

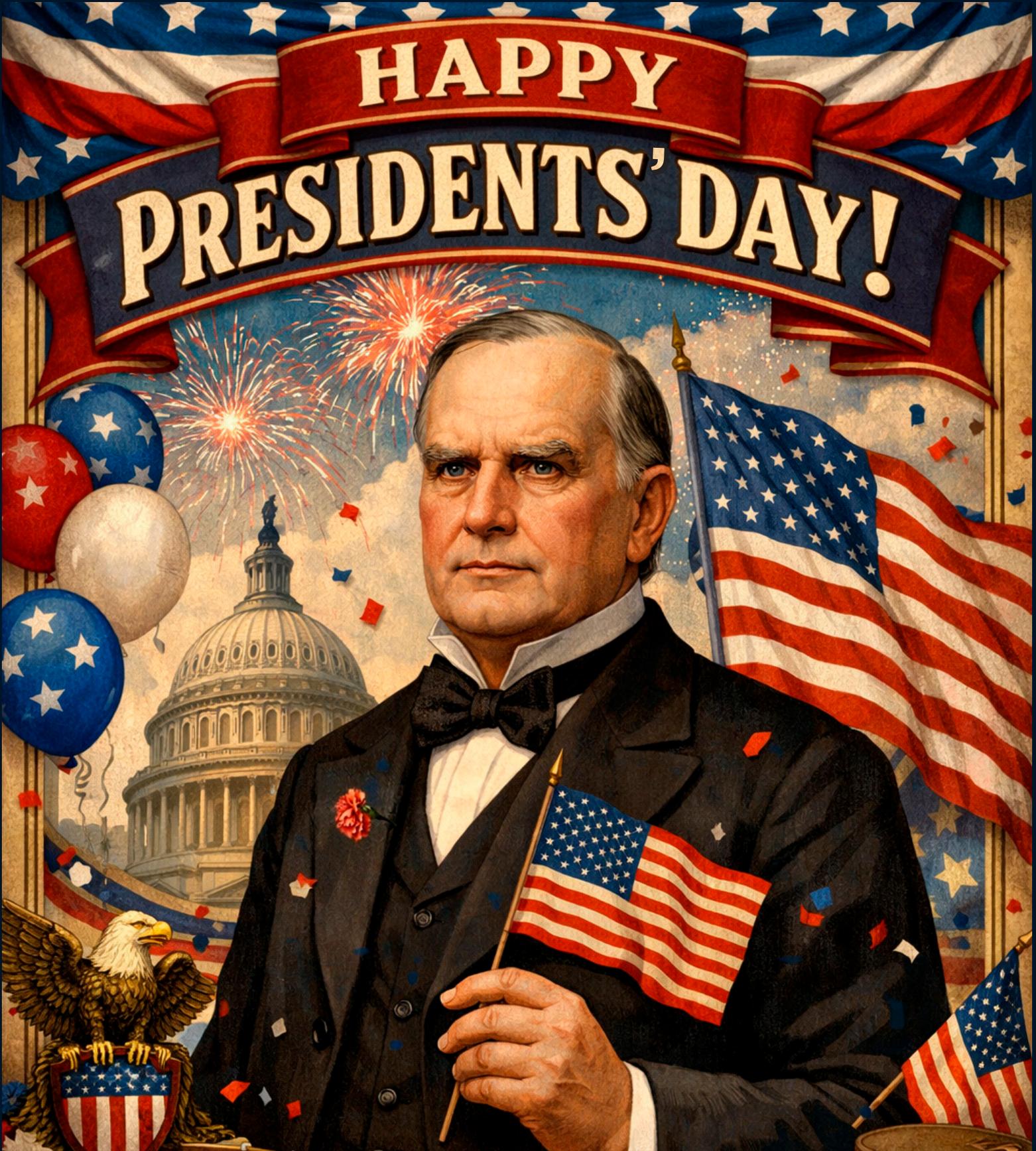


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Feb. 4 th	11:30 AM	Family Law Committee Meeting Bender's Tavern
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Feb. 9 th	4:00 PM	Disputed Fee Committee Meeting
Feb. 16 th	OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENTS' DAY	
Feb. 17 th	3:45 PM	Grievance Committee Meeting
Feb. 18 th	12:00 NOON	Law Day Committee Meeting
Feb. 18 th	4:00 PM	Executive Committee Meeting
Feb. 23 rd	12:00 NOON	Technology Committee Meeting

