



Welcome to the AI in Government Forum

May 28, 2026



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Agenda:

- Welcome Message
- Cincinnati AI Catalyst Intro
- Using AI to catalog historical records
- AI Policy Creation and a roadmap
- Survey
- Networking Q&A



Cincinnati AI Catalyst (CAIC)

Vision:

The Cincinnati region is among the top AI Hubs in the United States and is a model of prosperity and knowledge, where Artificial Intelligence enhances every life, expands every opportunity, and shapes a future built on inclusive, human-centered, responsible AI and responsible innovation

What We Do = Engage, Educate, Enable

AI Blueprint for the Cincinnati Region

A network of volunteer experts from across the region coming together to drive AI progress across Greater Cincinnati.

Key Elements:

1. Research, Risk and Responsible AI
2. Education
3. Workforce Development
4. Government Operations and Policy
5. Infrastructure, Smart Cities and Environment
6. Healthcare
7. Business Community
8. Startup Community
9. Non-Profit Community
10. Arts, Culture and Media
11. Networking and Collaboration
12. Citizen and Community Engagement

CAIC Government Team Mission

- Bridge public expectations with deliverable outcomes
- Build networks within government
- Connect the dots between governments across the region and departments
- Help educate citizens and listen to their needs
- Share best practices

Engage, Educate, Enable
Local Government



CAIC Government Team

Liaisons to Engage:

- City of Cincinnati
- Hamilton County
- Northern Kentucky
- Warren County
- Butler County
- Clermont County
- Dearborn

Advisory Members:

- OKI
- City of Cincinnati
- Hamilton County
Sheriffs Office

What We're Doing

- Quarterly AI in Govt AI Forums
- State of AI in Government Survey
- Resource for local Governments website
- Supporting pilot projects in city and county departments
- Public Education Sessions Support
- AI in Government Summit in 2026



PAVAN V. PARIKH, *Hamilton County Clerk of Courts*



Historical Documents: How AI Is Helping Us Rediscover History

Pavan Parikh, Hamilton County Clerk of Courts

Jason Alexander, Director, Central Services



About the Clerk of Courts

- Administration—Finance, HR, IT
- Auto Title & Passport Division
- Common Pleas Division
 - Domestic Relations
 - Court of Appeals
- Municipal Court Division
- Help Center
- Bailiffs
- Central Services Division





The Problem: Part One



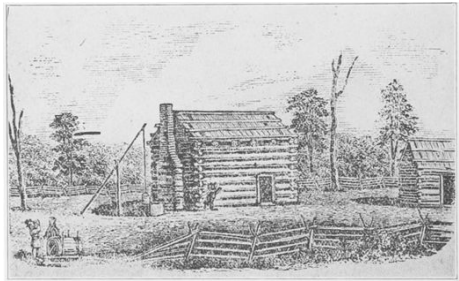
- *A complicated network of historical courts*

- **Court of Common Pleas**, 1788-Present
- **Justice of the Peace Courts**, 1788-1915
- **Orphan's Court**, 1795-1803
- **City Court of Cincinnati**, 1819-1829
- **Commercial Court of Cincinnati**, 1848-1853
- **Police Court**, 1852-1913
- **Supreme Court of Hamilton County (Supreme Court on Circuit)**, 1802-1851
- **Criminal Court**, 1852-1854
- **District Court**, 1851-1884
- **Superior Court of Cincinnati**, 1838-1851 and 1854-1921
- **Circuit Court**, 1884-1912
- **Insolvency Court**, 1894-1922



The Problem: Part Two

- *Six courthouses; three fires*



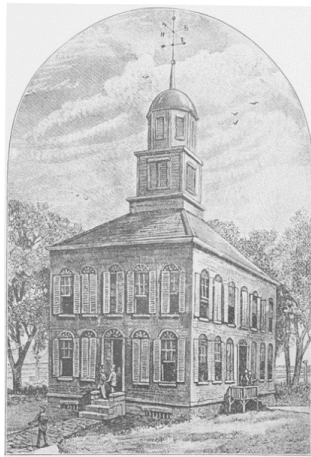
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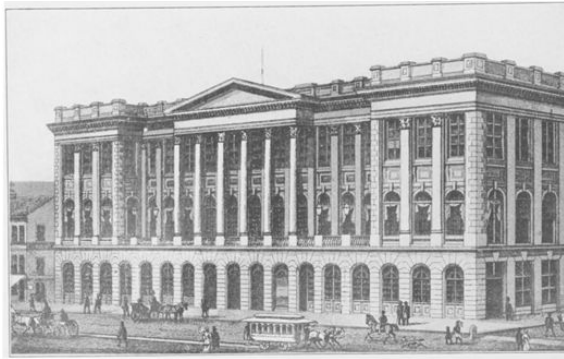
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1819

