



**Summit County  
Domestic Relations Court**  
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## **Summit County Domestic Relations Court & Ohio Justice Bus Partner to Deliver Free Legal Clinics Across Summit County—Attorneys Invited to Make a Powerful Impact**

**Akron, Ohio | April 11, 2025** — The Summit County Domestic Relations Court, in partnership with the Ohio Justice Bus, is proud to announce its **2025 Free Legal Clinic Series**, designed to provide critical legal support to individuals and families navigating family law issues such as divorce, separation, civil protection orders, and child custody. These community-centered events will take place at various public libraries across Summit County. The next clinic will be on **April 25<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 3:00 PM** at Kenmore Public Library in Akron.

The first clinic this year, which was hosted at the Akron Bar Association on February 28th, was an overwhelming success. The event served 60 participants and overwhelmed staff. Due to this high demand it is strongly encouraged that those who wish to speak to an attorney pre-register.

These Ohio Justice Bus events benefits not only those seeing legal help which is access to justice—it's also a **valuable opportunity for these volunteer attorneys** to make a meaningful difference in the lives of local families, build lasting community connections, and as a byproduct, grow their practices, and earn **Continuing Legal Education (CLE)** credits.

“Volunteer attorneys are the backbone of this initiative,” said Administrative Judge Katarina Cook. “Their commitment doesn’t just change lives—it strengthens the public’s trust in the legal profession and provides access to justice.”

### **Call for Volunteers: Why You Should Get Involved**

**Volunteer attorneys** will provide 20-minute consultations at each clinic, offering legal guidance and referral support alongside community service providers. These events are structured, efficient, and fully staffed—making it easy for attorneys to focus on what matters most: helping clients.



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Attorneys who participate gain:

- **Community Visibility** – Strengthen your local presence and enhance your public profile.
- **CLE Credit Opportunities** – Qualify for credit hours through pro bono service.
- **Networking & Referrals** – Collaborate with fellow attorneys, court personnel, and community advocates.
- **Client Exposure** – Connect with new potential clients who need help now.

According to the [Ohio Justice Foundation](#), these clinics not only provide a lifeline for underserved populations but also help bridge the justice gap by bringing attorneys into direct contact with communities most in need.

### Clinic Schedule & Locations (Fridays, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

- **April 25** – Kenmore Public Library
- **June 13** – Maple Valley Public Library
- **August 15** – Twinsburg Public Library
- **October 10** – Springfield-Lakemore Library
- **December 12** – Barberton Public Library

To volunteer, attorneys can contact:

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[Volunteer Registration Page](https://drcourt.org/wp/ojb-registration/) (<https://drcourt.org/wp/ojb-registration/>)

These clinics reflect the mission of the Domestic Relations Court to deliver **fair, compassionate, and accessible legal services** to all Summit County residents, regardless of income. Help us advance this mission—**volunteer today** and be part of a movement to transform the legal landscape for Ohio families.

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**Photo Attached from February 28, 2025 Akron Bar Association Ohio Justice Bus event.** Persons in the photo include Ohio Justice Bus Staff, Administrative Judge Katarina Cook (4<sup>th</sup> from left), volunteer attorneys and Summit County Domestic Relations Court Staff.

**Attached is the Official Event Flyer**

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