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2007 Revisions to Ohio Mechanics' Lien Law

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The Ohio General Assembly has recently made several revisions to Ohio lien law that took effect March 30, 2007.

First, the notice of commencement, which makes public record the commencement of work and other pertinent project information, will expire six years after it is recorded.

Previously, notices of commencement did not expire. The recording of the owner's notice of commencement triggers contractors' responsibility to file a notice of furnishing. Failure to file a notice of furnishing after the filing of a notice of commencement may negate a contractor's right to lien the property.

Based on the new law, work provided after the expiration of the notice of commencement will not be subject to the contractor's notice of furnishing requirement unless the notice of commencement is renewed.

The second revision permits material suppliers who sold material to multiple parties to file multiple liens against the property. Previously, suppliers were limited to a single lien for all sales related to a project.

This revision will enhance suppliers' leverage to collect balances owed while eliminating confusion arising out of aggregated liens.

Finally, the new revisions delete the terms "materialman" and "materialmen" and replace them with "material supplier" and "material suppliers" respectively.

While these revisions do not substantially change the statutory procedure for filing a mechanics' lien in Ohio, it is critical to understand the nuances of Ohio lien law and the impact the revisions will have.

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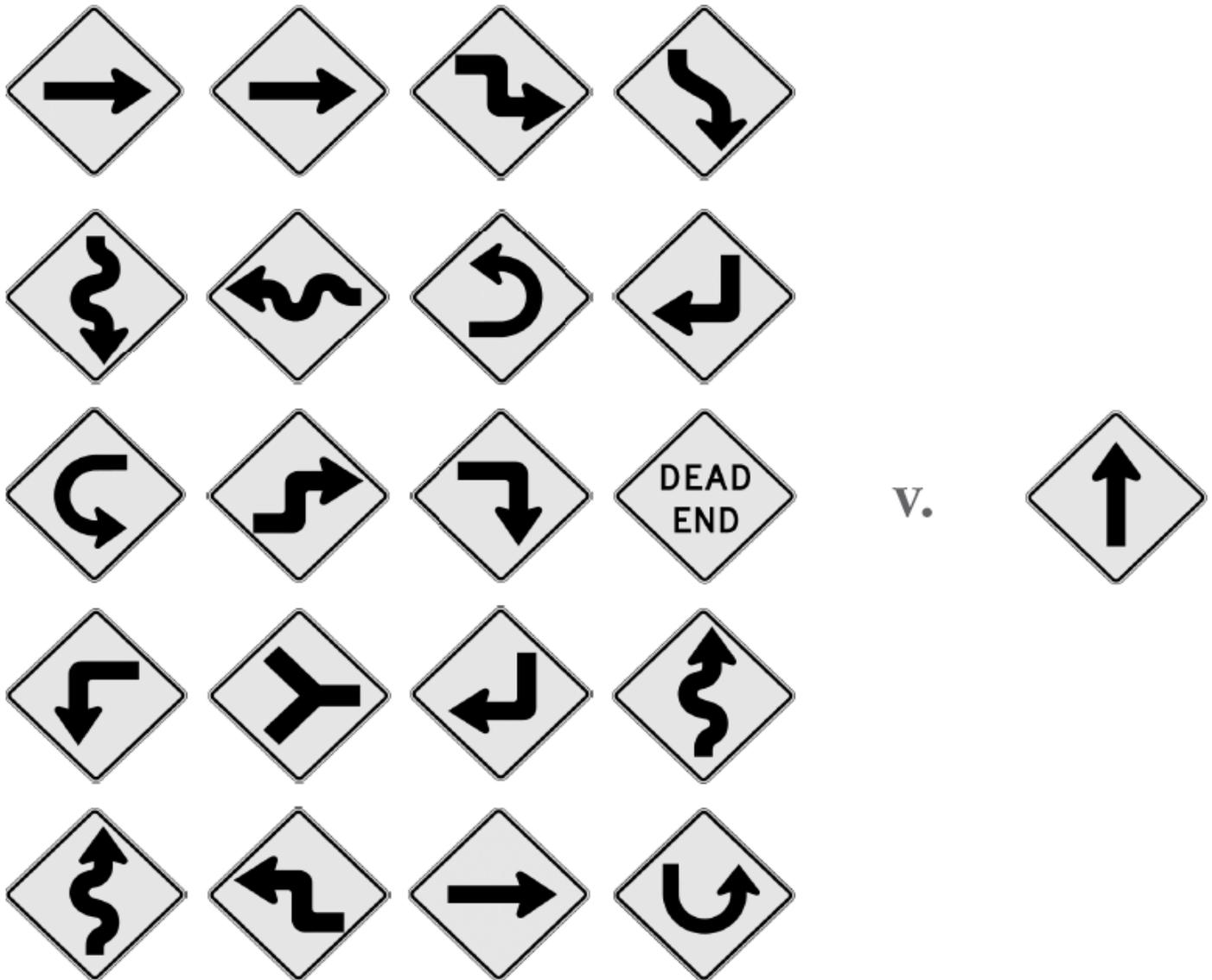
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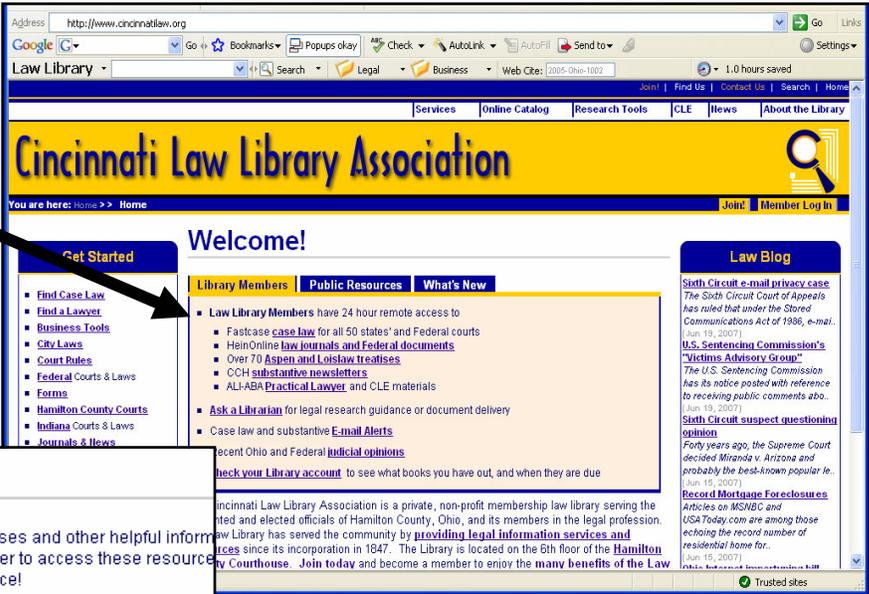
Getting Started with Fastcase