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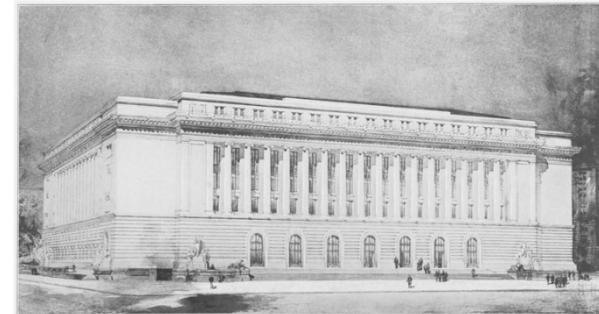


1853

Lost to fire in 1884



1887



1919-Present

- Records that looked like this...



SUPERIOR COURT OF CINCINNATI.

City of Cincinnati for use of
KIRCHNER & ASEMÁN, }
vs. } Case No.
Arthur White Seed Co
et al

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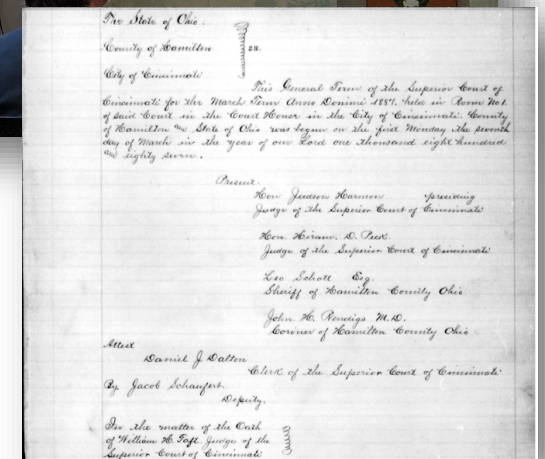
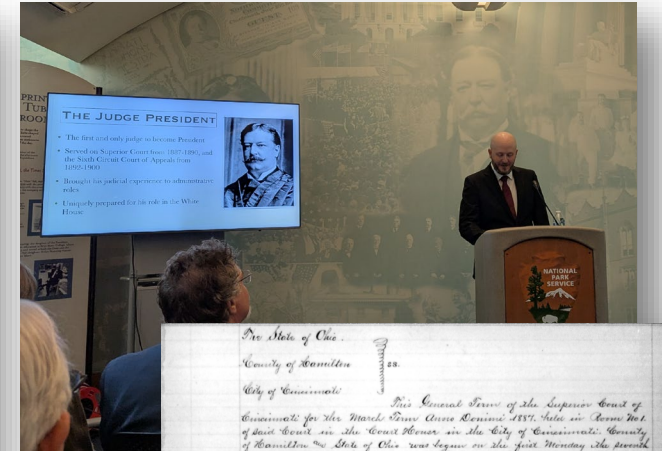
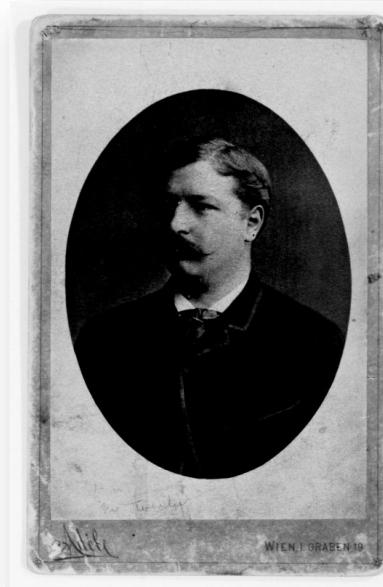
It appearing to the Court that the judgment herein against the following premises,
viz: Lot No. 2 as described in the petition
and the lot described in the supple-
mented petition - being all the
property owned by Wm. P. Anderson
has been fully satisfied, and the costs chargeable to said premises have been paid, it is
ordered that said judgment and Costs stand satisfied of record.

