



Notice of Proposed Amendments to Local Court Rules

While the date for public comment has passed, it is important to be aware of the proposed changes. The local rule changes involve transcript fees, CAT fees, and the General Division's Mediation department.

Local Rule 7.07 increases transcript fees to six dollars (\$6.00) per page for original pages. Overnight delivery transcript fees are set at six dollars and fifty cents (\$6.50) per original page. Requests for overnight transcripts are not always feasible and such requests are subject to the reporter's or transcriptionist's ability to complete the requested overnight service.

Local Rule 7.08 states that payments to the Stark County Treasurer for use of CAT (computer-aided transcription) equipment purchased and maintained by the Court will be pursuant to each division's standing order.

General Rule 16 proposed changes for the following:

16.02 Cases Eligible for Mediation
The proposed change for 16.02 removes 16.01 B., which discusses the areas mediation is prohibited.

16.06 Mediator Selection and Assignment
Parts B. and D. of 16.06 are removed.

16.08 Mediation statement
The following addition is proposed: Should a party fail to timely submit the mediation statement, the Mediation Specialist will notify the referring Judge. The referring Judge may, at their discretion, impose sanctions upon the party who failed to timely file the mediation statement including, but not limited to, a financial sanction, contempt proceedings, or other appropriate sanctions.

Read more changes here: https://www.starkcountyohio.gov/government/legal_judicial/court_of_common_pleas/resources/local_rules.php

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Navigating Immigration Law CLE

This CLE will help explain the latest updates in immigration law, with a focus on how these developments impact both legal practice and healthcare.

When

Thursday, May 22nd, 2025

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Where

Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association

1375 East 9th Street, Floor #2
Cleveland, OH 44114

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/CMBA0522CLE>

Supreme Court of Ohio Updates Record Retention Rules

Recent revisions to record retention requirements now apply across multiple court divisions, including the general, domestic relations, and juvenile divisions of the courts of common pleas, along with probate, county, municipal, and appellate courts.

The changes that took effect on April 1st:

- Streamline and consolidate records retention definitions that were previously repeated in multiple sections.
- Modernize the rules by clarifying that once a record is preserved electronically, any paper copies may be destroyed.
- Shorten retention periods where possible and appropriate.
- Clarify that only records of cases in which the death penalty has been imposed must be retained permanently.
- Shift the burden for seeking the return of exhibits to parties rather than the courts.
- Unify retention periods established in the rules with those found in the Revised Code.

Read more about the changes here: <https://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/docs/LegalResources/Rules/superintendence/Superintendence.pdf>

Supreme Court of Ohio Releases Proposed Changes to Guardianship Rules



The proposal would clarify how probate courts allow family-member guardians to apply as direct service providers for their adult wards. Current rules prohibit appointing direct service providers as guardians unless authorized by law. Direct services include medical care, therapy, counseling, case management, and legal representation.

These rules aim to prevent conflicts of interest with professional guardians, not family members. The proposed changes would:

- Add a new definition to Rule 66.01 for the term “family member.”
- Amend Rule 66.04 to remove the overall restriction on direct service providers from being appointed as a guardian.
- Amend Rule 66.09(G) to clarify that guardians may not provide direct services without notifying the court and following the necessary accreditation process. The rule contains an exception for family member guardians.

Read more here: tinyurl.com/ProposedAmendmentsSCO

Amendment to Supreme Court Rules of Practice

Revisions to the Supreme Court of Ohio's Rules of Practice took effect on April 1.



The updates aim to make the rules clearer and more accessible for individuals involved in cases before the Court. Many of the changes focus on improving language clarity, such as simplifying how rules are cited in pleadings — shortening "S.Ct.P.R." to "Rules."

Additional key updates include discontinuing fax service for documents and revising procedures related to death penalty cases and bail matters.

Read the changes here: <https://tinyurl.com/RulesofPracticeAmendments>

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Similar to KeyCite, **Lexis** uses **Shepard's Citations** to track the history and treatment of legal authorities, helping you quickly spot red flags, analyze trends, and build stronger legal arguments.

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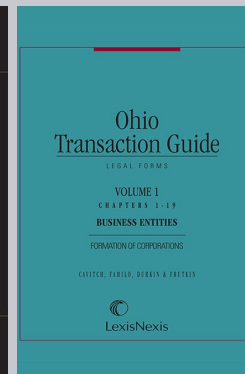
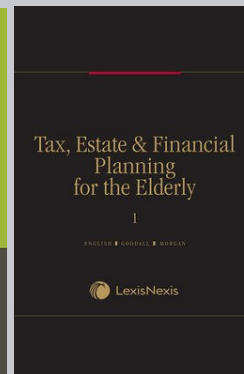
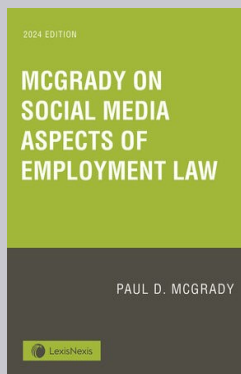
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