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Judge Mark Painter's 400th Case Published

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Judge Mark Painter's 400th opinion will be published Monday, just in time to coincide with his leaving the appellate court bench. "I did want to hit 400—and made it before I left," said Painter. His last day on the First District Court of Appeals will be September 4. "There are more in the pipeline, so the total will be about 405 after I am gone," Painter said.

Of hundreds of appellate decisions, only a few are selected for print publication. Painter's 400 published cases began in 1982, when one of his Municipal Court opinions was published. Since then 51 more trial court and 249 appellate decisions have made the national law books.



In March, the United Nations General Assembly elected Judge Painter as a judge on the new United Nations Appeals Tribunal. He is the only American on that seven-member court, which will sit in New York City, Geneva, and Nairobi. Judge Painter has served as a judge in Hamilton County since 1982.

With his opinions, six books, and more than 130 articles, Judge Painter is one of the most-published judges ever.

The actual 400th publication is Judge Painter's dissent in a case involving governmental immunity. See: <http://www.sconet.state.oh.us/rod/docs/pdf/1/2009/2009-ohio-1887.pdf>

Judge Painter's books include *The Legal Writer: 40 Rules for the Art of Legal Writing* and *Write Well: 25 Easy Rules to Improve Your Business and Professional Writing*. He writes a monthly column on legal writing for *Lawyers USA*, which is reprinted by many bar associations across the country.

As an Adjunct Professor of Law at the U.C. College of Law since 1990, Judge Painter taught agency and partnership for 13 years and now teaches advanced legal writing. He was named Chesley Distinguished Visiting Professor at UC for 2008.

Judge Painter also teaches legal writing, appellate practice, and legal ethics to judges and lawyers throughout the country. He has lectured at more than 220 seminars for the Ohio Judicial College, the Ohio State Bar Association, Professional Education Systems Institute, the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, and countless firms and bar associations nationwide. In 2008, he traveled to Malaysia as one of four international experts on plain-language legal writing.

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