

## **CBA LEGAL RESEARCH AND INFORMATION RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 by chairperson [Emily Riegle](#).

### **NEW BUSINESS**

It's time to begin planning for the 2008 Summer Associate Legal Research Seminar. If you would like to volunteer for this committee, please contact [Ben Gaul](#) at Baker Hostetler, by the end of January.

### **PROGRAM**

*Community Service, Volunteerism, and Law Librarians* – speaker [Brian Laliberte](#), attorney, [Baker Hostetler](#). Brian is a member of the [Leadership Columbus](#) Class of 2006, an organization which promotes volunteer and civic leadership contributions from its members.

Brian spoke about pro bono work, community volunteerism, and how libraries can play a greater role in helping others discover and understand what community involvement opportunities exist.

Pro bono work has become more complex, especially within corporate firms. Brian pointed out this parlays into more hours spent on each case and higher research costs. The library can be a good resource for attorneys, as librarians often are familiar with free or low-cost resources which elude attorneys. Librarians also may be able to offer non-billable research hours.

Moving on to volunteerism, Brian stressed the importance of picking something that interests you. Thoroughly identifying and researching potential opportunities make it more likely you'll consistently enjoy the volunteer experience. He suggested "interviewing" the organization which you are considering, and asking friends about their volunteer activities.

Finally, Brian suggested a law library might help their firm facilitate volunteer activities within the community. A library has the potential to act as a clearing house for volunteer opportunities, or coordinate specific events, such as [Operation Feed](#) food drives.

A few starting points for central Ohio community involvement:

FIRSTLINK

United Way of Central Ohio

<http://www.firstlink.org/volunteer/objTaxonomy.php>

<http://www.uwcentralohio.org>

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next meeting Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> – *Web Page Offerings from the Ohio Supreme Court*, speaker David Saffle, Director, Networking and Technology Resources, Supreme Court of Ohio.

*Adjournment, 1:00 p.m.*