Julie Koehne, Assistant Law Librarian

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Let's start at our homepage www.cincinnatiilaw.org. You will be asked to login.

Next, click on the case law link in the middle of the page.



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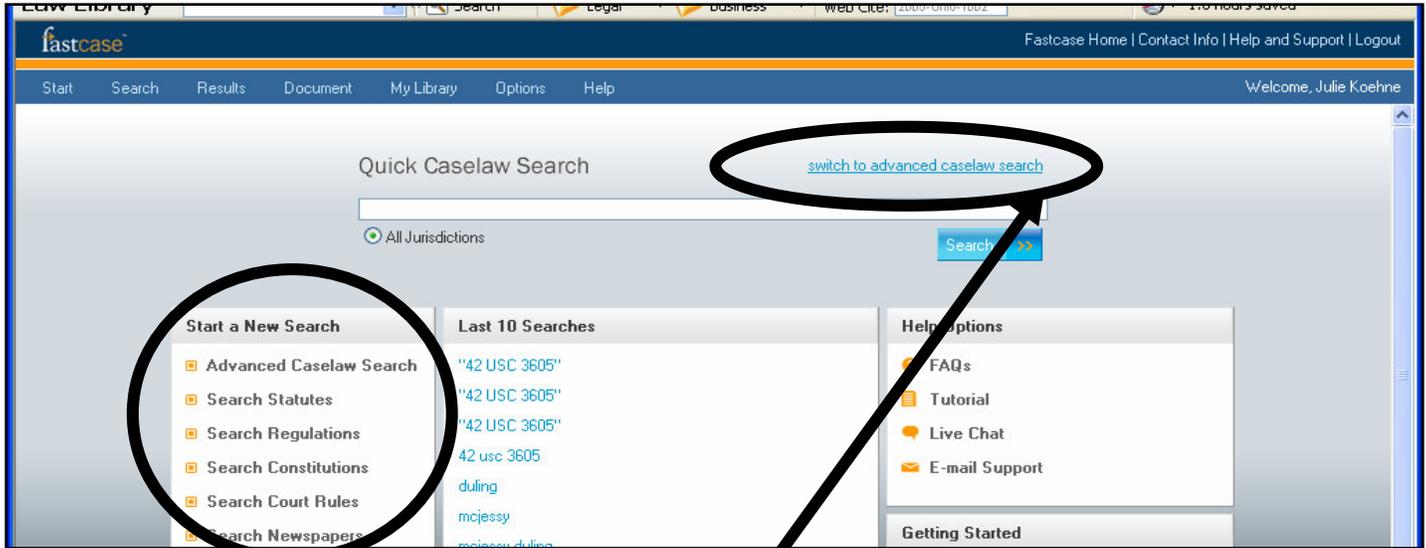
Enter your last name, borrower number, read the Terms and Service, select the box indicating you read the Terms and Services and click **Go**.

