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PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION



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

Baby animals are one of my favorite things about spring. I love taking my children to the Lake County Farm park to see them each year. We also have a fox family that has kits in our barn each spring and they often bring them out to play in April. It's so tempting to want to take them and make one a pet, but they grow up and throughout the summer we see them as teenagers until they are adults and leave. It also makes me think of the innocent babies and children that the law touches.

I have worked as a Guardian ad litem for many years and I find it to be some of the most rewarding work I have done as a lawyer. It is easy to get frustrated though at the helplessness of the young children in this world that are so affected by the actions of the adults in their world. Sometimes the most mature person in a matter are the children. I have been continually amazed at what children sometimes tell me and how able they are to truly see what is going on in their world.

One of my goals for the Bar this year was to add an event that involved children. We interact with each other in court and often discuss our children and grandchildren, but it is rare we actually get to meet them. Please consider coming to our family event on June 6th, whether you have children or not. I am looking forward to it and to the warmer weather of spring!



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	
10:45 - 11:45 a.m.	Technology, Domestic Violence and Family Law	Guiseppe Fricano, Our Family Wizard
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
2:15 - 2:30 p.m.	REFRESHMENT BREAK	
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

Friday, April 10, 2026

Members: \$ 185.00 (including lunch) if paid BEFORE 3/27/2026; Thereafter: \$225.00.

Non-Members: \$270.00 If paid BEFORE 3/27/2026; Thereafter: \$315.00

Enclosed is my check for _____ payable to: Lake County Bar Association

Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone No. _____
(Print)

Address _____ Attorney Registration Number _____

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



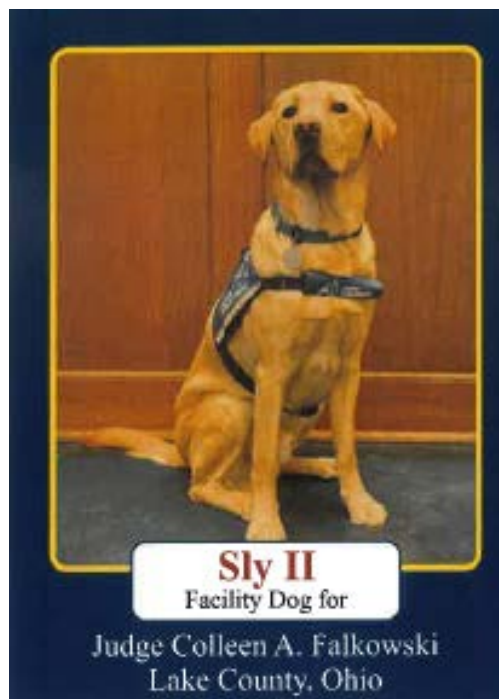
Welcome Sly!

By: Judge Colleen A. Falkowski

In November 2025, the Common Pleas Judges were given our second facility dog from Canine Companions. Like Atticus, our original facility dog, Sly is a yellow labrador who just turned three. He has big paws to follow: Atticus worked in all the Common Pleas Courts and Victims Assistance for over 10 years; he was loved by all who met him.

How did the Judges select Sly's name? We didn't. Canine Companions dogs are owned by Canine Companions which names them. Sly's formal name is Sly II. Many of the dogs are named by donors. What donor level is required to name a dog is unknown to this writer.

What is Canine Companions? It is a national organization which trains service dogs. It celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2025. The headquarters are in Santa Rosa, Ca. Canine Companions is a leader in providing service dogs to individuals and has a lengthy waiting list. Since 1988, Canine Companions has bred its own dogs which are cross breeds of labradors and golden retrievers. The service dogs are placed with adults, children, and veterans with disabilities; facility dogs are placed with professionals in healthcare, education, and the justice system. The cost of a trained service or facility dog is staggering: approximately \$50,000.00. The organization provides its trained dogs at no cost to the recipients.



The application process for a dog is rigorous and extremely detailed. After Atticus passed, I immediately emailed the organization in hopes of a successor facility dog being quickly placed with us. However, the Judges had to start from square one in the application process; no shortcuts were granted. Colleen Burke of the Domestic Relations Court was Atticus's handler; she is now Sly's handler. Colleen had to provide detailed information including pictures and video about herself and home. She also had a lengthy telephone interview. The organization has strict requirements for a handler with whom the dog lives with.

