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**Lydia Gross, Esq.
LCBA President 2025 - 2026**

Luck

One of the things I always find myself saying to people is that “I am so lucky.” I have been continually amazed in my life how lucky I have been when it comes to where I was born, who my family is, the timing of real estate deals in my life, my ability to get into the schools I wanted and work the places I have wanted to work. I am blown away by how certain things have played out for me in life. Even life events that may have seemed unlucky at the time, have turned out to be lucky for me. For example, when I graduated law school there were hardly any legal job openings available and my first job I was making \$10 an hour as an attorney. I remember thinking how horribly unlucky that was. I had just paid all of this money to get a law degree and could have made this hourly rate with a high school diploma doing pretty much anything. I remember very few people from my law class went into the legal field because of this. However, now there are hardly any “young” lawyers my age and that has benefited me in my career as a lawyer immensely from a financial perspective. My theory on why there are hardly any lawyers my age is that when they got offered the \$10 an hour legal job, they turned it down and went into a different field. I luckily took that job in a family law firm and I can’t even begin to estimate what the actual value of that job really was, since it gave me the experience to go into family law.

Interestingly, I recently saw a study that indicated that people who believe they are lucky, actually are luckier. What they found was that people who believe they are lucky tend to have an expectation of good fortune which rewires their attention to make opportunities easier for them to spot, so perhaps I have that going for me. I also am Irish and always wear my clover ring. Wishing you all the luck of the Irish for St. Patrick’s Day and the month of March!

The Lake County Bar Association presents:



2026 FAMILY LAW SEMINAR FRIDAY, APRIL 10th, 2026 THE EVERLY

8200 Norton Parkway, Mentor, OH 44060

6.5 CLE'S – General: 5.50; APC: 1.00

LCBA MEMBERS - \$185.00 if paid on or before March 27, 2026; \$225.00 thereafter

NON-MEMBERS - \$270.00 if paid on or before March 27, 2026; \$315.00 thereafter

8:00 - 8:30 a.m.	REGISTRATION	
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	New and Noteworthy: A View from the Bench	Judge Colleen Falkowski Judge Michael DeLeone
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Case Law Update	Gary S. Okin, Esq.
10:30 - 10:45 a.m.	REFRESHMENT BREAK	
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11:45 - 12:45 p.m.	LUNCH	
12:45 - 2:15 p.m.	Understanding the Complexities of Military and Police & Fire Pension Plans	Joe Minor, QDRO Group Lance S. Melin, CEBS
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2:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Cryptocurrency Demystified	Courtney Werning, Esq.
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Professional Conduct	Richard Dana, Esq.

Application has been approved by the Ohio Supreme Court Commission on 6.5 CLE'S – General: 5.50; APC: 1.00

LAKE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION – 2026 FAMILY LAW SEMINAR

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This seminar is open to attorneys and their staff, judges and their respective court employees, paralegals, and law students only. All registrants must include a sponsoring attorney number or a law student identification number. Advance registration is necessary in order to guarantee luncheon. All registrants will receive course material electronically. Cancellation must be received in the Bar Association Office by March 27, 2026 or no refund will be made.

Make check payable and mail to: THE LAKE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION, 25 North Park Place, Painesville, OH 44077 or pay online at the [LCBA Payment Portal](#).



JUDGE'S CORNER

Can the "silent witness" be a liar?

**By: Judge Matt Lynch, Presiding Judge
*Court of Appeals of Ohio, 11th District***



The “silent witness theory” has long served as a cornerstone of evidentiary law in the United States, allowing photographs, videos, and other visual media to be admitted as substantive evidence that "speaks for itself." Under this principle, such media is deemed sufficiently reliable based on the accuracy of the process or system that produced it, without requiring a witness to personally vouch for its depiction of events.

The silent witness theory treats the evidence as substantive, independent and probative, relying on the recording process's reliability. This approach contrasts with the “pictorial theory,” where media merely illustrates a witness's personal observations and requires testimony that it fairly and accurately represents what the witness saw.

The theory's roots trace back to early 20th-century cases involving emerging technologies such as the X-ray. For example, in *Ligon v. Allen*, 157 Ky. 101 (1914), courts recognized that operators could testify to a process's known accuracy, even without direct visual perception of the subject, likening it to magnification revealing otherwise invisible details. Similar reasoning appeared in cases like *Stevens v. Illinois Cent. R. Co.*, 306 Ill. 370 (1922), and *Lake Shore Power Co. v. Meyer*, 51 Ohio App. 534 (6th Dist. 1935).