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Why are these documents important?

- Genealogical research
- Property and title research
- Academic research into local individuals of historic significance, such as President and Chief Justice William Howard Taft





What is the solution to the problem?

- Important documents, but what do we do with them?
- Handwritten, unsearchable documents
- Could AI software be the solution?



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Document Information

Document Title

Court Proceedings and Quiet Title Action



Document Date

1989-03-15



Parties

Plaintiff

GORDON MARGARET T

Defendant

GORDON JAMES S

CELLA MICHAEL

BRENNER FRANCIS

Legal Details

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deed (100) feet more or less to a ten and a half (10%) foot alley, within a time period of five days; and that thereafter said clerk deliver said deed to the plaintiff; and in default of such deed being executed and delivered by the defendants within said five days and payment of the sums above named be paid within said time to the clerk as above ordered, it is hereby decreed that this entry have the same effect and effect and be as available to said plaintiff as if said conveyance had been executed by the defendants conformably hereto.

And the Court reserves the question of the distribution of the sums directed to be paid to the clerk for further order.

Consent: Costs: plaintiff to pay costs in case of defendants deed in fee simple -

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Friday March 15th 1989.

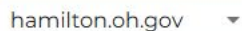
Court met pursuant to adjournment

Present: Hon. Peter P. Swing

James M. Smith

Joseph Loor

Hon. Peter P. Swing Presiding.
5644 Margaret T. Gordon
vs }



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Parties

Plaintiff

GORDON MARGARET J

Defendant

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Allegation of Margaret T. Gordon, Plaintiff
 against James T. Gordon, Alce Charles Fair and Frank
 Bruner Defendants
 Appeal
 Transcript and original papers
 filed Feb'y 24th 1888
 Court. Pleas No 77956
 Grand Jurors for State

1892 June 27 J P Slaughter recd. 1st 20^{cts}
August Ocker " 1st
Nov. 22 Depositions on behalf of Defend. filed
" " 15 " vs 2^d John V. Jackel appt. Shargrover & P. Slaughter appt. as counsel.
Mar. 6th Docos Ref'd.
Application for Alan Gills
J. Slaughter sffo ✓
P. Slaughter " ✓
J. J. Mearns " ✓
H. I. McCombs " ✓
Frank Bremer " ✓
J. P. Slaughter " 1st
Margaret Kling sfd. ✓
Michael Felix " ✓
Decr. 14 George Helen H. Jackel St. Certificate for \$10⁰⁰
1894 March 14 Motion to set aside judgment for fees
" " 15 min. 87c Court granting title - defendant costs.



Summary

- Where are we now?



Greater Cincinnati
AI IN GOVERNMENT
FORUM



GREATER CINCINNATI AI IN GOVERNMENT FORUM

Developing an AI Policy *for Local Governments*

May 28, 2026



Two paths every local government is on right now

PATH A

Ungoverned

Staff use AI quietly. No rules.

You find out when something breaks.

PATH B

Governed

You have a policy. Staff use AI openly.

You catch problems early.

You are choosing one of these today — whether you mean to or not.

PART ONE

What happens without a policy

Six risks that are already real. Not hypothetical. Not future-state. Today.

R i s k s 1 & 2

Bias and Privacy



Bias in automated decisions

- Permit triage, benefits eligibility, code enforcement prioritization.
- The training data carries history. The output carries the bias.
- The tool isn't biased — the historical data is.



Data privacy & FOIA exposure

- Staff paste resident PII into public AI tools.
- That data leaves your control — possibly permanently.
- AI-generated drafts may be public records. Vendor logs may be discoverable.

R i s k s 3 & 4

Shadow AI and Vendor Lock-In



Shadow AI use by staff

- Most staff who could benefit from AI are already using it.
- Personal accounts. Personal devices. No oversight.
- *You can't govern what you can't see.*
- A policy stops shadow AI not by prohibition — by giving a sanctioned alternative.