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From Our President

February has arrived in a flash and just like that, the new year is well underway! The frigid temperatures and snowy days of January left many of us, myself included, housebound. With the extra time indoors, I found myself starting several small projects that quickly evolved into an unintended New Year's resolution: decluttering and embracing the age-old adage, "a place for everything and everything in its place." My goal was to reduce the amount of "everything" not just for my own benefit, but for my sole offspring as well. The objective was simple—"clean up your mess so someone else won't have to."

As I sorted through and disposed of old magazines, junk snail mail (which somehow still persists even in our electronic age), and junk emails, I realized just how time-consuming this project can be. The process is prolonged, not only because I pause to reminisce when I come across old photographs, letters, and cards—one even containing a \$100 bill—but also because it's easy to get lost in memories and distracted by the myriad of subject matters. Although I eliminated a great deal of useless clutter, some of the miscellaneous items found in closets, cabinets, and drawers are truly valuable and deserve to be retained and properly stored.

While muddling through my personal papers and items at home, I could not help but reflect on how tedious winding down my private practice was. It struck me how challenging it would be for someone else to make sense of my organizational system. I remember working weekends for my father-in-law, an insurance broker, whose office always seemed to be a chaotic sea of paperwork, reminiscent of the aftermath of a confetti machine at a championship game. Despite the apparent disarray, he could always locate any document on demand. Similarly, I've often observed attorneys' offices where papers pile up in a seemingly haphazard fashion—yet the attorney knows precisely where everything is, while others would struggle to navigate the system.

Soon after returning from the winter break, our Bar Counsel, Rich Milligan, advised the Professional Continuity Committee of an important change to Supreme Court Rule V for the Governance of the Bar. This change concerns the inventory of files belonging to an attorney who, unfortunately, passes away during their practice. Please refer to Rich Milligan's commentary in this issue of the Bar Journal for full details. In light of this, I encourage all of us—whether we are sole practitioners,



Magistrate Beverly Proctor-Donald
President, Stark County Bar Association

partners, firm members, or employed in government or private sector entities—to make a sincere effort toward decluttering and organizing our workspaces. Doing so not only creates smoother day-to-day functioning for ourselves and our staff, but also facilitates a more seamless transition for those who come after us.

On another, somewhat related note, please be advised that the Stark County Family Court is implementing a strict no food or beverage policy, which will be enforced by deputies. Beyond maintaining a professional legal environment, this policy aims to enforce order and preserve the courthouse premises. Somehow, I have always understood that litigants and attorneys were generally not permitted to bring food or drink through security and into the courthouse and especially not into courtrooms. In recent years, this policy—and related dress codes—have relaxed, with some individuals unfortunately abusing the privilege and prompting the need for this new mandate. Please review this new policy and take heed.

Let us not forget that February is Black History Month and the reasons, in my opinion, for celebrating this part of our history as a Nation remain salient. In 1926, African-American historian Carter G. Woodson established

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“Negro History Week” in the United States in the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Fredrick Douglass. Its purpose was to recognize and honor the often-overlooked accomplishments of African-Americans and spread knowledge about Black history throughout the country. In 1976, during the U.S. Bicentennial celebration, “Black History Week” was expanded to become “Black History Month.” As this country and others around the world enter the 50th year of commemorating Black History Month, I am hopeful

that Stark County Bar members will also continue to appreciate and acknowledge the achievements of African Americans in our communities.

Finally, please join us as we prepare to commemorate the 250th anniversary of our country’s Declaration of Independence! Our Law Day Committee has begun planning the Law Day Luncheon and Continuing Legal Education seminar, focusing on this significant theme and our country’s founding documents. Stay tuned for more details.

ETHICS CORNER Your Abandoned Law Practice

ETHICS

None of us like to contemplate it, but our time on this earth is limited.

Stark County is not unique in facing a very difficult problem of what to do when a lawyer’s practice has been abandoned by death or illness. Often clients need contacted, critical documents returned and files reviewed and shredded.

