

# THE CLEVELAND LAW LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



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The Cleveland Law Library welcomes all of its new members !!!

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## *UPCOMING CLE WEBINAR\**



*VitalLaw™ for Legal Research*

(The Ohio Supreme Court Commission on Continuing Legal Education has approved this program for 1 hour of general CLE Credit)

Speaker: Matthew L. Ruzicka, Esq. Customer Success Manager, Wolters Kluwer Legal & Regulatory, U.S.

Date: August 21, 2025

Time: 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/bi-jk1j0TbKLfiSobtQSMg>

The speaker will cover various research methods, unique and time-saving features, and innovative access tools to help practitioners find and access content related to their clients and practice areas, including primary and secondary authorities, expert commentary, current awareness and news resources, forms, and the latest developments in the law.

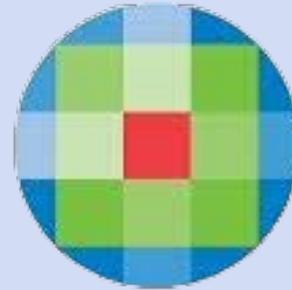
***\*FREE TO MEMBERS ; \$30.00 FOR NON-MEMBERS***

## *VitalLaw Complete at the Cleveland Law Library*

VitalLaw, from Wolters Kluwer, is a robust legal and tax research platform designed to simplify complex work through expert analysis, curated primary sources, and practical tools. The Cleveland Law Library has recently upgraded to VitalLaw Complete, significantly expanding patron access to 28 specialized practice areas.

### New & Notable: VitalLaw Libraries

- Cybersecurity & Privacy
- Corporate Governance
- Energy & Environment
- Government Contracts



The VitalLaw Complete platform offers over 500 authoritative treatises, including trusted titles from CCH and Aspen Publishers. It also features expert commentary, statutes, regulations, case law, and a wide range of legal resources.

### Boost Efficiency with VitalLaw's Practical Tools:

- Smart Tasks: Guided workflows with linked treatises and legal sources
- Smart Charts: Customizable, jurisdiction-specific legal comparisons
- Decision Trees: Interactive tools that walk you through legal requirements step-by-step
- Answer Books: Clear, cite-supported answers to common compliance questions
- Forms, checklists, and citation tools for everyday practice needs

VitalLaw Complete is a valuable resource—perfect for tackling unfamiliar tasks or verifying complex work. Take advantage of its tools and resources to supercharge your productivity and unlock your potential.

# JOIN OUR LIBRARY FOR A NEW BOOK DISCUSSION

**Book:** *The Revelation: What Do You Do When The Truth Threatens to Destroy Your Kingdom?*

**Author:** Judy Jackson-Winston, Cuyahoga County Domestic Relations Magistrate

**When:** 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 18, 2025

**In-Person:** 1 W. Lakeside Ave., FL4 Cleveland, OH 44113-1078

**Online:** [Click Here to Register or for more information](#)

## FREE and OPEN to the Public

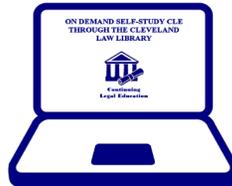
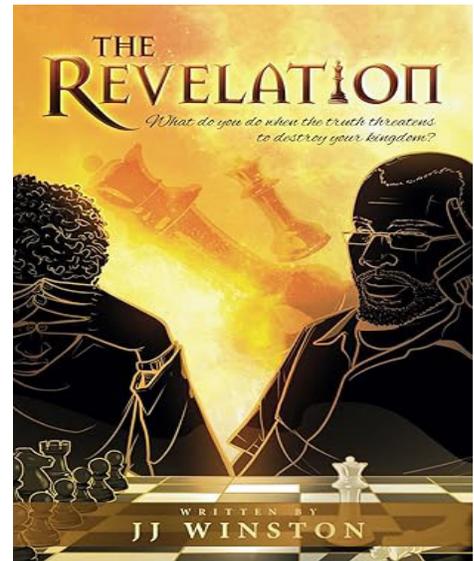
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## ON-DEMAND CLE

The Law Library offers *On Demand Self-Study CLE Programs* available for you to access any time 24x7. You can watch individual class videos and download course materials. Upon successful completion of a program, you will receive a *Certificate Of Completion*, and the Law Librarian will report your attendance to the Ohio Supreme Court. The list of current classes includes:

- *How To Handle A Bike Injury Case In Ohio*
- *JFK & Jack Ruby: The Trial of High Profile Cases*
- *Legal Challenges in Ohio's Fight for Women's Suffrage*
- *Professional Conduct For Lawyers 2024*

Our *On-Demand Classes* are fee-based, but members can call for a discount code. New classes will be added throughout the year. Get started by browsing our catalog at:

<https://seminarweb.clevelandlawlibrary.org/?pg=semwebCatalog> and registering to take a class.

