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PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION

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

Time....it is hard to believe that my bar presidency is almost over and this is my last article. Time sure does fly. One thing I have truly learned to appreciate as an attorney is time and how quickly it passes and how valuable it is. Billing in 6-minute increments has actually made me value time more than anything else, in that it is very easy to quantify. When I was in my early 20s, I always thought that I needed more money and that money would be what I would lack or run out of in life, but it is time. I never have enough time. I think about what I would pay for more time and it is such a high amount. It is also something we have no idea how much we have, unlike money. Don't get me wrong, I'd take more money, but it really has such a low value to me now in comparison to time. There are so many things that I would like to do and there is nowhere near enough time in this lifetime. I just think about all of the books I want to read and re-read and it is completely impossible. I think about the thank you notes I'd like to write to so many people in my life and there is just not enough time for it all. I am constantly trying to be efficient and multi-task, but it is still never enough.

In my spare time, I run 5ks. I am not very fast and they are pretty random in my life, so I never plan on having much of a chance for winning based on speed. However, I recently ran one called a "prediction race," which I had never even heard of. The winner is the person who predicts the time closest to their own finish time. I thought "wow as an attorney, I should be able to keep track of time!" I entered and was within 22 seconds of my finish time guess. Sadly, that wasn't even close to winning, but I thought that was pretty impressive and I would have had a better chance on that type of a race vs. speed.

Either way, this year went by so quickly, but it has been a pleasure and I look forward to reading President Tucci's articles each month.

You're Invited

LCBA SPRING FAMILY picnic

Join us for a fun filled day

Date: **SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH, 2026**

Time: **10:00 AM - WHENEVER**

Place: **PENITENTIARY GLEN
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KIRTLAND, OH**

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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

*Mooreland Mansion
7800 Clocktower Dr.
Kirkland, OH, 44094*

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



JUDGE'S CORNER

BETCHA DIDN'T KNOW.....

By: Judge Mark J. Bartolotta



Here at Probate Court, we're not only about estates, trusts, guardianships, name changes, adoptions, and marriage licenses. We are so much more. At a recent CLE seminar for Ohio probate judges, it was pointed out to us that the Ohio Revised Code spells out over five hundred statutory duties of the state's 89 probate court judges (Cuyahoga County has two judges). Many of them are fairly obvious and well known, but a whole bunch of them are not. Here are some of the more obscure duties that we deal with. Betcha didn't know that the probate court:

R.C. 3.16(E)(4) appoints an interim replacement for a public official who is suspended for committing a felony offense related to the official's public duties.

R.C. 153.36 approves plans for the building of a jail or courthouse that costs over \$75,000.

R.C. 159.12 hears actions to determine damages to private property from surveys ordered by congress.

R.C. 305.04 approves bonds set for county commissioners upon discharge of their formal duties.

R.C. 309.03 approves bonds for prosecuting attorneys upon discharge of their official duties.

R.C. 321.43 authorizes the employment of a night watchman to ensure the safety of public money in the county treasury.

R.C. 325.071 fixes the bond set for the county sheriff.

R.C. 331.01 appoints a county facilities review board.

R.C. 339.02 appoints a board of county hospital trustees.

R.C. 339.85 hears and determines injunctions prohibiting an individual with tuberculosis from continuing to violate an order of the county tuberculosis control unit.

R.C. 339.86 issues orders under which the county tuberculosis unit is granted authority to detain an individual in a hospital or other place to be examined or treated for tuberculosis.

R.C.341.22 directs the holding of religious services and the conducting of other welfare work in the county jail.

R.C. 503.24 appoints a suitable person to fill the unexpired term of an elected township public official where a vacancy in that office remains after forty days.

R.C. 517.23 rules on disinterment of a body in a township or municipal cemetery.

R.C. 517.25 issues writs of mandamus requiring cemetery officers to disinter or grants permission for disinterment.

R.C. 707.28 determines the division of property and funds when a village or city is incorporated from a portion of a township.

R.C. 773.72-76 tries charges against municipal officers when a complaint has been filed by five electors of the municipality alleging some malfeasance or misfeasance, and removes said officer if found guilty.

R.C. 759.48 determines appropriation of property by a public cemetery where necessary.