Before the Federal Rules of Evidence (FRE) were adopted in 1975, common law governed admissibility. Courts adapted tests like the seven-factor McKeever test from *United States v. McKeever*, 271 F.2d 669 (2d Cir. 1959), which originally applied to sound recordings, to photos and videos. The factors included the device's capability, operator competence, authenticity, lack of alterations, preservation, speaker identification, and voluntariness. As visual media became commonplace, courts applied these tests more broadly.

States like Ohio formally embraced the silent witness theory in the 1980s and 1990s. In *State v. Findley*, 1983 WL 4837 (2d Dist. Feb. 28, 1983), the Second District cited Indiana's *Bergner v. State*, 397 N.E.2d 1012 (Ind. 1979), requiring proof against significant alteration and guidelines for automatic cameras (e.g., loading, activation, chain of custody). The Ninth District followed in *State v. Dodrill*, 1986 WL 6886 (9th Dist. June 18, 1986), noting that challenges to originality go to weight, not admissibility. The Eighth District formally adopted it in *Midland Steel Prods. Co. v. U.A.W. Local 48*, 1990 WL 6964 (9th Dist. Feb. 1, 1990), and was affirmed by the Ohio Supreme Court in 1991. See *Midland Steel Prod. Co. v. U.A.W. Local 486*, 61 Ohio St.3d 121 (1991). The Supreme Court explained that admissibility hinges on a "sufficient showing of the reliability of the process or system," often without expert testimony, aligning with FRE 901(b)(9), which authenticates via describing a process that produces accurate results.

This framework worked well for analog and early digital media, where manipulation was detectable or required expertise. However, the rise of AI-generated content, particularly deepfakes that produce hyper-realistic videos or audio created or altered by artificial intelligence, raises significant questions about the theory's ongoing reliability. Deepfakes can fabricate events, alter appearances, or synthesize voices with such fidelity that they evade casual detection. This undermines the core assumptions of the silent witness theory that the process's reliability ensures trustworthiness. Surveillance footage from automated systems often have no human witness to corroborate events. Instead, courts historically rely on the chain of custody, timestamps, and process descriptions. Yet deepfakes can be inserted into or mimic such footage, especially if sourced from unsecured digital archives or hacked systems.

Legal commentaries have recognized the AI threat. As early as 2020, in “A Break From Reality” (John P. LaMonaga, 69 Am. U. L. Rev. 1945 (2020)) argued that deepfakes render outdated authentication standards like "fair and accurate portrayal." It may be extremely difficult to spot subtle alterations since the ability to detect a deepfake lags behind AI's tech. “Deepfakes on Trial” in 2023 (Rebecca A. Delfino, 74 HASTINGS L.J. 293 (2023)) called for expanding a judges' gatekeeping roles, noting deepfakes' potential to fabricate evidence, prompt wrongful convictions, or erode trust as juries question even genuine media.

Advances in technology combined with the broad availability of AI since the writing of these commentaries confirms the growing challenge. Courts will face the "deepfake defense," where genuine evidence is challenged as fake, sowing doubt. Juror skepticism may create a "reverse CSI effect," demanding proof against fabrication. Stricter authentication, expert forensics, or improving deepfake identification methods may be helpful, but while judges may detect some obvious deepfakes, such as unnatural mannerisms, sophisticated ones will become increasingly more difficult to identify.

The silent witness theory remains useful for verifiable automated processes, but AI's ability to create indistinguishable fakes has eroded its presumed reliability for video and audio evidence. Courts must evolve perhaps by mandating forensic analysis, metadata scrutiny, or hybrid approaches combining the “silent witness” with safeguards to assure authenticity. Without heightened scrutiny, the theory risks admitting "silent liars" that undermine justice. The principle endures, but its application demands caution in the AI era.

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HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL REGIONAL RESULTS

On February 20, 2026, 6 teams from 5 different schools competed at the Lake County Courthouse in the Ohio Center for Law-Related Education's annual Regional Mock Trial Competition. Teams from Howland, Kenston, Lake Catholic, Niles McKinley, and Orange argued before panels of 3 judges. The case this year dealt with the very interesting and timely topic of using genealogical DNA from ancestry databases maintained by private companies to solve crimes.

