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Beginning January 1, 2010, the Lake County Law Library will be governed by the Lake County Law Library Resources Board (LCLLRB). Several changes will take place under the leadership of the new Board.

- **New Governing Body:** The LCLLRB is a governing body appointed by various elected officials. The County Commissioners appointed Christopher P. Tucci and Kenneth R. Gauntner, Jr., who will serve as the initial Chair of the Board until January 2011. Judge



Lucci appointed Stephen L. Byron, the Municipal Judges appointed Francis P. Weiss, Prosecuting Attorney Charles Coulson appointed Gerald R. Walker, and the Lake County Law Library Association appointed I. James Hackenberg and Brooke F. Kocab as transition members through the end of 2010.

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- **Membership:** The LCLLRB is now a public entity and not a private association. As such, membership to the library is open to more individuals. The Law Library shall provide legal research, reference, and library services to county and state employees, authorized legal practitioners, and their staffs. The Law Library shall provide legal research, reference and library services to any member of the general public at the branch locations at Lakeland Community College and Morley Library during their regular business hours.
- **Fees for Printing Service:** The LCLLRB will begin charging minimal fees for some services in order to off-set increased expenditures and decreased revenue streams during the past several years. Any printing or copying done in the Law Library will now cost 10¢ per page. Coin boxes will be attached to both copy machines. These boxes will accept coins and \$1, \$5, \$10, and \$20 dollar bills. All print jobs from the patron computers will be routed to the Law Library office where one of the Librarians will accept payment. Incoming and outgoing faxes will now cost 50¢ per page and can be paid to one of the Law Librarians. Any electronic document delivery will be free. That includes any items emailed or downloaded to discs or flash drives. The Law Library will continue to take phone and email requests and will do everything possible to deliver your documents via email. If you are planning on doing research in the Law Library, bring your own flash drive in order to download your results.

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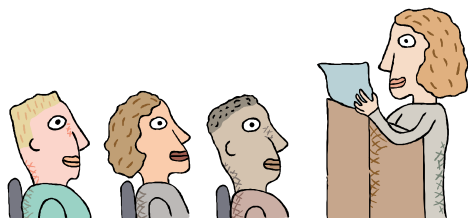
Lake County Law Library Annual Meeting

The **Lake County Law Library Association's 2010 Annual Meeting** will take place on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at Cappelli's in Mentor. Cappelli's is located inside the Comfort Inn on Route 306 near Route 2.

This year everyone in attendance will again receive a **complimentary lunch of chicken caesar salad**. Vegetarian lunch is available upon request. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon.

The Library Board will discuss the upcoming changes to the Law Library as a result of House Bill 420 as well as the election of Gerald R. Walker's Library Board Trustee position.

Please make your reservations **before** January 8, 2010 by calling the library at 440-350-2638.



Video Conferencing Used in Resentencing

Due to the need to resentence some inmates in the state of Ohio, the judges of the Common Pleas Courts are using the library's video conferencing system to save the tax payers' money on transportation.

So far the Law Library has hosted four such resentencings with Judge Gibson and Judge Lucci's Courts. More are scheduled for the month of December. An article describing Judge Lucci's video conferences last month can be found in the November 24th edition of the News Herald.

The Law Library originally purchased a portable conferencing systems in order to move easily throughout the building. The system uses an internet connection, so it can be connected to any internet jack in the building.

One communication company in London, Ohio coordinates the video conferencing at every prison facility in the state. The Law Library is told in which facility the inmate is housed and then calls the London center to arrange the date and time.

The London center charges \$25 per location. So arranging several conferences in one day, like Judge Lucci did last month, saves even more money.

For more information on using the video conference or any other library service please call or visit our web site www.lakecountyohio.org/lawlibrary.