R.C. 1337.12 and 28 limits, suspends, or terminates a healthcare or financial power of attorney when a guardian has been appointed.

R.C. 1545.04 hears argument and enters orders creating a park district.

R.C. 1545.05 appoints the park board of commissioners for a park district.

R.C. 1545.11 approves donations and trust of property to the park district.

R.C. 1717.06 appoints agents for a county humane society.

R.C. 2101.24(A)(1)(q) makes determinations of the presumption of death of missing persons, and to adjudicate the property rights and obligations of all parties affected by the presumption.

R.C. 2101.24(A)(1)(x) hears and determines applications that pertain to the withholding or withdrawal of nutrition and hydration from certain patients allegedly in a permanently unconscious state.

R.C. 2105.03 determines next of kin.

R.C. 2105.31-40 makes determinations under the Uniform Simultaneous Death Act.

R.C. 2108.82 makes assignments of the right of disposition of bodily remains of a decedent.

R.C. 2119.01 appoints trustees for a person's estate who has disappeared for at least three months.

R.C. 2121.02-04 hears and determines complaints setting forth facts that raise the presumption of death.

R.C. 2317.24 may order the release of a witness from imprisonment for contempt of court if it appears that such imprisonment is illegal.

R.C. 3313.11 appoints a person to fill a position on a board of education if the position is unfilled for thirty days after a vacancy.

R.C. 3323.01 determines the school district of a child with disabilities.

R.C. 3503.18 provides a monthly list to the board of elections of all persons over eighteen who have been adjudicated incompetent for the purpose of voting.

R.C. 3701.247 issues orders compelling a person to undergo HIV testing.

R.C. 3718.11 appoints person to the sewage treatment system appeals board.

R.C. 3735.27 appoints person to the metropolitan housing authority board.

R.C. 4510.23 orders the driver's license of a person adjudicated incompetent to be delivered to the court.

R.C. Chapter 47 notifies the state medical or other appropriate boards of an adjudication of mental illness or mental incompetence for a chiropractor, anesthesiologist, acupuncturist, radiologist, genetic counselor, orthotist, prosthetist, or pedorthist.

R.C. 5126 appoints 2 members to the county board of developmental disabilities.

R.C. 5905.02 orders eligible veterans to the VA or other agency for care and treatment.

R.C. Chapter 61 appropriates property for a conservancy district, sanitary district, county sewer district and regional sewer district.

Alright, that's enough already. Congratulations for making it to the end of this article! As you can see, there's plenty of work to keep us busy at your probate court. So, when you call us and we don't always pick up on the first or second ring, now you know why. Have a great summer!

LAKE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GOLF OUTING REGISTRATION FORM *Friday, August 14th*



FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH, 2026
8:00 AM REGISTRATION
9:00 AM SHOTGUN START
3:00 PM DINNER



ST. DENIS GOLF CLUB
10660 CHARDON ROAD
CHARDON, OHIO 44024

Registration Fees include Green
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lunch, & dinner.

Payments may be made on the website at
www.lakecountyohiobar.com or

Please return your completed Registration
Form and check, made payable to the **Lake
County Bar Association** with "Golf
Outing" written on the memo, to -

LCBA
25 North Park Place
Painesville, OH 44077

Forms may also be emailed to
heikki.talikka@lakecountyohio.gov

**Questions? Contact the LCBA office for
additional information.**

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\$135/PLAYER, \$540/TEAM

\$35 DINNER ONLY

REGISTRATION DEADLINE JULY 31ST

Captain and Crew

Team Name _____

Player 1 (Captain) _____

Phone # _____

Address _____

Email _____

Player 2 _____

Email _____

Player 3 _____

Email _____

Player 4 _____

Email _____

0 I need a pairing
0 I do not need a pairing
0 Dinner Only



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EMAIL: _____

☐	Yes, I would like to support the Lake County Bar Association and help sponsor the annual golf outing.
Payment Options (check box that applies)	
☐	I have included a check for the hole sponsor amount of \$150 with this commitment form payable to: Lake County Bar Association
☐	Pay online at the LCBA Payment Portal. Reference "Golf Sponsor"
Regarding Your Sign (check box that applies)	
☐	I have a sign from a previous sponsorship that the LCBA may use for the golf outing.
☐	I have a sign of my own and will drop it off at the Lake County Bar Association for use at the golf outing.
☐	I do not have a sign and need a sign made. • Signs will have no more than 3 lines of text. • I will provide artwork in .SVG or .EPS format

Sponsorship Sign Text

LCBA Meeting Minutes – April 3, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m.