Each team consisted of lawyers and witnesses. Trials were conducted in the morning and afternoon. All panels consisted of a judge and 2 practicing attorneys. After both trials were completed, the following teams earned the right to advance to the State competition: Kenston Team 1 and Orange Team 3.

This event could not have been held without many volunteers. There were three panels hearing cases. The panels consisted of the following: Judge Eugene A. Lucci, Teri Daniel, and Jim Carrabine; Judge Robert J. Patton, Kristi Winner, and Doug Leak; and Judge Patrick J. Condon, Jennifer McGee, and Thad Cwiklinski.

The judges were assisted by the following bailiffs: Anthony Iliano; Stan Shadowen; and Brian Jackson. Sandy Murphy from the Lake County Law Library and Susan Goodell from Judge Condon's staff checked in all of the participants. Kelly Echols from the Lake County Prosecutor's Office and Bridget Kronik from Judge Condon's staff tallied all of the scores and made sure everything ran smoothly. A generous donation from the Lake County Bar Foundation paid for the food for the volunteers.

The State competition will be held from March 12-14, 2026, in Columbus.



LAKE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD OPENINGS

WE WOULD LIKE TO INFORM OUR MEMBERS THERE WILL BE TWO OPENINGS ON THE LAKE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR THE POSITIONS OF:

SECRETARY (1 YEAR TERM)

The Secretary shall prepare and maintain the minutes of the Board and meetings of the membership. The Secretary shall also be responsible for the publication of the newsletter of the Corporation and perform such other duties as directed by the Board. The Secretary shall present the minutes of each Board meeting to the membership within thirty (30) days of each Board meeting.

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The Trustee is a non-officer with voting rights. Meeting attendance and participation is required.

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March 2, 2026

RELEASE

ASHTABULA

2025-A-0075

STATE OF OHIO, Plaintiff-Appellee v. TINA L. WASZIL, Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal dismissed. See Judgment Entry. [EKLUND] (M. LYNCH) (S. LYNCH)

GEAUGA

2025-G-0014

STATE OF OHIO, Plaintiff-Appellee v. JASON A. SLEPSKY, Defendant-Appellant.

Judgment Affirmed. S. Lynch, J., concurs in judgment only. See Opinion and Judgment Entry. [PATTON] (EKLUND) (S. LYNCH)

CRIMINAL LAW - motion in limine; no contest plea; explanation of circumstances; factual basis; Crim.R. 11; effect of the plea; aggravated vehicular homicide; R.C. 2903.06(A)(2); aggravated vehicular assault; R.C. 2903.08(A)(1)(a); marijuana metabolite; urine; blood; abuse of discretion; factual basis as presented did not negate any element of the charged offense; plain error; bill of particulars; trial court complied with Crim.R. 11; written plea agreement.

2026-G-0001

L. BRYAN CARR CO., L.P.A., et al., Plaintiffs-Appellees v. MARILYN A. LAFORGE, f.k.a. DEL ZOPPO, et al., Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal dismissed. See Memorandum Opinion and Judgment Entry. [M. LYNCH] (LUCCI) (PATTON)

JURISDICTION - notice of appeal; untimely; motion to dismiss; lack of jurisdiction; App.R. 4; appeal dismissed.

LAKE

2025-L-103

IN THE MATTER OF: T.T., DEPENDENT CHILD AND V.T., ABUSED AND DEPENDENT CHILD

Judgment affirmed. See Opinion and Judgment Entry. [M. LYNCH] (EKLUND) (PATTON)

CUSTODY - termination of parental rights; permanent custody; manifest weight of the evidence; sufficiency of the evidence; R.C. 2151.414; continuance; motion to continue; abuse of discretion; Indian or Native American ancestry; trial court inquiry; plain error review.

2025-L-136 STATE OF OHIO, Plaintiff-Appellee v. MICHAEL A. VEGA, Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal dismissed. See Memorandum Opinion and Judgment Entry. [EKLUND] (LUCCI) (S. LYNCH)

APPELLATE REVIEW – App.R. 4(A)(1); untimely criminal appeal; has not sought leave to appeal under App.R. 5(A); appeal dismissed.

PORTAGE

2025-P-0081 STATE OF OHIO, Plaintiff-Appellee v. JOSHUA D. BORN, Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal dismissed. See Memorandum Opinion and Judgment Entry. [LUCCI] (M. LYNCH) (S. LYNCH)

APPELLATE REVIEW – App.R. 4(A)(1); untimely criminal appeal; has not sought leave to appeal under App.R. 5(A); appeal dismissed.