Vendor lock-in & procurement misses

- "AI features" buried in software renewals.
- No exit clause. No data portability.
- No transparency on the model or training data.
- Enabled by default. Approved by silence.

R i s k s 5 & 6

Public Trust and Legal Liability



Public trust erosion

- One bad headline. Years of credibility lost.
- Residents want to know: "Did a human make this decision about me?"
- Undisclosed AI use, once discovered, becomes the story.



Legal liability

- ADA, civil rights, due process — all still apply.
- State/local AI laws emerging (CO, CA, NYC).
- **"We didn't have a policy" is not a defense.**

P A U S E

30 seconds. Think about your jurisdiction.

Q1 Do you know which AI tools your staff are using?

Q2 Do you know which vendors have added AI features to existing contracts?

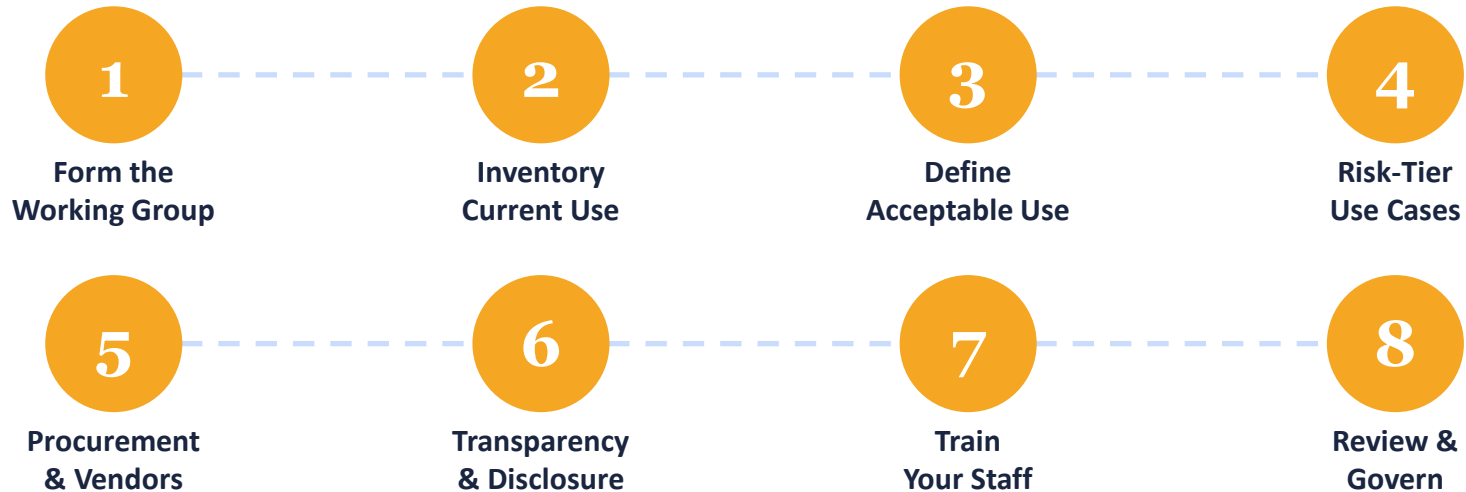
Q3 Do you know who would respond if something went wrong tomorrow?

PART TWO

The development framework

Eight phases. Do them in order.

ONGOING GOVERNANCE & REVIEW



Phases 1 & 2

Start with people, then with what they're already doing



Phase 1

Cross-departmental working group

- IT
- Legal (FOIA, liability)
- HR (staff conduct, training)
- Clerk / Records management
- A department director (will enforce)
- A frontline supervisor (sees reality)



Phase 2

AI use inventory

- Survey every department: tools used, vendors, data touched.
- Include "AI features" inside existing software — the hidden majority.
- *Ask about features, not products.*

Phases 3 & 4

Tell staff what they can do — and scale the rules to the stakes



Phase 3

Acceptable & prohibited uses

PERMITTED with care:

Drafting, summarizing, brainstorming, code review

PROHIBITED:

Final decisions on individuals' rights or benefits. PII in public tools.