Once you have logged in, you will see the plethora of information available through your membership benefits. Notice the different Tabs available, each with its own resources.

To proceed to Fastcase, click on the Fastcase link in the Case Law box.

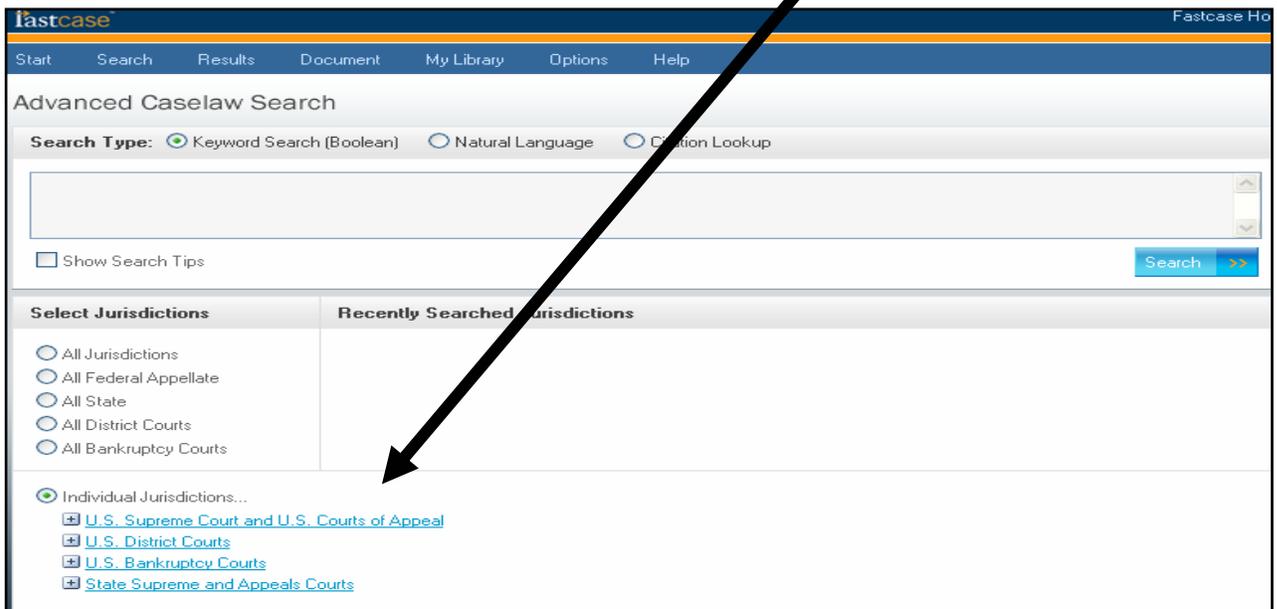


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Fastcase offers many types databases to search, such as, newspapers, court rules, constitutions, regulations, statutes, and case law. To search case law by a specific jurisdiction, click on the "Advanced Caselaw Search".

At the bottom of the next screen you will find "Individual Jurisdictions", click the radio button and menus will continue to open as you select the specific jurisdiction you want. Enter your search terms above and click on the search button. Your results await you!



Your Portable Law Library: Go Go Google Gadgets

David Whelan, Law Librarian

Our patrons now have easier access to legal information resources and the rich collection in the Cincinnati Law Library. You can download and install a Law Library toolbar designed specifically with the Ohio lawyer in mind. Or you can add a gadget to your computer desktop that enables you to quickly search our online catalog.

Web Browser Toolbar

You may have seen the Yahoo! and Google toolbars that enable you to search and perform other functions right from your Web browser. Now you can add the same functionality from the Law Library. Using the Conduit toolbar, we have customized a Law Library research toolbar with quick links to important legal information.

