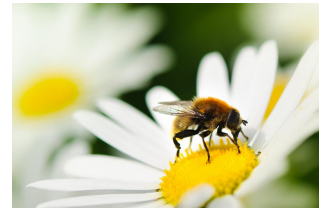


**April 2023**

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### **Director's Corner**

Angela T. Baldree



Spring has finally arrived and I've noticed many people out in their yards getting ready for the nicer weather. I read an article last week about the bee population. Currently the rusty patched bumblebee and the Hawaiian yellow-faced bee are on the endangered species list. There is a petition underway to add the American bumblebee to the list - it has declined by 89% in relative abundance.

The two main reasons for the decline in bees are harmful pesticides and climate change. Honeybees are responsible for about 80% of the world's pollination. If we lose bees, we'll lose the plants that rely on them. If we lose the plants, the animals that feed on them will be in danger. Bees also pollinate popular fruits and vegetables such as melons, apples, and broccoli. Without the bees we could see a shortage of our favorite foods.

There are steps you can do to help the bees. First, avoid using pesticides. Second, plant bee-friendly plants like basil, rosemary, sunflowers, lavender, zinnia, verbena, and daisy. Many of these plants also attract butterflies. So as you prepare your gardens this spring, remember our friend the bee!

**Franklin County Law Library  
2023 Brown Bag Lunch Series**

**May 10  
Sealing & Expungement  
Laws**

The staff of the FCMC Self-Help Clinic  
will break down recent changes  
to sealing and expungement  
laws

Classes are from 12:15—1:15

Class size is limited to 15

Reservations are required

Bring your own lunch

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## Recent Reference Requests

Susanna Marlowe, Reference Librarian

Dear Reference Librarian,

Does Oh. Rev. Code Chapter 5321, the  
Landlord/Tenant Act, apply to commercial, as well as  
residential, leases?

Signed,  
A Commercial Property Lawyer

Dear Lawyer,  
The Ohio Supreme Court stated in 2004 in Maggiore v. Kovach that Chapter 5321 does not apply to commercial leases because the definitions in Oh. Rev. Code Sec. 5321.01 define a tenant as “a person entitled under a rental agreement to the use and occupancy of residential premises to the exclusion of others” and a landlord as “the owner, lessor, or sublessor of residential premises.”

Signed,  
The Reference Librarian

Dear Reference Librarian,

Can you send me information on how to copyright my new novel?

Signed,  
A First Time Author

Dear Author,

The US Copyright Office tells you all you need know at  
<https://www.copyright.gov/registration/literary-works/>.

Signed,  
The Reference Librarian

## Tech Talk - Tech Security in 2023

Steve Stultz, FCLL IT Coordinator



Achieving excellent tech security is an ever-changing, moving target. As we look ahead to the rest of 2023, here are my top security recommendations:

### Check Your Router

Is your home or small office router a bit old? Routers older than just a few short years are not secure enough to keep you safe. Your router and its embedded firewall are your front-line defense against all of the rogue processes out there trying to hack you. Check regularly for firmware updates to your router, turn off WPS and uPNP, make your admin and Wi-Fi passwords random and long, and don't keep either of those passwords anywhere on your computer. A post-it note with the router passwords on the bottom of your router works great, low-tech as it is.

### Update Your IoT Devices

It's easy to forget about your Internet of Things (IoT) devices on your Wi-Fi. These include security cameras, Roku, Apple TV and other streaming boxes, smart speakers, smart light bulbs, Nest thermostats and other home automation systems. These items can provide a gateway into your Wi-Fi and onto your home network for bad guys if not kept updated. Discard IoT devices older than just a few years old and replace them.

### Secure Online Accounts

Don't reuse passwords from one website to another. Make sure you're using multi-factor authentication for all of your online accounts (email, financial logins, cloud drives, etc.). This is sometimes called 2FA or MFA. Google calls their MFA "two-step authentication."

### Antivirus and Antimalware

Windows' built-in antivirus, Windows Security (previously called Microsoft Defender and Windows Defender) has ups and downs in its ratings, but currently it's up. It's a great choice. Want something even more secure? Try [BitDefender](#) or [Eset](#). Both of these are paid products unlike Windows Security, but both are quite good. In addition to antivirus software consider adding in [Malwarebytes Antimalware](#). The free version gives you baseline protection against things antivirus won't catch, but the paid version runs in real time and can save you before you get infected.

### Update Your Software

Keep your apps updated and keep your computer on at least two nights a week so that Windows updates will download and install. Always restart your computer when requested by Windows updates, and be sure to restart your computer at least once a week to refresh the state of Windows.

### Backups

Keep your data safe by following the 3-2-1 rule: Three copies of your data, two backups methods, and one backup off-site and air-gapped (not plugged into a computer). For cloud backup I recommend [IDrive](#) and using a private encryption key when you set up the software.

### Watch Out for Phishing!

Be vigilant when reading your email, don't click on links in email, and never respond to any sort of email asking for personal information or telling you that "you're hacked." Phishing awareness is a discipline all its own, and here is a good, reputable place to start:

[https://resources.trendmicro.com/Phish\\_Insight\\_WFH\\_campaign\\_EN.html](https://resources.trendmicro.com/Phish_Insight_WFH_campaign_EN.html)

### Lastly... Your Behavior – "The Human Firewall"

Security experts point to you and your employees' and colleagues' behavior as the first line of defense. This is referred to as "the human firewall." So just common

sense prevails here: Don't click on suspicious links, don't allow anything suspicious to be installed by a website, watch out for emails impersonating someone else in your contact list or in your company. More on good Internet hygiene is here: <https://sopa.tulane.edu/blog/cyber-hygiene>

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## What We're Reading

### Law Library Staff Share Their Favorites

Angela - *Cloud Cuckoo Land* by Anthony Doerr, *Master Class* by Christina Dalcher, and *The Lost Apothecary* by Sarah Penner



Minnie - *Cold People* by Tom Robb Smith, *Never Let You Go* by Chevy Stevens, and *The Therapist* by B.A. Paris

Susanna - *Song of Achilles* by Madeline Miller, *The Man Who Died Twice (The Second Thursday Murder Club Mystery)* by Richard Osman, and *Wrong Place Wrong Time* by Gillian McAllister

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