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July 4, 1776 - July 4 2020 244 Years of History - What Lies Ahead

..... “When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God entitle them,....”

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” These are the opening paragraphs of our nation’s July 4, 1776 Declaration of Independence.

A list of twenty-seven specific grievances with the King of England follow. The eighth: “He has obstructed the Administration of Justice by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers” and ninth: “He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.”

Fifteen years later on December 15, 1791 the Bill of Rights was ratified. The First Amendment guarantees that “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.”

Almost two and a half centuries later the nation’s independent judiciary will in ways small and large determine the future roads taken and not taken. What lies ahead as challenges to our nation’s history and health are unfolding simultaneously? Unknown! Just now it may not feel this way, but in the days and months ahead you will play an important part in charting our path forward.

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LEADERSHIP AND CONSENSUS IN A TIME OF COVID-19
By Judge Jennifer Brunner, Tenth District Court of Appeals

On March 14, 2020, Maureen O'Connor, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio, in a letter to all Ohio judges stated that judges “and their courts must respond to the pandemic ‘in a manner that allows courts to meet both our purpose and essential functions. Closing courthouses and disrupting services is not a plan.” The Chief’s instructions to the courts included finding ways to “prioritize cases and use continuances ... ; maximize the use of technology to do the work of the court, especially telephone conferences ... , ” and she encouraged courts to permit “employees who can do so to work at home.” She noted that, “we may very well find that some of the solutions are an improvement and should be retained when the coronavirus crisis is over.”

Going on four months later, what have we learned? I’ll bullet point it first. Then we can discuss. We’ve learned:

- “Zoom” is more than the sound of a personal spaceship on the “Jetson’s” cartoon show,
- YouTube isn’t just for hilarious cat videos or budding recording artists,
- Facebook Live can be used by courts and is not just for Jim Gaffigan wannabe’s,
- Circulating draft decisions in PDF format preserves their integrity when passed from computer to computer between employees of the court working from home and on multiple platforms,
- Buying stock in plexiglass manufacturing and disinfecting wipes companies last year would have been a good investment,
- It’s actually okay to compliment someone on the originality of their face mask,

- Creating and using a fillable PDF cover document when circulating draft decisions results in legible comments from judges,
- Science can reveal sharp racial, social and economic disparity when a pandemic hits a society,
- Home schooling is not for the weak,
- How precious life is,
- How amazingly healing nature is for the soul,
- Time spent in solitude can create profound personal growth, and
- Leadership and consensus go hand-in-hand.

I sit on the Tenth District Court of Appeals. Our court has 8 elected judges, each with her or his own idea of what makes for a good judge and how our court should best serve our community. We review a somewhat larger variety of appeals and original actions than other districts, being situated in Franklin County, the seat of state government and the locus of the Ohio Court of Claims and the Industrial Commission of Ohio. Our leader this year, elected in a sequential selection process, is Judge Julia Dorrian, whose family's public service heritage is legendary and whose uncle's name is on a downtown park.

When the judges of our court met on March 16, 2020, Judge Dorrian and our court administrators, Doug Eaton and Cindy Sgalla, convened the meeting in the court hearing room, allowing us to social distance. At that time, Judge Dorrian began leading us through a thoughtful process that has allowed us to agree to work together, reach consensus and create an atmosphere for our employees that is deliberate, predictable, science-based and considerate of their needs and that has helped grow all of our skills and cooperation. It has not always been

easy for Judge Dorrian, and she admitted that she often prayed about how to do her job in a way that protected lives. She frequently provided our judges with the scientific sources and other court's plans she had obtained and reviewed, showing us how she had considered all aspects of what was needed for a thorough and well-supported decision. She made recommendations and compromised when needed, continually seeking consensus but willing to take a stand as a leader. All the judges volunteered to help and worked on various aspects of court administration, reporting back to her and taking and offering suggestions.