Unlike most county employees whose workday ends at 4:30pm, Colleen Burke has 24/7 responsibility for Sly which is not a simple task! It is much more than making sure he has food and water. For example, Sly is trained not to be aggressive; when Colleen is out and about with him, she is extremely cautious when a strange dog is close by lest that dog wants to fight. She becomes Sly's protector. Also, there are required veterinary visits, an annual eye test for Sly as well as unscheduled vet visits for something like an ear infection.

Sly spent the first 18 months of his life with a volunteer puppy raiser. The puppies are bred at the organization's headquarters in Santa Rosa. All puppy raisers also go through a detailed application process which includes a meeting with a Canine Companions volunteer in the applicant's area. A puppy raiser's purpose is to raise, train, and socialize the puppy. The puppy is not to develop bad habits such as eating food on the floor or jumping on people. The puppy is taught to sleep in a crate and interact calmly with household members and then others.

A puppy raiser lets the puppy build confidence by creating new environments and situations to experience. Socializing the puppy is extremely important. Puppy raisers have taken the dogs to Disneyland and Disney World for training in highly stressful situations. Sly himself was in a Rose Bowl Parade with his puppy raiser and other Canine Companion dogs. Some puppy raisers are college students-their dogs attend classes; football, hockey and other games; parties (!!!), and live in a dorm or apartment with their puppy raiser. Over 18 colleges and universities have a collegiate puppy program. All volunteers must also train their dog in basic skills through puppy classes and workshops.

After the puppy raiser training, the dog enters professional training at a regional training center for 6-9 months. The dog learns the advanced commands which will support the work of a service dog. The organization has six regional centers. Ours is located in New Albany, outside of Columbus, and handles training for 14 states.

Once the dog has completed its professional training, it is ready to be matched with a person who has a disability or the person handling a facility dog. There is a two-week Team Training group class at a regional training center for the individual and the dog. The students learn the dogs' behavior, directs the dog to respond to commands it has learned, and assumes the responsibility for maintaining the health and well-being of the dog. A facility dog learns over 40 commands. During the two-week team training, Canine Companions can decide a dog and student are not a good match and remove the dog from the student. The student may leave the training without a dog. Furthermore, Canine Companions, as the owner, can remove a dog from a placement at any time if the organization finds a dog is not cared for properly or is not working to capacity. This is not an empty threat; it has happened with a facility dog in Ohio.

Canine Companions is now training dogs in medical alerts for diabetics. These dogs detect rapidly changing blood glucose levels to alert its person to a low blood sugar level and the need for insulin.

Canine Companions is an invaluable organization. The Common Pleas Judges are grateful for the confidence Canine Companions has in us by placing Sly as the Judges' second facility dog. Sly is one of the 603 dogs the organization has placed in 2025.

LCBA Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 p.m.

Present: Lydia Gross (President); Christopher Tucci (Vice President); Beckie Castell (Secretary); Jan Bell (Past President); Kevin Goodman (Trustee); Susan Seacrist (Trustee); Jessica Wright (Trustee); Heikki Talikka (Executive Director);

Approval of the Minutes from the January 16, 2026 meeting: Tucci moved to approve minutes; Bell seconded motion; Goodman abstained. Motion passed.

Approval of Financial Statement: Questions raised regarding line items of December & January statements. Goodman moved to table financial statements until clarification. Tucci seconded. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Common Pleas Cafeteria: BVSI to send waiver February 13, 2026 to allow solicitation of other businesses for providing food service.

Family Law Seminar: April 10, 2026; open for registration.

2026 Spring Family Event: Penitentiary Glen. Saturday dates in June being considered. Will confirm if pavilion is first come, first served.

NEW BUSINESS

Lake County Bar Artifacts: Several historical items including pictures of past members were located in Judge Falkowski's chambers. Discussed means to help identify members and publish to membership.

Law Day Meeting: May 1, 2026: obtaining pricing for Everly and Pine Ridge.

LCBA Foundation Bylaws: additional discussion about the need to update the bylaws.

LCBA Secretary & Trustee Vacancies: Interested individuals should submit letter of interest by March 15, 2026.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Certified Grievance Committee: request for reimbursement has been submitted, which can now be done online vs. paper submission.

LCBA Membership Renewals: approximately 20 have not renewed to date.

LCBA Podcast: Available on LCBA website and Apple/Spotify podcast platforms. Future guests include Carl DiFranco. Looking for additional guests!

Seacrist moved to end meeting, Goodman seconded, Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:51 pm.

Nomination Committee Announcement

On April 1st and 3rd, 2026, the Lake County Bar Association Nominating Committee met virtually. In attendance were Anna Parise, Pam Kurt, Lori Kilpeck, Jan Bell, and me. The meetings were called to order at 12:00 pm.