MEMBERSHIP

The law library shall provide legal research, reference, and library services to County and State employees, authorized legal practitioners, and their staffs. Services are as follows:

- Westlaw, CCH, RIA, and Ohio DR Software online
- Print library of over 1600 titles
- Laptops with Westlaw passwords embedded for use outside the library
- Sony digital camcorder
- Optoma media projector with screen
- Audio tapes, video tapes, and anatomical models and charts
- Portable X-Ray view box for courtroom presentations
- Reference assistance and technical training
- Wireless internet access throughout the library
- Complimentary copy of *Connexus*
- Document enlargement to various poster size along with matching frames
- Polycom VSX 7000 videoconferencing equipment with multipoint software for depositions, testimony, etc. **
- Fax service to or from your home or office **
- Photocopies **

** Fees for service may be charged

New CLE Titles

These are the latest CLE titles to arrive in the library. Please ask for assistance in locating them.

How to Understand and Analyze Financial Statements
HF 5635 .S64

Understanding QDRO's / Divorce and Tax
KF 532.7 .U56

Corporate Counsel Institute
KF 1425 .A75 C67

Fiduciary Income Tax Workshop
KF 6443 .Z75 A34

Child Custody
KFO 104.6 .Z9 C59

Commercial Real Estate Law
KFO 126 .Z9 C65



Nuts and Bolts of Wills and Trusts
KFO 144 .N88

2009 Ohio Construction Law Forum
KFO 155.8 .B8 C65

Insurance Law
KFO 185 .I568

Advising the Small Business Client
KFO 234.Z9 A49

Basics of Employment Law
KFO 331 .B37

Onshore and Offshore Asset Protection Techniques
KFO 551 .O65

Litigation Section Conference
KFO 538 .L57

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- **Fees for Video Conferencing Service:** The LCLLRB will also begin charging for video conferencing. Video conference participants will be charged a minimum fee of \$150 for the first hour. Additional time will be charged at \$25 for every 15 minutes.
- **County Purchasing Agent:** The CLLRB will now serve as a clearing house for all legal research purchases in the county. A meeting with department heads was held in October for three reasons: To explain the new law and how it affects each agency; to share with agencies just what resources are available in the law library for their use; to begin to inventory all resources currently being purchased by each agency.

Agencies have responded by reviewing their print and electronic purchasing to determine if there is still a need within their department to continue with the purchase. Some departments have cut their print titles in favor of using the Law Library when the need arises.

West and Lexis have agreed to allow departments to keep their account numbers and will transfer them under the umbrella of the Law Library's accounts as a ship to account. Items will continue to be shipped directly to each agency, but the CLLRB will receive one large itemized bill each month detailing charges to each agency. Those bills will be used to determine what the Law Library will charge back to departments. Both vendors have also agreed to look at titles being purchased by multiple departments to see if any bulk discounts will apply.

The Law Library's goal is to continue to provide legal resources to all of our users in the most appropriate format and in the quickest manner. Although this new year will bring small changes to the way we do that, we hope to continue that service.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LIBRARY CLOSED

January 1, 2010
January 18, 2010
February 15, 2010



Law Library Cancels Lexis Online Database

In an effort to reduce expenses, the Law Library let its Lexis online contract expire at the end of November. The Law Library reviewed the content available on this database as compared to the content provided on the Westlaw database and felt that users will not lose access to content as a result of this decision.

A comparison of usage was also studied. Westlaw has been used over 1050 hours during 2009 compared to Lexis's 50 hours. It did not seem like a sound financial decision to continue spending \$25,000 per year for a database that was not being used to its potential.

The Law Library continues to provide electronic access to its users through Westlaw, Commerce Clearing House, Research Institute of American and the Ohio Domestic Relations Software.

Westlaw's expansive database includes an all forms, briefs, and news libraries, primary law library, Ohio business, family law, and real property libraries, jury

verdicts, DUI library, Ohio analytical library, law reviews, journals, and treatises.

CCH provides the library with an electronic labor, unemployment and pension library. RIA provides the online tax library. The Ohio DR software is an interactive calculating database with domestic relations and probate forms for all 88 Ohio counties.

These online databases are available within the library during regular business hours. All of them allow users to download work onto discs or flash drives in order to avoid the printing charges.

