

Cuyahoga County Public Library
Law and Government Subject Areas – Website Links
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Below are the website links found on the Law and Government webpage as of Sept. 18, 2009. At that time all of the links were current and working. Please remember that website addresses can change, or websites can disappear entirely without advance notice. The website address (URL) is typed out with each link, or roll the mouse over the blue underlined title to see the URL. The links are arranged by subject category, then alphabetically by the title of the website or link.

Family, Domestic Relations, Consumers

[Child Care Info from the Ohio Dept. of Jobs and Family Services](http://jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/childcare.stm)

(<http://jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/childcare.stm>)

Information on child day care centers for parents and day care providers.

[Consumer Law and Information \(Cleveland Law Library Association\)](http://clevelandlawlibrary.org/Public/Misc/FAQs/Consumer.html)

(<http://clevelandlawlibrary.org/Public/Misc/FAQs/Consumer.html>)

Links to laws and information about consumer issues (credit, lemon laws, etc.) including statute numbers for the Ohio Revised Code.

[Cuyahoga County Domestic Relations Court](http://domestic.cuyahogacounty.us) (<http://domestic.cuyahogacounty.us>)

Includes pull-down menus with standard, commonly-used court forms for divorce, dissolution, legal separation, child custody (parental rights and responsibilities) and child support. Includes a few post-decree motions. Some sample forms may be adapted for use in the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court. The Domestic Relations Court docket is incorporated in the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court [Docket](http://cpdocket.cp.cuyahogacounty.us/TOS.aspx). (<http://cpdocket.cp.cuyahogacounty.us/TOS.aspx>)

[Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court](http://juvenile.cuyahogacounty.us) (<http://juvenile.cuyahogacounty.us>)

Includes a very few court forms, most of them not relevant to patron needs. For sample wording of forms dealing with child custody and support issues, please try the Cuyahoga County Domestic Relations Court's [Forms and Guidelines](http://domestic.cuyahogacounty.us/formsguidelines.htm) (<http://domestic.cuyahogacounty.us/formsguidelines.htm>) site. The Juvenile Court Docket is included in the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas [docket](http://cpdocket.cp.cuyahogacounty.us/TOS.aspx). (<http://cpdocket.cp.cuyahogacounty.us/TOS.aspx>) Juvenile Court handles matters involving children under the age of 18 who commit crimes or are disobedient in school or home. The Court also handles abuse, neglect, dependency, traffic, child support, and parent/child relationship cases.

[Living Wills and Health Care Power of Attorney](#)

(www.associationdatabase.com/asw/OHPCO/pt/sp/livingwills)

Ohio Hospice and Palliative Care Organization and the Ohio Bar Association prepared living will forms and power of attorney forms for use by Ohio residents.

Wills, Probate, Advance Directives

[Advance Directives \(Living Wills, Health Care Powers of Attorney, etc.\)](#)

(www.ohpco.org)

The Ohio Hospice and Palliative Care Organization has teamed with the Ohio Bar Association to produce a 44-page pamphlet containing instructions about how to prepare living wills, health care powers of attorney, and other advance directive documents. Users can print out individual pages of the pamphlet, such as sample wording for a living will. On www.ohpco.org, click on "Hospice and Palliative Care" in the middle of the page. Click on "Public" to open the drop-down menu, and scroll to "Living Wills" to get the "Living Wills and Advance Directives" page. The Advance Directives packet is called "Choices: Living Well at the End of Life" and can be accessed via the cover photo of the pamphlet on the right side. To get the forms in Spanish or in Large Print, scroll down the page to "Download Forms" and select the appropriate link. The pamphlets and forms all open in Adobe Acrobat Reader (as pdf documents) so we cannot provide a direct link to those items.

[Cuyahoga County Probate Court](http://probate.cuyahogacounty.us/home.htm) (<http://probate.cuyahogacounty.us/home.htm>)

Information about the Court, probating an estate, guardianships of children and adults, living trusts, marriage licenses, and court forms. The Court website includes extensive FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) broken down by subject (adoption, estates, guardianships and alternatives, living trusts, and marriage licenses).