After questions, answers, and debate, the Committee has approved the following slate for the 2026 – 2027 Lake County Bar Association Executive Board:

Past President:	Lydia Gross
President:	Christopher Tucci
Vice-President:	Josephine Begin
Treasurer:	Rebecca Castell
Secretary:	Mirela Turc Rudary
Trustee:	Susan Seacrist
Trustee:	Jessica Wright
Trustee:	Stephen Komarjanski
District 18	
Board of Governors:	Anna Parise

All were approved by unanimous vote.

The meetings adjourned at 1:00 pm.

The Commission wants to thank everyone who applied for a board position and encourage them to join a committee to stay active in the Bar Association.

Respectfully,

Joshua Strickland

AVAILABLE NOW!!

No Further Questions



an LCBA Podcast



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The Lake County Bar Association LAW DAY BREAKFAST

★ Law Day 2026



Rule of Law and the
American Dream

Friday, May 1st, 2026
Pine Ridge Country Club
30605 Ridge Road, Wickliffe, OH 44092

Keynote Speaker:
The Honorable Eugene A. Lucci
11th District Court of Appeals

Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. with program starting at 7:30 a.m.
\$40.00 per person / \$400.00 per table
Only full tables (10 seats) will be reserved.
All other seating is first come, first served.

Return this portion to:
Lake County Bar Association
25 North Park Place, Painesville, OH 44077
or pay by credit card on the [LCBA Payment Portal](#).
If paying by credit card, email your guest list to the Bar Association.
Email: heikki.talikka@lakecountyohio.gov

2026 LAW DAY BREAKFAST RESERVATION FORM
COST: \$40.00 per person/\$400 per table of 10

Please make _____ reservations for me and my guests for the LAW DAY BREAKFAST on Friday, May 1, 2026.
Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$_____.

I charged my remittance in the amount of _____. Here is my name and list of guests.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

My guests are: _____

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,

Lori Kilpeck, Esq.
Roetzel
(234) 274-0545

John Thomas, Esq.
Schraff, Thomas
(440) 569-1505

Judge Paul R. Malchesky
Painesville Municipal Court
Cell: (440) 487-3812

LIBERTY BELL AWARD

Law Day 2025 – 2026

★ Law Day 2026



Rule of Law and the American Dream

The Liberty Bell Award is public recognition bestowed on a non-lawyer for outstanding service benefiting Lake County in one of these areas:

1. Promoting a better understanding of our Constitution and Bill of Rights.
2. Encouraging greater respect for law and the courts.
3. Stimulating a deeper sense of individual responsibility so that citizens recognize their duties as well as their rights.
4. Contributing to the effective functioning of our institutions of government; and
5. Fostering a better understanding and appreciation of the rule of law.

1977 Lt. Earl Vasant
1978 William A. Kochever
1979 Ellen Foley Kessler
1980 Gloria Andrews
1981 Jack E. Daniels
1982 Dr. Jorge Medina
1983 Peggy Taylor Grant
1984 Chuck Koelble
1985 Ronald R. Dopirak
1986 Anne D. Brumbaugh
1987 Richard A. Amcott
1988 Ruth B. Bower
1989 Chief Deputy William E. Crosier
1990 Edwin J. Cunningham
1991 Ronald Rose
1992 Patricia Mackey

1993 Ronald J. Green
1994 Susan Y. Kish
1995 Aser R. Nurmi
1996 Elizabeth F. Pitorak
1997 John J. Hurley, Sr.
1998 Rosemary N. Galayda
1999 William S. Gibson
2000 John F. Platz
2001 Daniel A. Dunlap
2002 Barry Spring
2003 Dan DiLiberto
2004 Edward J. Hughes
2005 James Thompson
2006 Abby Delamotte
2007 Pete Dragar
2008 Ray McGuinness

2009 Jerry Ranally
2010 Chief James T. McBride
2011 Lisa Mastrangelo
2012 Dr. Ron Taddeo
2013 Pastor Roderick Coffee
2014 Rose Morre
2015 Rae Grady
2016 Deborah Foley
2017 Dr. Farshid Afsarifar
2018 Connie Luhta
2019 Nick Cindric
2020 Law Day Cancelled
2021 Dan Troy
2022 Heather Clair
2023 Dr. Jessie Baginski
2024 Maureen Kelly
2025 Dione DiMitro

LIBERTY BELL AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Return to: Lake County Bar Association, Email: heikki.talikka@lakecountyohio.gov
P.O. Box 490, Painesville, OH 44077
Phone: (440)-350-5800 -

Nomination deadline is April 13, 2026

Nominee's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Education: _____

Accomplishments in civic, social, community or public service/public office held

Why do you believe the nominee has contributed to the Rule of Law (refer to criteria)?