Once installed, the toolbar is located right above your Web browser window, where Web pages appear. You can choose to perform a search, or browse to legal or business information resources. You can also type in an Ohio Supreme Court Reporter of Decisions Webcite and pull up an Ohio Supreme Court or Appeals Court case.



Any toolbar can provide you with a search option. You will find customized search tools on our Law Library toolbar that focus on finding Ohio case law. These include a custom Rollyo search and searches that look at the LexisOne and Ohio Supreme Court opinion databases. There is a federal case docket search and even a dictionary.



The links take you to the primary law and resources you need on a regular basis. Because the Law Library can update these links, and your toolbar receives the update without being reinstalled, you can be sure that the link you select will take you to the right resource.

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The Law Library's staff control which links and search options appear in the toolbar. If you have suggestions to improve the toolbar, we would be glad to hear them. Windows users can download the toolbar for Microsoft Internet Explorer and Mozilla Firefox Web browsers at:

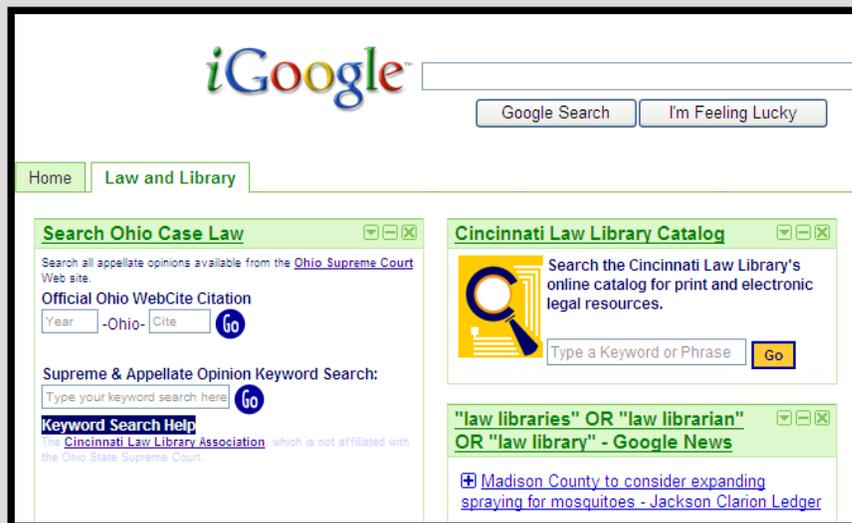
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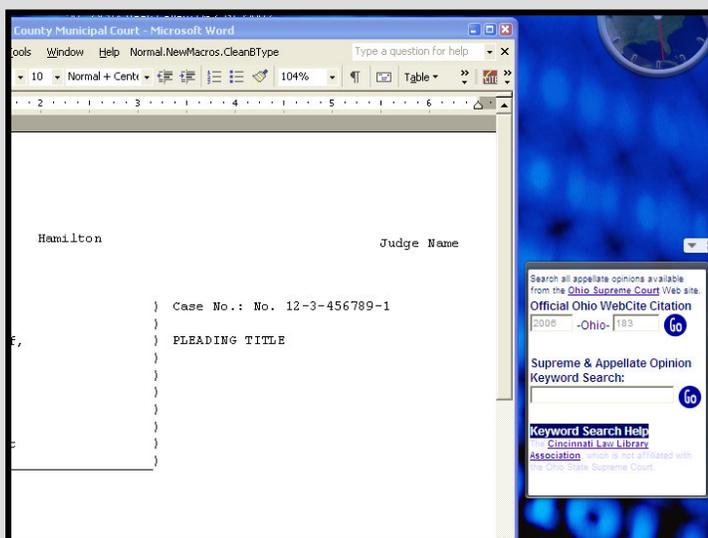
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Here are two examples of how the gadgets appear. The first screen shows the Ohio Case Law and Law Library Catalog gadgets on an iGoogle page.



The second screen shows the Ohio Case Law gadget on a PC desktop. It floats on the screen and information can be cut and pasted – like a keyword or phrase – directly into the search box. When you click the **GO** button for your search, it will open up your Web browser and show you the results.



You can add the gadgets to your iGoogle by selecting the **Add Stuff** and click the link to **Add by URL**. Type in the link for the gadget, below, into the box and click the **ADD** button. For Google Desktop, select the **Add Gadget** option from the Google Desktop menu and search for the link of the gadget you want to add, listed below. Click on the **ADD** button to add the gadget. You can then drag the gadget to wherever you want it to sit on your desktop.

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