

**CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Board Meeting**

January 21, 2016

**RESOLUTION APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
CLEVELAND LAW LIBRARY AND THE CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

WHEREAS, The Cleveland Law Library Board, as a part of its strategic planning process, determined that it would be beneficial to the community to partner with the Cleveland Public Library and offer joint programming, and reached out to the Cleveland Public Library's Director to propose a collaboration between the two organizations; and

WHEREAS, The two organizations met and discussed co-sponsoring educational programs and workshops on such topics as juvenile justice, landlord/tenant law, employment law, domestic relations, criminal law, and others; and

WHEREAS, The Cleveland Law Library has submitted a Memorandum of Agreement that the Cleveland Public Library's Director agrees satisfactorily memorializes the intent of the parties to participate in cooperative activities, including jointly planning and sponsoring events with authors who have written on legal topics of interest, educating staff on legal resources available at each other's library, coordinating special exhibits and digital interlibrary loans between the two libraries, and other activities more fully set forth in the attached Memorandum of Agreement; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Public Library hereby authorizes the Executive Director, CEO or his designee, to execute the Memorandum of Agreement between The Cleveland Law Library and the Cleveland Public Library in substantial conformity with the memorandum attached to this Resolution.



**Memorandum of Understanding between  
The Cleveland Law Library  
And  
Cleveland Public Library**

**Purpose and scope:**

The Cleveland Law Library and Cleveland Public Library agree to explore partnerships, collaboration, and the exchange of services, which may include the following activities, subject to further agreement:

1. Jointly plan and sponsor events with authors who have written on legal topics of interest to the community.
2. Coordinate activities and programs related to the legal needs of the community, including, but not limited to, the American Bar Association's *pro bono* week every October.
3. Educate staff on the legal resources available at the other party's library.
4. Enhance websites to reference special legal collections at the other party's library.
5. Coordinate special exhibits at the Cleveland Law Library and designated branches of Cleveland Public Library on legal issues of interest to the community.
6. Coordinate digital interlibrary loans between institutions to capitalize on the strengths of both party's collections.
7. Consider and discuss collaborative spaces where attorneys and public patrons can work together.
8. Meet up to twice per year to identify additional ideas for joint programming.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing stated herein requires the expenditure of funds for any joint initiatives.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be effective upon the execution of this document with the signatures of authorized officials of both The Cleveland Law Library and Cleveland Public Library. It shall be in force from \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

**Signatures and dates:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph N. Gross, Esq.,  
President, Cleveland Law Library Association,  
on behalf of The Cleveland Law Library

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Date

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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Felton Thomas, Director  
Cleveland Public Library

Date