## *Second Naturalization Ceremony*

In partnership with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, the Cleveland Law Library was honored to host its second Naturalization Ceremony on April 10, 2025. The Honorable Judge Charles E. Fleming presided over the event, which admitted 21 new individuals to U.S. citizenship. The new citizens came from Algeria, Bangladesh, Canada, Eritrea, India, Jordan, Latvia, Lebanon, Mexico, Nigeria, Serbia, South Korea, Syria, and Ukraine.



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## *Women in Law to be Honored in New Exhibit*

**By: Daisha Okolo**

The Supreme Court of Ohio announced the development of the new exhibit, Women in Law. This exhibit aims to highlight women whose contributions shaped Ohio's justice system. Throughout the exhibit, visitors will find portraits of many prominent women who broke barriers and achieved historic firsts during their lives. There will be interactive displays and multimedia elements that will consist of video and audio reflections to guarantee that the historical achievements will resonate with viewers. The exhibit will provide historical explorations that capture the genuine impact of Ohio women in law. The Ohio Supreme Court invites the public to schedule a tour of the Visitor Education Center by contacting the Civic Education office at [CourtTours@sc.ohio.gov](mailto:CourtTours@sc.ohio.gov) or call 614-387-9223.



## *New Law Library Podcast on Birthright Citizenship:*

**By Kayla Fertig**

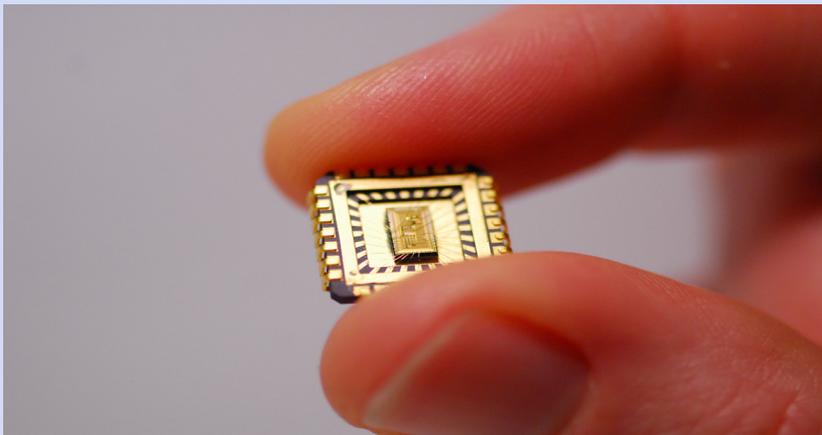


On the latest episode of Law Library Insights, we explore the ongoing debate over birthright citizenship in the United States. We explore the 14th Amendment’s origins, landmark court rulings, and President Trump’s recent executive order aiming to limit who qualifies for citizenship at birth—we unpack what’s happening now. Plus, we examine the legal battles and critical questions before the Supreme Court. [Listen now!](#)