Who is going to do this when you are gone?

This note is a plea for all of us to think ahead and not lay this burden on our family and peers.

Please take time now to close out and dispose of your files. Return to clients what they should have. Do not count on someone else to do the job for you.

As lawyers we have a responsibility to handle these matters. Please do so as best you can before it is too late. The Bar and your peers will be grateful.

Rich Milligan
SCBA Bar Counsel

2026 Dues Bills Are Now Due ...

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Professional Growth.....	PRICELESS!

Report of Bar Applicant Committee

On January 8th the Bar Applicant Committee conducted interviews of 2 candidates.

The breakdown of activity is as follows:

Candidates interviewed and approved for a subsequent bar examination	2
Re-Examination application approved	8
Supplemental applications approved	5
Total approvals granted	22

Committee members present and conducting interviews were Chairman Scott P. Sandrock, James J. Collum and Judge James. We thank the members for taking time from their busy schedules to assist in conducting the interviews!

Stark County Bar Association Legal Scholarship

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

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- Students pursuing a course of study designed to result in a Juris Doctorate degree; and
- Students in good academic standing in Law School or in prior academic work, as determined by the Scholarship Committee.

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

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2026 Law Week April 27 – May 1

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- Essay Contest
- Moot Court Competition
- Tour de Courts
- Televised Ask-a-Lawyer
- CLE Seminar
- Student Creative Showcase
- Law Day Luncheon
- “Why I Want to Become A Lawyer” Essay

In return for your valuable sponsorship, you will receive four tickets to the Law Day Luncheon on Wednesday, April 29, 2026 and will also receive recognition in the Law Day Program and in the Stark County Bar Journal. Don't miss out on what is an important event for our bar association.

If you are able to help sponsor these events, please forward a check in the amount of \$400.00 made payable to the Stark County Bar Association, Attn: Tina McCort.

Thank you in advance for your support. We hope to see you at these events.

Law Day Committee



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A hybrid CLE in celebration of Black History Month

24 FEBRUARY 2026
4PM

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Stark County Bar Association

2026 MUNICIPAL COURT SEMINAR

Wednesday, March 25, 2026 • SCBA Conference Room

12:45 P.M. REGISTRATION - Coffee & Water provided.

1:00 P.M. CANTON MUNICIPAL COURT
 Honorable Kristen D. Guardado
 Honorable Jeremy J. Foltz
 Honorable Katie Erchick Gilbert
 Honorable Earle E. Wise, Jr.
 Chief Magistrate Derek C. McCowry
 Magistrate Julie Haymond
 Magistrate Christopher A. Newlon
Tips From The Bench

2:00 P.M. MASSILLON MUNICIPAL COURT
 Honorable Joel C. Fichter
 Honorable Andrea M. Scassa
 Magistrate Evan Heck
 Probation Officer Lindsay McManus
 1. Arraignments, Evictions & Hearings
 2. Sealings/Expungements
 3. View from the Bench

3:00 P.M. BREAK

3:15 P.M. ALLIANCE MUNICIPAL COURT
 Honorable Andrew L. Zumbar
 1. Landlord Tenant Issues (Including land installment contracts)
 2. Criminal Forms and Practices
 3. Applications to Seal/Expunge
 4. Driver's License Issues/Getting valid/limited privileges
 5. Court Appointed Attorney Fees

4:15 P.M. ADJOURN



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 Application has been submitted for 3.00 General CLE Credit Hours.

THE 30TH ANNUAL WHITE-WILLIAMS BANKRUPTCY INSTITUTE

April 24, 2026

The Hartville Kitchen

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6.75 CLEs applied for (5.75 General Hrs. & 1 Professional Conduct Hr.)