[Ohio Bar Association LawFacts Pamphlets](#)

(www.ohiobar.org/Pages/LawFactsPamphlets.aspx)

This site lists pamphlets about common legal issues including wills, probate, powers of attorney, guardianships, and so on. The pamphlets can be readily printed from the website. Articles are formatted to print within the margins of letter-sized (8 1/2 x 11 inch) paper without having to search for a "printer-friendly" version. The pamphlet on ["Living Wills and Health Care Powers of Attorney"](#) (www.ohiobar.org/pages/lawfactspamphletsdetail.aspx?itemid=13) summarizes the information from the Ohio Hospice and Palliative Care website, but does NOT include forms.

[Ohio Living Trusts \(Probate Court website\)](http://probate/cuyahogacounty.us/living.htm)

(<http://probate/cuyahogacounty.us/living.htm>)

Information on how to set up and use living trusts from the Cuyahoga County Probate Court. Open the FAQs and select Living Trusts for answers to questions about living trusts, or click on the "Living Trusts" icon for a brief description.

Benefits, Pension & Healthcare

[Ohio's Medicaid Program for Consumer](http://jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/consumer.stm) (<http://jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/consumer.stm>)

Information about Medicaid, how to qualify and apply, what it covers, fact sheets, and link to Medicare Drug information.

[Ohio's Medicare Drug Benefit](http://jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/bcps/medicareDrugBenefits.stm)

(<http://jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/bcps/medicareDrugBenefits.stm>)

Information about Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit with toll-free numbers.

Business, Labor and Employment

[Business Resources - Ohio Bar Association](http://www.ohio-bar.org/pub?articleID=408)

(www.ohio-bar.org/pub?articleID=408)

Online articles, books, pamphlets and newsletters prepared by the Ohio Bar Association for small businesses.

[Jobs and Unemployment Compensation \(Ohio Dept. of Jobs and Family Services\)](http://jfs.ohio.gov/0001OurServices.stm) (<http://jfs.ohio.gov/0001OurServices.stm>)

Job training and employment information, unemployment compensation, and related programs for jobseekers.

[Ohio Business and Corporation Laws \(Title 17 of the Ohio Revised Code\)](http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/17)

(<http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/17>)

Ohio Revised Code Online from Lawriter LLC. Direct link to Title 17, Corporations and Partnerships. Includes non-profit and for-profit companies.

[Ohio Labor and Industry Laws \(Title 41 of the Ohio Revised Code\)](http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/41)

(<http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/41>)

Ohio Revised Code Online from Lawriter LLC. Direct Link to Title 41, Labor and Industry, covering employment and workplace law.

[Ohio Occupations and Professions - Licensing and related laws](http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/47)

(<http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/47>)

Ohio Revised Code Online from Lawriter LLC. Direct link to Title 47, Occupations and Professions covering licensed professionals regulated by the state. Lists the occupations and professions by the name or title of the occupation or profession.

Landlord-Tenant, Real Estate, Foreclosures

[Cleveland Tenants Organization](http://www.clevelandtenants.org) (www.clevelandtenants.org)

Explains the rights of tenants and landlords, and includes complete copies of Ohio and Cleveland Landlord-Tenant laws.

[Cuyahoga County Auditor Property Search](http://auditor.cuyahogacounty.us/rpi/default.asp)

(http://auditor.cuyahogacounty.us/rpi/default.asp)

Search for Cuyahoga County residential property by owner's name, address, permanent parcel number or AFN number.

[Ohio Housing Finance Agency](http://www.ohiohome.org) (www.ohiohome.org)

Program sponsored by the State of Ohio for homebuyers to assist with buying or refinancing a home, including help with preventing foreclosures.

[Save the Dream](http://www.savethedream.ohio.gov) (www.savethedream.ohio.gov)

Savethedream.ohio.gov provides information and highlights programs to help save the dream of homeownership. Learn about available resources, the value of working with local housing counselors, and the importance of contacting the mortgage servicer.

Ohio Codes, Municipal Ordinances, U.S. Codes, Court Links

[City of Cleveland Ordinances](http://www.clevelandcitycouncil.org/Home/CodifiedOrdinances/tabid/66/Default.aspx)

(www.clevelandcitycouncil.org/Home/CodifiedOrdinances/tabid/66/Default.aspx)

Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland, Ohio are available through a link on the [Cleveland City Council](http://www.clevelandcitycouncil.org) website, or they can be accessed via a link on [Findlaw.com](http://caselaw.lp.findlaw.com/clevelandcodes/). (http://caselaw.lp.findlaw.com/clevelandcodes/)

[Criminalsearches.com](http://criminalsearches.com) (http://criminalsearches.com)

The Criminalsearches.com database does NOT include criminal records for Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, or the Common Pleas courts for Medina, Lorain, and Summit County. Court records for those counties are available on the court websites. Users should be aware that the Criminalsearches database is **NOT** complete, and may have data for only a few years for some courts.

[Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court](#)

(<http://cp.cuyahogacounty.us/internet/index.asp>)

Includes information about the court, jurors, judges, etc. No motion or pleading form samples are available. The Court [Docket](#)

(<http://cpdocket.cp.cuyahogacounty.us/TOS.aspx>)

includes the Civil and Criminal Divisions, Domestic Relations Division, Juvenile Court Division, and Foreclosure docket. Probate Court has a separate [docket](#).

(<http://probate.cuyahogacounty.us/pa/>)

[Eighth District Court of Appeals](#)

(www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/JudSystem/districtCourts/district8/default.asp)

Handles appeals from Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court (all divisions).

The docket for the Court of Appeals is included in the Cuyahoga County Court

[Docket](#). (<http://cpdocket.cp.cuyahogacounty.us/TOS.aspx>)

[Municipal Courts in Cuyahoga County via Cleveland Law Library Association](#)

(www.clelaw.lib.oh.us/Public/Misc/Muni_Ct.html#Muni)

Includes links to Bedford, Berea, Cleveland, Cleveland Housing Court, Garfield Heights, Lyndhurst, Parma, South Euclid, and other municipal courts in

Cuyahoga County, linked from the Cleveland Law Library Association website.

Links to other municipal courts in Ohio are located after the Cuyahoga County links.

[Ohio Municipal Codes through Amlegal Publishing website](#)

(www.amlegal.com/library/oh/index.shtml)

Has links to municipal ordinances (codes) for Broadview Heights, Brookpark,

Maple Heights, Mayfield Heights, Parma, South Euclid, and Walton Hills as well as many other cities in Ohio.

[Ohio Municipal Codes through Conway Greene website](#)

(www.conwaygreene.com/Municipal-Codes.htm)

Has links to municipal ordinances (codes) for Bay Village, Bedford, Bedford

Heights, Chagrin Falls, Gates Mills, Highland Heights, Independence, Lyndhurst,

Mayfield Village, Orange, Strongsville, and other Ohio cities.

[Ohio Supreme Court](#) (www.supremecourt.ohio.gov)

Information about the court, court opinions, announcements, etc. Includes a

directory of attorneys that can be checked to see if a particular attorney is

licensed and authorized to practice in Ohio, and if the attorney has been

disciplined by the Court. The Court revised its website in March 2009 and

expanded its options in the pull-down menu on the left frame. The Ohio Supreme

Court [docket](#) is searchable back to 1985 for court cases and back to 1989 for

attorney disciplinary actions. Patrons can search by Supreme Court Case Number, party name (person or entity), prior case information (from the lower court), the name of one of the attorneys involved in the case, or other information.

[Parma Municipal Court](http://www.parmamunicourt.org) (www.parmamunicourt.org)

Parma Municipal Court serves Parma, Parma Heights, Broadview Heights, Brooklyn, Brooklyn Heights, Linndale, North Royalton, and Seven Hills. The website does NOT have any forms, but does provide case information ([docket](http://www.parmamunicourt.org/info.asp?pageId=5)) (http://www.parmamunicourt.org/info.asp?pageId=5) under "Case Search" as well as information about representing yourself in court, the rights of defendants, the rights of victims, a complete set of the Parma Court Rules, telephone numbers for the court and court officials, links to all of the prosecutors in the communities served by the court, a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section, a glossary of legal terms, and links to outside websites such as the Ohio Supreme Court and the Ohio Revised Code. See also [Parma City ordinances](http://www.amlegal.com/library/oh/parma.shtml).

(www.amlegal.com/library/oh/parma.shtml)

[U.S. Code \(GPO Access Site\)](http://www.gpoaccess.gov/uscode/index.html) (www.gpoaccess.gov/uscode/index.html)

Federal laws via the Government Printing Office website.

[U.S. Code of Federal Regulations \(GPO Access Site\)](http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/index.html)

(www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/index.html)

Federal regulations via the Government Printing Office website.