## *Tech Corner: Microchips*

**By Aaron McIntire**

It is hard to ignore the commotion around the new tariffs. Concerned parties believe electronics and tech products will be hit the hardest. One essential piece of technology is the microchip or the integrated circuit. Cars, medical devices, smartphones, and appliances are just a few examples of technology that rely on these chips. Emerging industries like generative AI and digital currencies also depend on high-quality computer chips. So what makes these chips so special? A microchip uses a tiny silicon slice filled with microscopic components like transistors and resistors to create a semiconductor. These parts process data, store memory, and control devices, making microchips the brains of modern tech. Many first heard of them during the pandemic when a global shortage made goods scarce; however microchips have existed [since the late 1950s](#). Jack Kilby of Texas Instruments created the first, while Intel founder Robert Noyce helped pioneer key patents. Although companies like Intel and NVIDIA are U.S.-based, most manufacturing happens overseas. Taiwan alone produces around 60% of the world’s chips while Dutch company ASML even calls its products “digital gold.” Fortunately, silicon is the planet’s second most abundant element, making it easier to source than real gold, but reliance on foreign production has raised concerns. The U.S. is currently the second largest producer and aims to [triple its output](#) over the next decade. Laws like the [2022 CHIPS and Science Act](#) and two new Intel factories planned [near Columbus, Ohio](#) could alleviate worries and help reach those goals. Meanwhile, the current administration has proposed revoking the Act, and tariffs for Taiwanese imports are set at 32%. Tariffs on digital gold may sound like an expensive nightmare but remember not to panic buy. Many resources can guide smart purchases, and uncertain times may lead to new economic opportunities. Uncontrollable global events can also shift the state of the economy instantly.





# ***LAW LIBRARY NEWS***

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## ***Welcome New Board Member***

The Cleveland Law Library Association is pleased to announce that Mark R. Butscha, Jr., Esq. joined the Board this April. Mr. Butscha is a partner at the law firm of Thompson Hine, where he is the Leader of the firm's Merger Control Practice and Vice-Chair of the Business Litigation Practice Group.

## ***Welcome New Board Officers***

The Cleveland Law Library Association is pleased to announce that Benjamin C. Sassé, Esq. of Tucker Ellis LLP has been elected to the position of President of the Board, and Eric B. Levasseur, Esq. of Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP has been elected to the position of Vice-President.

## ***New Staff at the Law Library***

The Cleveland Law Library Association is pleased to announce that Norma Herrera Covarrubias will be joining its staff on June 16th as a Library Assistant. For the last few years, Norma has worked as a Library Assistant at the Morley Library in Painesville, Ohio. Before that, she was a Lead Teacher for the Lake-Geauga United Head Start program. Norma holds both an Associate of Science and a Bachelor of Arts in early Childhood Education. Norma will be helping fulfill patron requests, assisting with events, updating the Law Library's web site, posting to the Law Library's social media channels, and much more.

On June 2nd, the Law Library welcomed an Intern from Tri-C named Sinequa Barnes. Sinequa is currently pursuing a degree in paralegal studies and will be working part-time at the Law Library this Summer. She is eager to learn and will be helping with various projects and events at the Law Library.

Please make both of our new staff members welcome.

## ***Law Librarian Article***

Law Librarian Kathleen M. Dugan wrote an article entitled Docket Research on Parties and Clients for the latest issue of the ORALL Newsletter. [Click here to read](#) the article (See March 2025 Issue PDF @ Page 3).

## *Select New Acquisitions*



We have also recently received new volumes and/or supplements to all of these Ohio titles:

- *Katz & Giannelli [Ohio] Criminal Law (Thomson Reuters, 2025)*
- *Ohio Arrest, Search and Seizure (Thomson Reuters, 2025)*
- *Ohio Civil Practice (Thomson Reuters, 2024-2025)*
- *Ohio Consumer Law Manual (LexisNexis, 2025)*
- *Ohio OVI Law with Forms (LexisNexis, 2024)*
- *Ohio Personal Injury Practice (Thomson Reuters, 2024-2025)*
- *Ohio Pretrial Litigation Practice Manual (LexisNexis, 2025)*
- *Ohio School Law Guide (LexisNexis, 2025)*
- *Ohio Trial Practice (Thomson Reuters, 2025)*
- *A Practical Guide to Ohio Entities: corporations, limited liability companies, and partnerships (LexisNexis, 2024)*
- *Sixth Circuit Criminal Handbook (LexisNexis, 2025A)*
- *Unfair and Deceptive Acts and Practices (NCLC, 11th ed., 2025)*

# MEMES

Here are the latest *Memes* that we posted on our social media platforms:



**April**



**May**



**June**

# Now Hiring

ATTORNEYS FOR ELECTION DAY

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## *DAYS THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED*

- Juneteenth, Thursday, June 19th
- Independence Day, Friday, July 4th
- Labor Day, Monday, September 1st
- Indigenous People's Day, Monday, October 13th
- Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11th
- Thanksgiving, Thursday and Friday, November 27th and 28th
- Christmas, Thursday, December 25th





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