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THE STARK COUNTY LAW LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

American Bar Association's Celebration of Pro Bono Legal Services

The ABA shines a spotlight on Pro Bono legal services every year, and this year it is from October 19-25, 2025.

According to *The Association of Pro Bono Counsel* (apbco.org) more than one in five Americans live at or below 125% of the federal poverty level. As a result, legal representation is increasingly out of reach. As many as 9 out of 10 people in poverty and facing a legal crisis must represent themselves. Pro se litigants overwhelmingly lose their cases, a reality that in turn leads to the justice gap actually reinforcing poverty's impact.

In a recent study of low-income New Yorkers, nearly half the respondents experienced at least one civil legal problem and 1.2 million experienced three or more legal problems. Those most in need of legal aid are families with children, African Americans and Latinos, immigrants, the unemployed and uninsured, and individuals with disabilities. Yet, civil legal services are chronically underfunded.

A pro bono practice group is unique in that most, if not all, firm lawyers

work in the practice; and the practice often spans almost every legal substantive area from housing and benefits, to immigration and domestic violence, to corporate governance and civil rights.

Also, pro bono counsel do not have the force of the billable hour to develop their practices and therefore rely on individual intrinsic reward, ethical obligation and proven firm benefits to build the practice. In many ways though, the practice is similar to any other law firm practice. It requires pro bono counsel to develop lawyers, manage resources and handle ethical and risk management issues. Pro bono counsel must also focus on brand development by building a reputation for high quality legal work, and undertake business development by creating client partnerships and developing relationships with the legal aid community to secure pro bono opportunities.

Visit americanbar.org to find out how you can support local communities with pro bono work.

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COLUMBUS DAY
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2025

Where do I find CLE's?

Below are websites that will lead you to remote or in-person Continuing Legal Education:

National Business Institute
<https://nbi-sems.com/>

Ohio State Bar Association
<https://www.ohiobar.org/>

Ohio Ethics Commission
<https://ethics.ohio.gov/education/>



October is Estate Planning Awareness Month

Creating an estate plan matters because it helps your client stay in control of what happens to their assets, their healthcare, and their loved ones if something happens to them. As their attorney, you are helping them to:

Protect their wishes

They decide who gets their property, money, or keepsakes, instead of leaving it up to state laws.

Reduce family conflict

Clear instructions can prevent disagreements among relatives.

Provide for loved ones

They can ensure dependents, such as children or a spouse, are financially secure and cared for.

Minimizes taxes and expenses

Good planning can reduce estate taxes, court fees, and the time tied up in probate.

Plan for incapacity

Documents like a power of attorney or healthcare directive let trusted people make financial or medical decisions if your client can't.

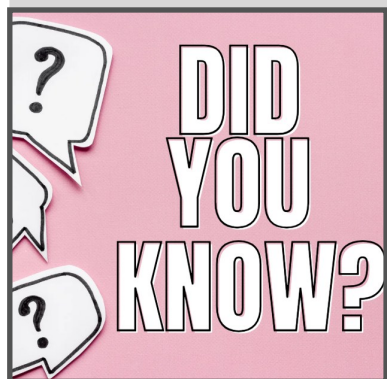
Protect minor children

They can name guardians instead of leaving that decision to the courts.

Ensure business continuity

If they own a business, an estate plan outlines who takes over or how it should be managed.

In short, an estate plan is not just about wealth—it's about peace of mind, protecting loved ones, and making sure your client's wishes are respected.



Did you know that as a member of the Stark County Law Library, you have remote access to **over 500 estate sample forms** through **VitalLaw** and over 30 estate planning eBooks?!

Visit our **Member Research** page here: <https://tinyurl.com/3476ky6a>

- Click on **VitalLaw** > click on **Forms** > click on **Elder & Estate Law**
- Click on **Lexis and ABA eBooks** > search **Estate Gift & Trust Law**

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- Westlaw & Lexis in the library
- Legal documents emailed by our librarians

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In recent news...

Jasveen Sangha, 42, known as the “Ketamine Queen,” pleaded guilty in Los Angeles federal court to supplying the fatal dose of ketamine that killed **Friends** star **Matthew Perry** in 2023. Sangha admitted running her North Hollywood home as a drug stash house and pleaded guilty to five felony counts, including distribution of ketamine resulting in death. She faces up to 65 years in prison when sentenced on December 10. Sangha was the last of five defendants to plead guilty, joining Perry’s assistant, an intermediary dealer, and two physicians. Prosecutors said Sangha supplied 51 vials of ketamine that ultimately reached Perry, who was injected by his assistant before drowning in his hot tub at age 54. Medical examiners ruled his death was caused by the acute effects of ketamine combined with other factors. Sangha also admitted to a prior 2019 sale that led to another fatal overdose. Her attorney said she accepted responsibility and “feels terrible about all of this.”

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new eBooks

Ohio Business Entities

<https://lexisdl.com/library/cocll/set/501509>

Ohio Transaction Guide

<https://lexisdl.com/library/cocll/set/501842>

Ohio Evidence Courtroom 2026

<https://lexisdl.com/library/cocll/title/5842468>

Couse's Ohio Form Book 6th Edition

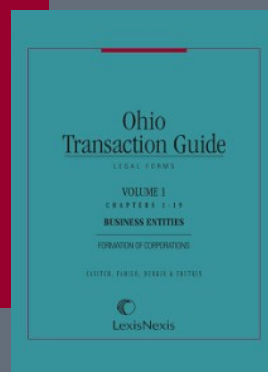
<https://lexisdl.com/library/cocll/set/501910>

Ohio Jury Instructions

<https://lexisdl.com/library/cocll/set/1444269>

Ohio Rules of Court Annotated 2025-2026

<https://lexisdl.com/library/cocll/set/2103468>



October is Special Needs Law Month

Check out these eBooks below:

[Special Education Law in a Nutshell](#)

[Federal Disability Law in a Nutshell](#)

[Disability Law and Policy](#)



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