[U.S. Courts - Bankruptcy Courts - Northern District of Ohio](http://www.ohnb.uscourts.gov)

(www.ohnb.uscourts.gov)

There are several bankruptcy courts in the Northern Ohio area. This site links to the websites for the local courts in Cleveland, Akron, Canton, Toledo and Youngstown. The Bankruptcy Court docket is NOT available online for free. Patrons must register and login into the WebPACER system to access the docket for a small fee, or go to the Bankruptcy Court during regular business hours to use the court's public terminals for free access to the docket. Patrons may also call the Court's Voice Case Information System at 800-898-6899 using a touch-tone phone to access information about bankruptcy cases. Members of the public may do a free search on the [Unclaimed Funds](http://www.ohnb.uscourts.gov/ucfquery.htm) (www.ohnb.uscourts.gov/ucfquery.htm) page for funds that the Bankruptcy Trustees were unable to distribute to creditors. Library staff are *not* permitted to perform these tasks for patrons.

[U.S. Courts - Northern District of Ohio](http://www.ohnd.uscourts.gov) (www.ohnd.uscourts.gov)

Federal district court for Ohio. The District court is the federal equivalent of a common pleas, or trial, court. The [Local Rules of Court](#)

(www.ohnd.uscourts.gov/Clerk_s_Office/Local_Rules/local_rules.html) for the Northern District of Ohio are available on the website. The [Federal Rules of Court](http://www.uscourts.gov/rules/index.html) (www.uscourts.gov/rules/index.html) are available at the U.S. Courts Website. Local Courts may modify certain Federal Rules for use in that District. If there is no local court rule on a particular procedure, then the Federal Rules are used. Federal Court Dockets are NOT available free online. Patrons must register and log into the PACER system to access the Court docket. Library staff are *not* permitted to perform docket searches in PACER as the Library system does NOT subscribe to PACER.

[U.S. Courts - Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals](#)

(www.ca6.uscourts.gov/internet/index.htm)
Handles appeals from federal courts in Ohio, Kentucky, Michigan, and Tennessee. Includes a limited number of court forms. Court opinions are available on the site. The Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure and Local Rules of Procedure are available under [Rules and Procedures](#). (www.ca6.uscourts.gov/internet/rules_and_procedures/rulesproc.htm). The Court Docket is NOT currently available to the public for free. Patrons must register and log into the PACER system to access the Sixth Circuit docket. Library staff are *not* permitted to perform docket searches in PACER as the Library system does NOT subscribe to PACER.

[U.S. Courts - U.S. Supreme Court](#) (www.supremecourtus.gov)

U.S. Supreme Court's official website, includes recent opinions and docket entries. Court opinions back to 1990 are available as .pdf documents using Adobe Acrobat Reader can be found using the volume number from the case citation. The Supreme Court docket can be searched free online but only for the current Term and the prior Term. Each Court Term runs for one year, starting on the first Monday in October.

[U.S. Supreme Court cases via Findlaw website](#)

(www.findlaw.com/casecode/supreme.html)
Unofficial website with U.S. Supreme Court Cases going back to 1754. Please note that free registration is required to use this site. A preferred alternative is to use the Library's subscription database, Loislaw.

Cuyahoga County & Ohio Government

[County Commissioners Handbook](#)

(<http://www.ccao.org/Publications/CountyCommissionersHandbook/tabid/349/language/en-US/Default.aspx>)
Printable handbook from the County Commissioners Association of Ohio includes administrative guidelines for counties.

[Cuyahoga County Home Page](http://www.cuyahogacounty.us) (www.cuyahogacounty.us)

Main website for Cuyahoga County with links to the County Commissioners, elected officials, agencies, and courts. Some courts include usable forms or sample forms on their websites (example: the Domestic Relations Court website has sample motions and affidavits for procedures in that court).

[Ohio Administrative Code \(Rules and Regulations for Agencies\)](http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/)

(http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/)

Free online version of the Ohio Administrative Code (Ohio rules and regulations for government agencies and commissions) from Lawriter LLC. Search by scrolling through the Table of Contents or use the search field in the upper right corner of the screen.