Name/Address/Telephone of Nominator

Signature of Nominator

Return to: Lake County Bar Association, P. O. Box 490, Painesville, OH 44077
Phone: (440) 350-5800 - Email: heikki.talikka@lakecountyohio.gov

2025 - 2026
JODI TOMASZEWSKI PRESIDENT'S AWARD

★ Law Day 2026



**Rule of Law and the
American Dream**

The President's Award is to be presented on Law Day to an attorney in good standing who is a member of the Lake County Bar Association and who has provided outstanding Service to the Community and Service to the Profession.

The person shall be selected by the Law Day Committee, and the award will be presented by the President of the Lake County Bar Association, Lydia Gross at the Annual Law Day Celebration.

PREVIOUS PRESIDENT'S AWARD RECIPIENTS

2003 - Dale F. Brown, Esq.
2004 - Charles E. Cannon, Esq.
2005 - John J. Hurley, Jr., Esq.
2006 - Edward C. Redmond, Esq.
2007 - Michael P. Hurley, Esq.
2008 - Robert A. Gambol, Esq.
2009 - J. Melvin Andrews, Esq.
2010 - Louis A. Turi, Esq.
2011 - Michael D. Coffey, Esq.
2012 - Anthony J. Aveni, Esq.
2013 - Ann S. Bergen, Esq.
2014 - Patrick J. Perotti, Esq.

2015 - Albert L. Purola, Esq.
2016 - Joseph R. Klammer, Esq.
2017 - I. James Hackenberg, Esq.
2018 - Michael C. Lucas, Esq.
2019 - James P. Koerner, Esq.
2020 - Law Day Cancelled/Pandemic
2021 - James R. Dugan, Esq.
2022 - John M. Rogers, Esq.
2023 - Neil J. Conway, III, Esq.
2024 - Darya J. Klammer
2025 – Richard N. Selby, II

We encourage you to nominate an attorney below and email/mail this form to the Lake County Bar Association.
The deadline for submitting the name of the candidate for this award is **April 13th, 2026**.

I would like to nominate _____ because



Robert Simpson	3
Robert DiCello	11
Brian Kampman	13
Jeffery Fram	15
Lydia Gross	15
Scott Zele	18
Honorable Michael Cicconetti	24
Eric Condon	25
Jeff Kakish	27
Lindsay Jones	28

Welcome to our **New Members**

Attorney Claire P. O'Brien - N.P. Weiss Law
Attorney Andrew D. Rossman - Dworken & Bernstein
Attorney Kelly A. Rochotte - Bolek Besser Glesius LLC
Attorney Jane Wiertel - Benesch Law

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Eleventh Appellate District

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Presiding Judge

Eugene A. Lucci
Judge

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Judge

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John J. Eklund
Administrative Judge

Robert J. Patton
Judge

Shibani Sheth-Massacci
Court Administrator/Magistrate/
Administrative Counsel

March 30, 2026

R E L E A S E

GEAUGA

2025-G-0027

PETER J. CORRIGAN, et al., Plaintiffs-Appellants v. INGLEWOOD ASSOCIATES, L.L.C., et al., Defendants-Appellees.

Appeal dismissed. See Judgment Entry. [LUCCI] (PATTON) (S. LYNCH)

LAKE

2025-L-021

STATE OF OHIO, Plaintiff-Appellee v. DWAN J. BAILEY, Defendant-Appellant.

Judgment affirmed. Patton, J., concurs in judgment only with a Concurring Opinion. See Opinion and Judgment Entry. [S. LYNCH] (M. LYNCH) (PATTON)

CRIMINAL - evidence; non-hearsay statements; sufficiency of the evidence; domestic violence; kidnapping; restraint of liberty; strangulation; weight of the evidence; witness credibility.

2025-L-063

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF PAINESVILLE, Plaintiff-Appellee v. SABREL B. OATMAN, Defendant-Appellant.

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

CRIMINAL LAW - speedy trial; statutory and constitutional rights; mixed question of law and fact; speedy trial waiver; failed to raise in trial court; waived on appeal; tolling events; no prejudice; authentication of video evidence; abuse of discretion; Evid.R. 901(A); admissibility; "silent witness" theory; misdemeanor sentencing; within statutory limits; contrary to law; community control condition; firearms restriction; inherent to being supervised; reasonably related; interests of justice; affirmed.