Phase 4

Risk-tier every use case

LOW

Internal productivity (notes, formatting)

MED

Public-facing content (drafts humans review)

HIGH

Decision support affecting residents

Phases 5 & 6

Lock down vendors. Tell the public.



Phase 5

Procurement & vendor requirements

- AI clause in every contract.
- Disclosure, data use, model transparency, exit terms.
- Require an AI FactSheet before purchase.
- *Build policy + procurement workflow together.*



Phase 6

Transparency & public disclosure

- Publish a public AI use inventory.
- Clear notice when AI is involved in resident-facing decisions.
- *Jurisdictions that publish report trust goes UP, not down.*

Phases 7 & 8

Make it real. Keep it alive.



Phase 7

Train your staff

- All-staff awareness (~30 min).
- Role-specific deep dives for heavy users.
- Leadership briefing for elected officials.
- *Tie training completion to tool access.*



Phase 8

Ongoing review & governance

- Standing review body, quarterly cadence.
- Incident response plan — in place before you need it.
- Annual policy refresh. AI moves faster than your update cycle.

R E F L E C T

Turn to the person next to you.

Two minutes.

1 Which phase will be hardest in your jurisdiction?

2 Which phase are you closest to already completing?



PART THREE

You don't have to start from scratch

The GovAI Coalition

600+

public servants

250+

public agencies

150M+

Americans represented

FREE

every template, every tool

Led by the City of San José. Aligned to the NIST AI Risk Management Framework. By practitioners, for practitioners.

Their explicit invitation: borrow, edit, adopt. You are not asking for permission.

GovAI Coalition Demo

<https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/departments-offices/information-technology/ai-reviews-algorithm-register/govai-coalition>



Practical walkthrough

Match each phase to the tool you reach for

Your phase	The tool you reach for
1. Working group	Starter Guide + Committees & Working Groups page
2. Inventory	Use Cases Repository + AI Contract Hub (Pavilion)
3. Acceptable use	AI Policy template (DOCX)
4. Risk tiering	AI Governance Handbook + Algorithmic Impact Assessment form
5. Procurement	Vendor Agreement + AI FactSheet + Buyer's Guide to Enterprise GenAI
6. Transparency	Community Engagement Handbook + AI Registry (Hortus Trellis)
7. Training	Upskilling Training Playbook (Parts 1 & 2)
8. Governance	AI Incident Response Plan + Guide to Measuring AI Performance

If you only use three things

Three resources that punch above their weight



FOR YOUR
COUNCIL/BOARD

AI Governance Checklist for Elected Officials

Co-developed with the Center for
Democracy & Technology. Short, non-
technical. Send the week after the
forum.



FOR PROCUREMENT

AI FactSheet (and FactSheet for Service Providers)

Require it for every AI-related purchase.
Solves 70% of your vendor problem.



BEFORE YOU NEED IT

AI Incident Response Plan

Adopt now. Run a 30-minute tabletop.
Store it where people can find it on a
Friday night.

PART FOUR

What you do next

The next 30 days matter more than the next 12 months.

Three things. Concrete. Doable. Free.

Your 30-day plan

Photograph this slide.

WEEK 1

Convene

- Email five people.
- Name them now: IT, Legal, HR, Clerk, a department director.
- Schedule the first working group meeting.

WEEK 2

Inventory

- One-page survey to every department head.
- What AI tools? What AI features in existing software?
- You want signal, not perfect data.

WEEKS 3 – 4

Adopt & adapt

- Download the GovAI AI Policy template + AI FactSheet.
- Send the Elected Officials Checklist to your council/trustees.
- Schedule a 30-minute tabletop using the Incident Response Plan.

R E S O U R C E S

Everything I referenced. All free.

- ✓ GovAI Coalition Templates & Resources *sanjoseca.gov → Information Technology → GovAI Coalition*
 - ✓ AI Governance Checklist for Elected Officials *cdt.org → AI Governance Checklist for State and Local Leaders*
 - ✓ AI Contract Hub *withpavilion.com/associations/gov-ai*
 - ✓ AI Registry *trellis.hortus.ai*
 - ✓ GovAI Coalition YouTube — template tutorials *youtube.com → search "GovAI Coalition"*
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Questions?

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AI In Government Survey + Q & A



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