ruled on similar facts. This can help shape your argument, especially if Ohio law is unsettled or silent on a topic.

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### How to Use Them Strategically

- **Start Broad, Then Narrow** – Begin with encyclopedias, then move to treatises or law reviews for deeper analysis.
- **Follow Citations** – Let footnotes lead you to controlling statutes and cases.
- **Use Filters** – Narrow results by source type, jurisdiction, or title.
- **Validate** – Confirm cases and statutes are still good law with Shepard's or KeyCite.

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### Accessing Secondary Sources at the Law Library

Many attorneys are surprised at the breadth of secondary materials available through the Stark County Law Library. Our print collection is complemented by digital access to major treatises and guides via **Westlaw, VitalLaw, NCLC, West Academic, Fastcase**, and **Lexis+**.

Visit us on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Stark County Office Building, call **330-451-7380**, or email **inform@starkcountyohio.gov**.

Let the **Stark County Law Library** help you turn research time into results.

Jenny Myers  
Stark County Law Library  
inform@starkcountyohio.gov

# Notary Stamp Prices

The Stark County Bar Association is offering for sale Attorney and Non-Attorney Notary Public Stamps and Seals. If you are interested in purchasing these items, please contact the Stark County Bar Association at 330-453-0685, or visit our website at [www.starkctybar.com](http://www.starkctybar.com).

## PRICE INFORMATION:

|                                                                                     |                                    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Notary Name Stamp and Embossed Seal (to be used with ink pad).....               | (\$46.75 + \$2.65 tax) = *\$49.40  |
| 2. Notary Self-Ink Stamp with seal (includes name stamp & notary seal in one) ..... | (\$42.50 + \$2.37 tax) = *\$44.87  |
| 3. Notary Self-Ink Stamp without seal (name stamp only in self-ink) .....           | (\$37.00 + \$2.02 tax) = *\$39.02  |
| 4. Notary Pre-Ink Stamp with seal (includes name stamp & notary seal in one).....   | (\$44.75 + \$2.52 tax) = *\$47.27  |
| 5. Notary Pre-Ink Stamp without seal (name stamp only in pre-ink).....              | (\$37.85 + \$2.07 tax) = *\$39.92  |
| 6. Notary Name Stamp Only (to be used with ink pad) .....                           | (\$24.40 + \$1.20 tax) = *\$25.60  |
| 7. Embossed Seal Only .....                                                         | (\$33.70 + \$1.80 tax) = *\$35.50  |
| 8. Felt Stamp Pad Black Ink.....                                                    | ( \$11.35 + \$0.35 tax) = *\$11.70 |

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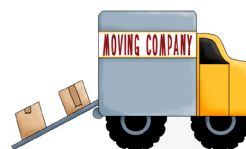
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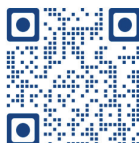
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