[Ohio Attorney General](http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov) (www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov)

Contains links to consumer information and complaint forms, sex offender database search, identity theft information, concealed carry laws, and other consumer-related information. Forms for various actions are also available. For more consumer information, try the [Federal Trade Commission website](http://www.ftc.gov). (www.ftc.gov)

[Ohio Department of Taxation](http://www.tax.ohio.gov) (www.tax.ohio.gov)

The site has tax information and tax forms for Ohio taxpayers and businesses, including forms for previous tax years back to 1995.

[Ohio General Assembly Legislative Homepage](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us)

(www.legislature.state.oh.us)

Links to Ohio bills and laws for current General Assembly as well as bills passed in prior years back to 1997 (122nd General Assembly). Also links to Ohio House and Senate homepages.

[Ohio House of Representatives](http://www.house.state.oh.us) (www.house.state.oh.us)

Links to contact information for Representatives searchable by name, district number, or zip code +4 number extension for your address. Also has links to information about the House, to the Ohio Revised Code and Ohio Administrative Code online, etc.

[Ohio Revised Code and Ohio Administrative Code](http://codes.ohio.gov) (http://codes.ohio.gov)

Links to both the Ohio laws (Ohio Revised Code) and Ohio regulations for state agencies, boards, and commissions (Ohio Administrative Code).

[Ohio Secretary of State -Business Information](http://www.sos.state.oh.us) (www.sos.state.oh.us)

Includes links to business information and forms for incorporating in the State, business incorporation records and name searches, trademarks and service marks.

[Ohio Senate](http://www.senate.state.oh.us) (www.senate.state.oh.us)

Links to contact information for Senators by name or zip code. Also has information about the Senate, bills and laws being considered, links to the Ohio Revised Code and Ohio Administrative Code online, etc.

[State of Ohio Home Page](http://www.ohio.gov) (www.ohio.gov)

Gateway to Ohio government agencies, General Assembly, and courts. Click on the "Government" tab to find links to elected officials, agencies, etc.

U.S. Government

[Consumer Guides and Consumer Protection from USA.gov](http://www.usa.gov/Citizen/Topics/Consumer_Safety.shtml)

(www.usa.gov/Citizen/Topics/Consumer_Safety.shtml)

Links to various Federal agencies and departments that handle consumer issues like air travel, banks, telemarketers, etc.

[Federal Citizenship Information Center](http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov) (www.pueblo.gsa.gov)

Free information on many consumer topics, the Center also has a toll-free helpline at 1-800-FED-INFO (1-800-333-4636) from 8 AM- 8 PM (Eastern time).

[Government Printing Office](http://www.gpoaccess.gov) (www.gpoaccess.gov)

The Government Printing Office publishes the laws of the United States (U.S. Code), regulations for government agencies (Code of Federal Regulation), the Federal Register, Congressional Record, and many other government documents. Also links to the United States Supreme Court website.

[Immigration - U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services](http://www.uscis.gov) (www.uscis.gov)

Immigration laws, forms, fees, and procedures. Formerly known as INS (Immigration and Naturalization Service), the agency is now called USCIS (United States Citizenship and Immigration Services). Includes Application forms.

[Internal Revenue Service](http://www.irs.gov) (www.irs.gov)

IRS tax forms, publications, regulations, etc. Also links to state and local tax agencies.

[Kids.gov - Official Kid's Portal for the U.S. Government](http://www.kids.gov) (www.kids.gov)

Provides links to federal sites for kids, including Ben's Guide to the U.S. Government for Kids.

[Library of Congress](http://thomas.loc.gov) (http://thomas.loc.gov)

Links to current bills and laws. Links to past bills and laws back to 1989.

[National Archives](http://www.archives.gov) (www.archives.gov)

Links to historic documents such as the Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, Bill of Rights, and thousands of others in both original form and printable text.

[Social Security Administration](http://www.ssa.gov) (www.ssa.gov)

Social Security Administration Online has information on benefits, disability, Medicare and Medicaid, etc. Includes forms.

[U.S. House of Representatives](http://www.house.gov) (www.house.gov)

Locate your Representative, find out how the House of Representatives operates and what laws are being worked on by the House.

[U.S. Senate](http://www.senate.gov) (www.senate.gov)

Locate your Senator, find out how the Senate operates and what laws are being worked on by the Senate.

[USA.gov](http://www.usa.gov) (www.usa.gov)

Gateway to the Federal government, with links to federal agencies, elected officials, grants, student aid, business info, etc. Has links to state, local, and tribal government sites. — *formerly* Firstgov.gov

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