***Released
February 26, 2026***

2025-P-0073 IN THE MATTER OF: C.A.P., DEPENDENT CHILD

Judgment affirmed. See Opinion and Judgment Entry. [PATTON] (LUCCI) (S. LYNCH) JUVENILE - termination of parental rights; termination of father's rights; one child; R.C. 2151.414; manifest weight of the evidence; best interest of child; guardian ad litem; R.C. 2151.281; Sup.R. 48.03; Sup.R. 48.06; deficient GAL report; harmless; recommendation; permanent custody to agency.

2025-P-0075 IN THE MATTER OF: C.A.P., DEPENDENT CHILD

Judgment affirmed. See Opinion and Judgment Entry. [PATTON] (LUCCI) (S. LYNCH) JUVENILE - termination of parental rights; termination of mother's rights; one child; R.C. 2151.414; manifest weight of the evidence; best interest of child; guardian ad litem; recommendation; permanent custody to agency.

**The Lake County Bar Association
LAW DAY BREAKFAST**

★ Law Day  2026



**Rule of Law and the
American Dream**

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

**Friday, May 1, 2026
7:00AM**

30605 Ridge Road, Wickliffe, OH 44092

LAKE COUNTY BAR LAW DAY 2026

We are writing on behalf of the Lake County Bar Association. On Friday, May 1, 2026 we will be celebrating Law Day, which is a national day set aside to celebrate the rule of law and to focus on how law and the legal process have contributed to the freedoms that all Americans share. [Once again, we are offering an Art Contest and Essay Contest to your students, please read below.](#)

About Law Day

In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, the 34th U.S. President, established Law Day as a day of national dedication to the principles of government under law. In 1961 by a joint Congressional resolution, May 1st was designated as the official date for celebrating Law Day in the United States.

Theme for Law Day 2026

“The American Dream—No Person Is Above the Law and Should Be Ensured the Right to Live as Freely as Possible and to Pursue Their Dreams”

The 2026 Law Day theme “The American Dream—No Person Is Above the Law and Should Be Ensured the Right to Live as Freely as Possible and to Pursue Their Dreams” **urges us to take pride in a Constitution that bridges our differences to bring us together as a united nation. Our civil lives tie us together as one "We", whether through legislative efforts that serve the common good, through military service, or by working together, every day, to fulfill the promise of *E pluribus unum*, or "Out of many, one".**

In celebration of Law Day 2026, the Lake County Bar Association is holding an **Art Contest** for students in grades 1 through 6 and **Essay Contest** for students in grades 7 through 12 addressing the theme **“The American Dream—No Person Is Above the Law and Should Be Ensured the Right to Live as Freely as Possible and to Pursue Their Dreams”**. The winners will be invited, along with their parents, to attend the Lake County Bar Association’s Annual Law Day Breakfast, which will be held on **May 1, 2026. Entries must be in by April 22, 2026 by 4:00 p.m.** Please see below for additional information.

ART CONTEST RULES FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 1 THROUGH 6

On the back lower right corner of the artwork, each contestant must include: Name of student, school of student, grade of student, name of art teacher, and contact phone number.

Art entries will be judged on the following criteria:

- Originality;
- Design;
- Craft/technique;
- Use of theme;
- Appeal.

Rules: Students may use any medium (watercolor, acrylic, oil, crayon, chalk, collage, pen & ink); no frame is necessary; no sculpture or three dimensional or demonstrational pieces; maximum size of 18” x 24”. The entries do not need to be mounted. They will be displayed on **Friday, May 1, 2026** at the Law Day Breakfast.

ESSAY CONTEST RULES FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 7 THROUGH 12

Student entrants are asked to submit an original essay that addresses one of the topics set forth in the Essay Contest Guidelines. The contest is open to all 7th through 12th grade students in Lake County.

Identification of Submitted Essay: The cover sheet must be attached to the front of the essay, completed in full. DO NOT put any identifying information on the essay. It will be numbered when received for judging.

Essay entries will be judged on the following criteria:

- 500 words or less;
- Typed or written legibly;
- Focus is on the theme;
- Spelling, punctuation, and grammar.

Deadline: April 22, 2026 by 4:00 p.m.