TRUMBULL

2025-T-0018 ANNA M. MUSSON, Plaintiff-Appellee v. CITY OF NEWTON FALLS, Defendant, DAVID LYNCH, Defendant-Appellant.

Judgment affirmed and remanded. Hanni, J., dissents with a Dissenting Opinion. See Opinion and Judgment Entry. [DICKY] (ROBB) (HANNI)

CIVIL – employee sovereign immunity; R.C. 2744.03(A)(6)(a); R.C. 2744.03(A)(6)(a); with malicious purpose, in bad faith, or in a wanton or reckless manner; intentional tort; intentional infliction of emotional distress.

2025-T-0019 ANNA M. MUSSON, Plaintiff-Appellee v. CITY OF NEWTON FALLS, et al., Defendants-Appellant.

Judgment affirmed. See Opinion and Judgment Entry. [HANNI] (ROBB) (DICKY)

Intentional inflictions of emotional distress; negligent hiring, training, supervision, and retention; alleged political subdivision immunity; summary judgment; R.C. 2744.09(B); genuine issues of material fact.

2025-T-0056 SEAL TEAM 6 ASPHALT CEILING CO., L.L.C., Plaintiff-Appellant v. JOSHUA M. FORD, et al., Defendant-Appellee.

Judgment affirmed. See Opinion and Judgment Entry. [EKLUND] (LUCCI) (PATTON)
CIVIL - Forcible Entry and Detainer; R.C. Ch. 4781; R.C. Ch. 1923; Manufactured home park operator; R.C. 4781.37; R.C. 4781.45; R.C. 4781.39; owner of manufactured home park was without statutory authority to prevail in forcible entry and detainer where the owner failed to allege tenant had committed any violation of the tenancy.



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2026 Annual Meeting

Lake County Bar Association



Friday, June 12th, 2026

Registration: 11:30AM

Begins at: 12:00PM

\$30 per person

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7800 Clocktower Dr.
Kirkland, OH, 44094*

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LCBA Payment Portal or
mail a check made out to the Lake
County Bar Association*

GEAUGA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

Law Day

The Rule of Law and the American Dream

“The rule of law—the idea that no person is above the law—is what ensures the rights of the people to live their lives as freely as possible and to pursue their dreams.”

Guest Speaker

Judge Solomon Oliver, Jr.

United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio

**Friday, April 24th
11:30 – 1:30**

**Guido’s
12809 Chillicothe Road, Chesterland, Ohio**

A request for one (1) hour of CLE is pending.

The GCBA will also present the award for 2026 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, and honor three area high school students for their essays.

Menu: Guido’s will serve lunch, which includes: Beverages, Salad, Rolls, entrée of Lemon Chicken with Cavatelli, Green Beans and Cake for dessert.

Cost: \$35.00/person

Name: _____

Phone & E-mail: _____

Send your payment by **Friday, April 17th** to:

The Geauga County Bar Association
P.O. Box 750, Chardon, Ohio 44024

We can also accept payments via Zelle

Please call Krystal Thompson @ (440) 286-7160 or email secretary@geaugabar.org with any questions

The Geauga County Bar Association
presents

**2026 Geauga County Courthouse
Ribbon Cutting, Tour, and Court Information Seminar**

Tuesday, April 7, 2026
100 Short Court St., Chardon, Ohio 44024

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| 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Ribbon Cutting
(Presentation at Heritage House, Chardon Square) |
| 1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. | Tour of the New Geauga County Courthouse |
| 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Sheila Bevington, Clerk of Courts
Honorable Matthew Rambo
(Presentation at Courthouse, Second Floor Courtroom)
<i>efiling Best Practices</i>
<i>Drafting a Successful Proposed Order</i>
<i>Timely Getting Information to the Judge/Magistrate</i> |
| 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Honorable Carolyn J. Paschke
Honorable Matthew Rambo
Court IT Department
Prosecutor’s Office
Public Defender’s Office
(Presentation at Courthouse, Second Floor Courtroom)
<i>Mock Trial Demonstrating Use of Courtroom Technology</i>
<i>and Evidence Refresher</i> |
| 3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. | Nicole Walker, Chief Adult Probation Officer
Honorable Carolyn J. Paschke
(Presentation at Courthouse, Second Floor Courtroom)
<i>Drug Testing – Proper Screening and Interpreting Results</i> |
| 3:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. | Honorable Carolyn J. Paschke
Honorable Matthew Rambo
Magistrate Kevin L. Starrett
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