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

Approval of the Minutes from the March 13, 2026 meeting: Tucci moved to approve minutes; Begin seconded motion; Goodman abstained. Motion passed.

March Financial Statement: March P&L reflects CD that was cashed out in March 2025 for comparison with March number. Line 680 of statement is a deposit to J&J Catering for seminar meal. Begin moved to approve statement; Castell seconded motion. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Common Pleas Cafeteria: Summit County Common Pleas cafeteria vendor representative toured the space. May provide renovated equipment to us to upgrade the existing equipment. May have leads on provider for running the space.

Family Law Seminar: April 10, 2026; 30 signed up currently, 39 with presenters.

2026 Spring Family Event: Penitentiary Glen shelter is first come, first served, so someone will have to get there early to hold it. Begin will speak with face painter/balloon animal vendor.

Law Day May 1, 2026: Seeking additional nominations for Liberty Bell award.

LCBA Annual Meeting: June 12, 2026. \$30/person (same as last year), deposit paid. Save the date will be included in next month's LLV.

GOLF OUTING: August 28, 2026 at St. Denis Golf Course. Start will be at 9am this year. Save the date will be included in next month's LLV. (Date was subsequently changed August 14, 2026 after meeting).

NEW BUSINESS

LCBA Secretary & Trustee Positions: Nominations: Mirela Turc for Secretary; Steve Comer Jansky for Trustee.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Advertising for LCBA: advertising policy and rates/policy for members discussed.

Pitney Bowes Equipment: Mail machine lease is \$225/3 months. LCBA sends most information electronically and only mails approximately 10 pieces a month since current director started. Will check with Bar Counsel to determine if cost was submitted for reimbursement and should be maintained for that reason.

Begin moved to end meeting, Tucci seconded, Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.

8:57 AM

04/03/26

Cash Basis

LAKE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

Profit & Loss

March 2026

	Mar 26	Mar 25
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
2479323 · CD- First Federal Lakewood	0.00	20,634.28
402 · Dues	200.00	1,670.00
404 · Interest Income	0.00	2.20
407 · Notary Fees	220.00	1,680.00
409 · Lunch forum (Monthly lunch forum)	10.00	125.00
413 · Seminar		
426 · Family Law (Including quarterly Pro Se clinic non member donation)	1,480.00	2,700.00
413 · Seminar - Other	0.00	150.00
Total 413 · Seminar	1,480.00	2,850.00
416 · Law Day	315.00	0.00
4999 · Uncategorized Income	100.00	0.00
Total Income	2,325.00	26,961.48
Gross Profit	2,325.00	26,961.48
Expense		
604 · Bank Charges	0.00	121.04
608 · Legacy Committee	0.00	150.00
616 · Insurance - Other (D & O, Non profit insurance)	0.00	851.00
620 · Law Day	350.00	1,500.00
622 · Lunch Payments (Monthly lunch forum)	79.95	162.90
628 · Notary Costs (Receipts, staff notary expense)	0.00	-45.00
631 · Office Expense (Overrun copy expense, Annual IT expense)	438.19	754.57
637 · Payroll Taxes	323.66	420.88
639 · Postage Machine Rental & Ink (Postage Machine Lease and Ink)	0.00	300.00
642 · Seminars		
655 · Family Law (Includes quarterly Pro Se clinic expense for CLE application and refreshments)	500.00	315.77
642 · Seminars - Other	150.00	0.00
Total 642 · Seminars	650.00	315.77
643 · Telephone Advertising	98.30	92.00
647 · Rent	1,188.96	1,078.43
648 · County Telephone	23.93	17.06
650 · Wages	4,230.76	4,076.94
651 · Wages - Part Time	0.00	1,424.50
662 · Website (Annual fee for Squarespace website)	0.00	315.32
680 · Annual Meeting Expense (Expense of Annual Meeting Lunch)	680.00	250.00
Total Expense	8,063.75	11,785.41
Net Ordinary Income	-5,738.75	15,176.07
Net Income	-5,738.75	15,176.07

AVAILABLE NOW!!

