



NEWS RELEASE

Ohio State Bar Association, 1700 Lake Shore Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43204

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SUBJECT: Ohio lawyers alerted to new legislation

CONTACT: Kenneth A. Brown at 614-487-4426 or Steve Stover at 614-487-4464

Columbus, OHIO (Dec. 30, 2009) –The Ohio State Bar Association (OSBA) today issued an alert to its members about new legislation.

SB 124 requires that a designation of a beneficiary of a transfer on death of real property must be created by affidavit rather than a deed. This means that deeds may no longer be used.

The bill became effective immediately with the governor's signature on Dec. 28, 2009, and does not affect existing transfer on death deeds filed prior to that date.

A recommended affidavit form will be available soon.

Testimony regarding the legislation given to the House Civil and Commercial Law Committee by OSBA Real Property Law Section Council member Edward R. Horejs Jr., is available on the OSBA Web site.

The Ohio State Bar Association, founded in 1880, is a voluntary association representing approximately 25,000 members of the bench and bar of Ohio as well as nearly 4,000 legal assistants and law students. Through its activities and the activities of its related organizations, the OSBA serves both its members and the public by promoting the highest standards in the practice of law and the administration of justice. The OSBA CLE department has served Ohio's legal professionals for more than 40 years and provides a full-service curriculum.