

Clerk of courts achieves density and efficiency goals using a variety of storage methods.



Rotary systems provide convenient access to active court records.

The Lake County Court House in Painesville, Ohio was in need of expansion. They purchased an old post office building located next door and remodeled it for the Clerk of Courts offices, as well as other offices.

During new construction planning, Clerk of Courts Lynne Mazeika took the opportunity to redesign their storage areas to maximize capacity and consolidate most of their records into one area.

"Before the move, we were completely out of space and were putting records wherever we could find room," Mazeika explained. "We would have to look all over the place, even on multiple floors, just to find a record."

Mazeika had used compact storage in the past and was familiar with the benefits. After reviewing the storage options with the Spacesaver representative, she decided to use a combination of rotary systems and highdensity mobile systems.

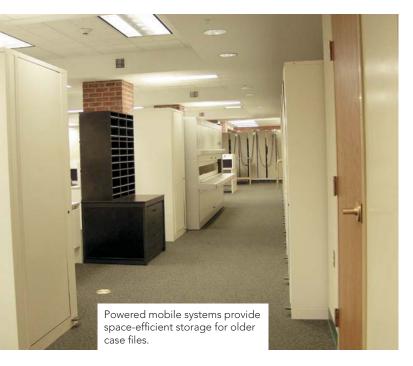
"The two types of storage work together great to provide us with what we needed to make our office run efficiently," she said. "It is important to be able to quickly access records to service not only the Judge's office, but also the public, which is where 80-percent of our requests come from."

Rotary Systems

The rotary systems were selected to store the newer, highly accessed files.

The Clerk of Courts offices take in approximately 6,000 new records a year. Twenty-two rotary systems, which are used to store active case files, as well as counter-height systems used in accounting, provide convenient accessability for high-use files.

"We sometimes have as many as eight-to-ten people pulling records at one time," said Mazeika. "The Rotary systems allow us to keep the records close to us and provide almost unlimited access."





High-Density Mobile Systems

Mazeika explained that powered mobile systems store older, less active case files. "The older court case files don't require frequent access and the mobile system allows us to store a lot of records in a small space." Mazeika said.

The Spacesaver representative handled the whole job for the Clerk and provided a complete solution. After surveying their needs, he recommended storage options and furniture. He provided a layout of the offices that addressed the customer's primary concerns: maximizing space and efficiency. He also helped them convert their files to include bar codes and provided a file tracking system.

Mazeika explained that the new storage solutions have not only saved space, but even improved their workflow and accountability. "It has been a real savings to have most of our records in one place and easy to find. Our records are organized and carefully accounted for," she said. "If a record is not in the storage area, we know exactly who has taken a record and where to find it. That is important."

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