NO FURTHER QUESTIONS - AN LCBA PODCAST

EXHIBIT 1

PILOT EPISODE W/ LCBA PRESIDENT LYDIA GROSS

EXHIBIT 2

MAGISTRATE JEFF BLACK

EXHIBIT 3

FAMILY LAW W/ ANNA PARISE & DARYA KLAMMER

EXHIBIT 4

MAGISTRATE LISA MONTONI GARVIN

EXHIBIT 5

CLERK CARL DIFRANCO

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Tap to Listen



The Lake County Public Defender's Office, located in Painesville, Ohio, has immediate openings for two full-time attorneys to represent clients in its misdemeanor division. Yearly salary starts at \$75,000, commensurate with experience.

Assistant Lake County Public Defender - Misdemeanor Division

Job responsibilities include representing indigent clients in misdemeanor criminal cases at all stages of the criminal process, including arraignments, discovery, motion hearings, pleas, trials, sentencings and post-sentencing hearings; conducting client interviews and gather relevant information for case preparation; reviewing discovery and conducting investigations in conjunction with staff investigator; researching and analyzing legal issues related to assigned cases; drafting legal documents for court filings; negotiating plea agreements with prosecutors when appropriate; advocating for clients' rights and best interests throughout the legal process; and working collaboratively with other members of the defense team, including investigators, paralegals, social workers, law clerks and legal interns.

Experience and Skills: Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree from an accredited law school; licensed to practice law in Ohio; strong written and verbal communication skills; legal research, writing and oral advocacy skills; ability to work independently and manage a caseload effectively; commitment to providing quality legal representation to underprivileged individuals; knowledge of criminal law and procedures, evidence and professional responsibility and ethics; and excellent judgment and interpersonal skills with the ability to communicate and work effectively with clients, office personnel, court personnel, prosecutors, law enforcement, probation officers, social workers and the general public.

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Please submit cover letters and resumes to Lake County Public Defender Vanessa Clapp via email at vanessa.clapp@lakecountyohio.gov or call the office at 440-350-3200 for more information.



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Send resume and writing sample to: Kristy Keeper, Office Manager, Dworken & Bernstein, Co., LPA, 60 South Park Place, Painesville, Ohio 44077 or email to: kkeeper@dworkenlaw.com. No phone calls. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

June 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3 Notary Renew...	4	5 New Notary Cl...	6  10:00 am - 1:00 pm LCBA Spring Family Event
7	8	9	10	11	12 <i>2026 Annual Meeting</i> <i>State County Clerk Association</i>  <i>Friday, June 12th, 2026</i> <i>Registration: 11:30 AM</i> <i>Agenda at 12:00 PM</i> <i>\$100 per person</i> <i>Meal and More</i> <i>1000 Vidmar Dr.</i> <i>Midland, TX 79701</i> 11:30 am - 2:00 pm 2026 Annual Meeting	13
14	15	16	17 Notary Renew...	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 11:30 am - 1:00 pm CLE – Discovery in Juvenile Court w/ Magistrate Brooke Kocab	25	26	27
28	29	30				

July 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1 Notary Ren...	2	3 New Notary ...	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Notary Ren...	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 11:30 am - 1:00 pm CLE w/ Professionalism in 2026 w/ Judge Gibson (APC)	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

August 2026

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2	3	4	5 Notary Renew...	6	7 New Notary Cl...	8
9	10	11	12	13	14  8:00 am - 5:00 pm 2026 Annual Golf Outing at St. Denis Golf Club	15
16	17	18	19 Notary Renew...	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 11:30 am - 1:00 pm CLE w/ Constitutional Law w/ Judge Eugene A. Lucci	27	28	29
30	31					



Matthew Bangerter	6
Brian Bly	11
Janette Bell	13
Tomas Tatarunas	16
Lisa Klammer	19
James Lyons	25
Amanda Condon	26
Honorable John Trebets	28

Welcome to our **New Members**

Eric J. Foisel
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney
Lake County Prosecutor's Office

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Magistrate to Judge Mark J. Bartolotta
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