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- 7:45 A.M. **REGISTRATION WITH CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
- 8:10 A.M. **WELCOME**
Anthony J. DeGirolamo, Esq., *Chair, Bankruptcy Committee, Stark County Bar Association*
Michael Steel, Esq., *Chair, Bankruptcy & Commercial Law Section, Akron Bar Association*
- 8:15 A.M. **NEW CHAPTER 13 FORMS**
James Galehouse, Esq., *Office of the Chapter 13 Trustee*
Joe Ferrise, Esq., *Office of the Chapter 13 Trustee*
- 8:45 A.M. **REBUILDING CLIENT CREDIT**
Beth Ann Schenz, Esq., *Senior VP, Huntington National Bank*
- 9:15 A.M. **CASE LAW UPDATE**
The Hon. John P. Gustafson, *U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Ohio*
Thomas D. DeCarlo, Esq., *Osipov Bigel, P.C.*
- 10:30 A.M. **BREAK**
- 10:45 A.M. **ECONOMIC AND FILING TRENDS UPDATE**
Dr. William Rule, Sr., *Economist, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, Washington, D.C.*
- 11:45 A.M. **BEST PRACTICES - POTENTIAL AI PROBLEMS**
Marc Dann, Esq., *The Dann Law Firm*
- 12:15 P.M. **LUNCH - Gary Rosen/Peter Tsarnas tribute to Marc Gertz**
- 1:15 P.M. **DIGITAL CURRENCY AND NON-TRADITIONAL BANKING**
Matt Bodnar, Esq., *Roderick Linton Belfance LLP*
- 2:15 P.M. **OHIO TAX PANEL**
Allison Archer, Esq., *Ohio Attorney General's Office*
Cory Steinmetz, Esq., *Ohio Attorney General's Office*
Katherine Zucca, Esq., *Ohio Attorney General's Office*
- 3:15 P.M. **PIE BREAK** Sponsored by Vance P. Trueman, Esq. & Nicole Metzger
- 3:30 P.M. **LIES, DECEIT AND THE ETHICAL RULES, CAN ATTORNEYS PRACTICE DECEPTION?**
Phil Bogdanoff, Esq.
- 4:30 P.M. **CLOSING REMARKS**
Drawing for the Dean Wyman Scholarship

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026 - THE 30TH ANNUAL WHITE-WILLIAMS BANKRUPTCY INSTITUTE

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

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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 the Honorable William B. Hoffman.

50TH Year Spotlight

Honorable William B. Hoffman



We are pleased to recognize Judge William B. Hoffman as a 50-year practitioner. Judge Hoffman is the senior judge at the Fifth District Court of Appeals, having served on the court since 1991, after having served three years as Canton Municipal Court Judge.

Judge Hoffman is a graduate of The College of Wooster (1973) and the University of

Akron School of Law (1976). It comes as no surprise he chose the legal profession. His father and uncle were both attorneys - with his late father, Judge John R. Hoffman, Sr. also serving on the Fifth District Court of Appeals. His younger and older brothers are also attorneys. Judge Hoffman explained this made for interesting Thanksgiving dinner discussions (arguments) that his father usually won because he had the loudest voice!

Judge Hoffman is blessed to be married to Marjie (Gaumer) Hoffman for the past twelve years. They have no children, but Judge Hoffman has two sons from a prior marriage, Kyle, a server at Twisted Olive Restaurant, and Brian (Jennifer), a lawyer in Cuyahoga County... thus the family tradition continues. Judge Hoffman is the proud grandfather of four: Brynn, Nolan, Annalise, and Aurora Skye.



In reflecting over his 50 years of practice, he notes the practice of law has become more contentious; much the same as has the political discourse evident in our country. As for advice to young lawyers, Judge Hoffman stated, “whatever you do, work at it diligently as if working for God, not just your client or yourself. Work with a thankful heart. Practice the job you have been given to the best of your ability, and you will find satisfaction in your career.”

After 35 years devoted to reading briefs and judicial opinions, Judge Hoffman’s interest in additional legal reading has diminished. Nonetheless, he continues to enjoy films centered on the law. (They do not require reading glasses.) Some of his favorites include Philadelphia, On the Basis of Sex, The Trial of the Chicago 7 (featuring his cousin Abbie Hoffman and his uncle Judge Julius Hoffman 😊), and My Cousin Vinny.

We congratulate Judge Hoffman on his 50-year milestone and thank him for his service to our legal community.



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50TH Year Spotlight

Honorable W. Scott Gwin



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

I had the exposure to the practice of law from an early age. My father was a practicing attorney and throughout my career I have sought to emulate him. His main focus was always helping people, and he showed me how an attorney could accomplish positive outcomes for his

clients.

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?