1) **mail:** Painesville Municipal Court, Attn: Judge Malchesky Law Day, P.O. Box 601, 7 Richmond St., Painesville, OH 44077, 2) **email:** judgepaul@pmcourt.com; or 3) **hand deliver:** Painesville Municipal Court, Mon–Fri, 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., 7 Richmond St., Painesville, OH 44077, Attn: Judge Malchesky.

Winners Announced: May 1, 2026 at 7:30 a.m.

All winners and their parents will be invited to the Law Day Breakfast to be publicly honored by the Lake County Bar Association and the attending dignitaries. To be held on Friday, May 1, 2026, 7:30 a.m. at **Pine Ridge Country Club, 30605 Ridge Road, Wickliffe, OH 44092.**

Please help us celebrate Law Day by encouraging your students to participate in this contest. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give us a call at the telephone number(s) noted below.

Very Truly Yours,

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Rule of Law and the American Dream

Friday, May 1st, 2026

7:00AM

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2026 LAW DAY SPONSORSHIP FORM

Every year the members of the Lake County Bar Association generously agree to help sponsor the many students, faculty, and mock trial teams we invite as our guests to our annual Law Day Breakfast on Friday, May 1, 2026. This year we again need your help. The following sponsorships make it possible for these students and faculty to attend Law Day. All sponsors will be listed in the Law Day Program and the monthly newsletter, Lake Legal Views.

- \$ 25.00 The "CELEBRATION CIRCLE" Sponsorship
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR BAR ASSOCIATION.



COMMON PLEAS SEMINAR
Thursday, October 15, 2026

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to our
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St. Patrick

By Neil J. Conway

St. Patrick was born in Scotland. At the age of 16 he was captured by a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to take care of sheep.

After 6 years of slavery, Patrick returned to Britain, reunited with his family and began his studies for the priesthood. While in Britain he learned Latin, was ordained a priest and eventually appointed Bishop of Ireland.

In 432 A.D. Patrick returned to the southeast coast of Ireland with a group of missionaries who collectively began converting the Irish to Christianity. Some Irish chieftains were hostile to the young missionary, fearing that Patrick fulfilled a druid prophecy.

“ One shall arrive here, having his head shaven in a circle, bearing a crooked staff, and his table shall be in the eastern part of his house, and his people shall stand behind him, and he shall sing forth from his table wickedness, and all his household shall answer-so be it!- and this man, when he cometh, shall destroy our gods, and overturn their alters... He will seduce the people and bring them after him... He will free the slaves... He will magnify kindreds of low degree... and He shall subdue unto himself the kings that resist him... and his doctrines shall reign forever and ever.”

St. Patrick's Day in America is a day we honor Ireland through its patron saint by commemorating his life as the key missionary who brought Christianity to Ireland in the fifth century. Cities all over the United States celebrate this day with parades and religious services, including Cleveland and Painesville. Note that the Painesville Parade which is now run by Painesville Township, began with local patrons and support including members of the LCBA. These events are launched by local interested Irish American Clubs, cultural organizations and citizens in support. They include bagpipe bands, Irish dancing schools, fife and drum corps, and other Irish American organizations (i.e.) The Irish American clubs for the East side and the West side.

Patrick is not only credited with turning the worship of the Irish to Christianity, but in doing so, he became famous for inspiring historical myths and legends of the Irish people.

St. Patrick's scholarly and artistic approach to Irish culture happened ironically while the rest of Europe languished in oppressive violence in the so-called Dark-Ages.

On March 17th then, let us honor the history of Ireland. This involves recognition of the achievements of its civilization over time. It includes treating woman equally, creating a crime free society, and developing a system of justice administered under Brehon law.

Neil J. Conway III, Attorney and President of Conway Land Title Company

Neil J. Conway IV, Owner of Conway Goaltending, and recent Hall of Fame inductee for Ice Hockey by St. Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia

Liam Patrick Conway, college hockey and lacrosse coach

Maureen Dolan Conway, Lawyer and double degreed from Georgetown University

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Dean Kelly, Master's and PHD in law from Case Western Reserve University

Declan Conway, missing from family picture as he was playing Pro Hockey in Mississippi

Conway family attending Gallagher Cup Rugby match between the Irish National Rugby Team and the New Zealand All Blacks at Soldier Field in Chicago





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2026 ANNUAL MEETING
JUNE 12, 2026

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