

THE SUPREME COURT *of* OHIO
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of Ohio



Article IV, Section I, of the Ohio Constitution establishes the Supreme Court of Ohio as the court of last resort in Ohio. Article IV, Section 2, sets the size of the Court and outlines its jurisdiction and Article IV, Section 5, grants rule-making and other authority to the Court. The Court consists of the Chief Justice and six justices, who are elected to six-year terms.

SUBJECT HEADINGS

The following subject headings are helpful for searching the law library's online catalog for resources on the history and organization of the Supreme Court of Ohio, case law decided by the Court and biographical information for individual justices.

- Courts–Ohio
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- Law reports, digests, etc.–Ohio
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HISTORICAL RESEARCH

The library has an extensive collection of primary and secondary materials, including historical codes, superseded statutes and court rules, treatises and early Ohio reporters, which are helpful for researching Court history.

The History of Ohio Law (KFO 78 H57)

Two-volume set containing a collection of essays by academic lawyers, historians and practitioners. Includes essays on the selection of judges in Ohio and litigation and procedure in Ohio courts, bibliographical references and a subject index.

History of the Courts and Lawyers of Ohio (KFO 78 M3)

Four-volume set with chapters on the growth and development of the Ohio judicial system, the Supreme Court of Ohio, early Court sessions, court reporting, court reporters and biographical sketches of Supreme Court of Ohio justices.

COURT RULES

Rules of Practice of the Supreme Court of Ohio
www.supremecourtofohio.gov/Rules/

The rules of practice and procedure in cases before the Court, staff commentary on rule amendments and prescribed forms and samples of the types of documents most commonly filed in the Court.

Supreme Court Rules for the Reporting of Opinions

www.supremecourtofohio.gov/Rules/

Rules for the publication of opinions in the Ohio Official Reports and for the posting of opinions to the Supreme Court of Ohio Web site.

DIGESTS AND ENCYCLOPEDIAS

Ohio Jurisprudence 3d (KFO 80 04)

Legal encyclopedia of Ohio law. Includes citations to cases decided by the Court. The library also has the first and second series of *Ohio Jurisprudence*.

West's Ohio Digest (KFO 57 W4)

Brief summaries of Ohio reported cases organized by subject. Includes digests of Ohio state cases, as well as federal cases originating in Ohio, from 1803 to the present.

ONLINE RESOURCES

LexisNexis / Westlaw

Subscription-based databases include Ohio case law decided by the Supreme Court back to 1821.

Manual of the Forms of Citation Used in the Ohio Official Reports

www.supremecourtofohio.gov/ROD/pdf/mancite.pdf

Published by the Office of the Reporter, the purpose of this manual is to make uniform the citation of legal authority in opinions written by Ohio's courts.

Ohio Law

<http://ohiolawinfo.blogspot.com>

Prepared by the director of the Supreme Court of Ohio Law Library, this blog provides links to reviews and announcements of online sources of Ohio law,

including recent Supreme Court decisions, case announcements and administrative actions.

Supreme Court of Ohio

www.supremecourtofohio.gov

Official Supreme Court of Ohio Web site. Includes contact information for Court offices; biographies of current justices; news releases and publications; an online events calendar; Supreme Court case dockets; summaries of recent opinions; all Supreme Court decisions back to 1992; caseload statistics for all Ohio courts; and links to the Ohio District Courts of Appeals, the Court of Claims and the Supreme Court of Ohio Law Library.

RECORDS AND BRIEFS

Records and briefs allow for in-depth study of the facts of a case and document the arguments advanced by each party to a case. Supreme Court of Ohio records and briefs are available on microfilm (1897-1986) and microfiche (1964-1975, 1996-2003) in the AV Room on the 12th Floor, in bound volumes (1903-1995) on the 15th Floor and on Westlaw back to 1990.

REPORTERS

North Eastern Reporter 2d (KF 135 N6N61)

A unit of West's National Reporter System, this regional reporter includes cases from the Supreme Court of Ohio.

Ohio Cases (KFO 47 A2)

Reprints of Ohio cases from *North Eastern Reporter 2d*.

Ohio Official Reports: Advance Sheets (KFO 45 A2)

Published weekly, advance sheets contain the most recent Court decisions and case announcements and administrative actions.

Ohio Reports (KFO 45 A2)

Court opinions from 1821 to 1852.

Ohio State Reports (KFO 45 A2)

Decisions of the Supreme Court of Ohio from 1852 to the present.

- 1st series: Volumes 1-177 (1852-1964)
- 2nd series: Volumes 1-70 (1965-1982)
- 3rd series: Volumes 1 through the present (1982 – present)

Ohio Supreme Court Decisions: Unreported Cases (Rare Books Room)

Reports of cases determined by the Court from 1881 to 1899.

Ohio Unreported Judicial Decisions, Prior to 1823 (KFO 47 A4P6)

Includes 16 Court decisions from 1807 to 1823.

Pending Opinion Report (KFO 45.7 P45)

Summary of current cases accepted for review by the Supreme Court of Ohio.

Tappan's Ohio Reports (Rare Books Room)

Includes one Supreme Court of Ohio decision, *Landerback v. Moore*, rendered in 1817.

Wright's Reports (Rare Books Room)

Reports of cases decided by the Court from 1831 to 1834.

STATISTICS

Ohio Courts Summary (KFO 71 04)

www.supremecourtofohio.gov/publications/

Published annually, this report provides caseload statistics for all courts in Ohio, including the total number and types of cases filed with and disposed of by the Court.

Supreme Court of Ohio Annual Report (KFO 512 A83)

www.supremecourtofohio.gov/publications/

Biographies of current justices, case statistics and selected opinion summaries.

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