Throughout law school, I had worked in the prosecutor's office as a legal intern. I had also spent one summer working at the public defender's office. In addition to that experience prior to becoming a lawyer, I had done title work for my father's firm. Upon graduation from law school, I did criminal defense work as well as civil representation of injured victims. I also gravitated towards legal work in the area of real estate and ultimately went to work part-time as an assistant Attorney General in the Department of Transportation including fields of appropriation and The State Personnel Board of Review.

Do you have any legal mentors you really relied on during your career and how did they help you develop.

Throughout my career I've had the benefit of having excellent legal mentors starting with my father, who always treated his clients with respect and worked hard to get the best result. As a judge, Norm Putman and Jack Milligan were two of the most influential judges in my career on the Court of Appeals.

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

Being elected twice as Law Director for the City of Canton and six consecutive times as a judge on the Fifth District Court of Appeals are among my most significant legal and political achievements. One case that I handled stands out as unique in my career and that was my

appearance in front of the United States Supreme Court on the case of Ronnie Harris versus the City of Canton. I was co-council on the case with Canton native, Carter Phillips and we were successful in reversing a decision against the City of Canton for several hundreds of thousands of dollars.

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

I sometimes wish I had spent more time in active trial practice before moving into public service and eventually the appellate judiciary. While my years as the City Law Director and in private practice gave me invaluable courtroom experience, the perspective that comes from extended trial work is something I came to appreciate even more deeply as an appellate judge. That said, each part of my career informed the next, and I would not trade the path I ultimately followed.

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

The personal friendships and relationships that I've made with fellow members of the bar are among the relationships that I treasure most in my life.



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Presidential Legal Legacies and Their Enduring Influence

In honor of President's Day, it's a great time to reflect -lightly- on the lasting legal influence of U.S. Presidents. While each administration responds to the challenges of its era, many presidential decisions leave enduring marks on statutes, courts, and administrative practice. Viewed through a legal lens, these actions reveal how the presidency has helped shape American law in ways that continue to affect government operations today.

One of the most enduring presidential legacies comes through federal judicial appointments. **George Washington**, who also established many early executive norms, laid the foundation for the federal judiciary itself. His appointments helped create courts that still interpret federal law today. More than a century later, **Franklin D. Roosevelt**, elected to an unprecedented four terms, reshaped constitutional interpretation through judicial appointments during a period of dramatic national change. Life-tenured judges appointed by presidents continue to influence civil rights, administrative authority, and criminal procedure long after a presidency ends.

Presidents also shape the law through how statutes are enforced. **Theodore Roosevelt**, known for his energetic leadership style and conservation efforts, expanded federal regulatory oversight and strengthened executive involvement in commerce. **Dwight D. Eisenhower**, a former World War II general, demonstrated the executive branch's enforcement role by upholding civil rights laws and carrying out congressional mandates. Even **William McKinley**, an Ohio native and former Stark County prosecutor, left his mark on American law. His administration supported early federal oversight of commerce and tariffs, shaping the nation's economic and legal structures as the twentieth century began.

Executive orders offer another avenue for lasting impact. **Abraham Lincoln**, the nation's only president to hold a patent, used such authority during the Civil War, testing -and ultimately helping define- the constitutional boundaries of executive power in times of crisis. **Harry Truman**, who famously kept a "The Buck Stops Here" sign on his desk, used executive orders to reorganize the federal government after World War II, prompting courts to reaffirm that executive orders must be based on constitutional or congressional authority.

Beyond formal powers, presidents shape legislation and constitutional norms through advocacy and negotiation. **Lyndon B. Johnson** helped advance landmark civil rights and social welfare laws that continue to guide federal policy. Over time, presidential actions have helped define norms around executive privilege, emergency powers, and administrative discretion, with courts using precedent and judicial review to interpret and limit these powers.

Law libraries play a vital role in preserving and contextualizing these presidential legal legacies. By providing access to statutes, case law, and legislative history, libraries ensure that presidential influence is examined objectively and grounded in legal authority.

Ultimately, presidential legal legacies remind us that executive action -guided by law and constrained by structure- continues to shape the legal system we rely on today. As we celebrate President's Day, we honor not only the individuals who held the office, but also the enduring legal frameworks their decisions established.

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