As I worked to develop a written teleworking decision circulation protocol in those early days in March, Judge Dorrian appreciated my suggestions for best practices, making suggestions about where to hold back until we could gain consensus, yet, adopting some of them personally for her own court staff. At another point, when determining among our court how to hold oral arguments safely for the public, counsel, our staff and ourselves, she moved us at a deliberate pace, taking needed steps and holding other, desired steps in abeyance, giving us time to adjust to new ways of doing regular tasks. Judge Dorrian understood that leadership entails consensus, and consensus is in part based on acceptance, and acceptance takes time.

Gradually, we have moved among 8 strong individuals to a "new normal" that on July 7 will culminate in video oral arguments, a step up from our present audio oral arguments that stream live on YouTube. We reached a consensus as a court to continue working remotely but have permitted staff who want to work in our courthouse building, where other courts operate as well, to work onsite according to specific guidelines for the wearing of masks, social distancing and specified hygienic practices.

From the beginning, talented staff within our court who worked for judges Dorrian, Nelson and me, along with other regular court staff, were specified as essential for the administrative support work they performed. This group of court employees have gone above and beyond in serving their fellow staff members while still performing their regular roles for their judges. Court leadership and our judges make efforts to tell them on a sustained basis how valued they are.

A magistrate announced her retirement, and we managed the application, interview and selection process through Zoom video. All of the judges invited the retiring magistrate to our meeting to personally thank her and she then appeared in a Zoom video to hear thanks and well wishes from the entire court staff. She offered on her own time to help acclimate the new magistrate to what she saw as the future of the law for cases she handled. This new normal is worth keeping. We may see each other less in person, but it seems we communicate more.

We don't know long we will need to adjust our patterns in response to the continued transmission of the virus. But maybe those old patterns, revised by consensus fostered by good leadership, aren't going to be the best patterns anymore when this is all over. Stare decisis, coupled with judicious use of discretion and a considered review of equity, can move the law forward to reflect human society. Similarly, perhaps our adjustment to the temporary dangers of direct human contact will actually improve it in subtle ways. As the Chief put it, "we may very well find that some of the solutions are an improvement and should be retained when the coronavirus crisis is over.'" I heartily agree.

NEW RULES OF COURT

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

Judge Ken Spanagel

Parma Municipal Court

After 3 plus months of sheltering in place, masking, spending more quality time with our family, including learning what your spouse/significant looks like with facial hair and or less makeup days, and as we resume with ZOOM, there are new Rules that take effect July 1 for the Civil, Criminal, Appellate, and other rules that we must follow. This article is a short Cliffs Notes presentation of all the new Rule changes. For more detail, you can either see them on the Supreme Court website after July 1 under the Rules of Court, or click on the Final Rules Amendment under the Amendment drop-down. (Disclaimer: as a Municipal Court Judge, I spent more time looking at the Rules that are relevant to my Courts; some of the rules apply to Common Pleas only.

CIVIL RULES

Rule 4- Waiver of Service-the procedure for waiver of service is expanded to include the Plaintiffs requesting Defendants waive service. The changes include not only the procedure for such a request, but also a specific form to be used to request a waiver of service. This waiver is only available in actions in a Common Pleas Court (although its language would indicate that such a waiver could be applicable in the Probate, Juvenile, and Domestic Relations Divisions). The change to Rule 4 does not apply to civil protection orders pursuant to Civ.R. 65.1.

Rule 16- Pretrial Procedure-Rule 16 has been significantly rewritten. Although it still states that the Court may set a pretrial conference, it mandates a scheduling order, on all civil cases to be issued within 60 days after responsive pleadings, or 90 days after service. This is mandatory, as the word "shall", as opposed to "may", is the word used. Although the new rule takes us closer to the Federal Rule, it also states that the Scheduling Order should be forthcoming after the filing of a discovery report under new Rule 26(F).

Rule 26-Discovery in General-provides a requirement that a party must submit certain Discovery, without a prior notice under the discovery rules, referred to as "initial disclosures". There are revised rules regarding electronically stored information. Rule 26(F) requires a "discovery" conference between the parties, whether represented or not, no later than 14 days prior to the Scheduling Conference scheduled by the Court.

The process of expert witnesses and the exchange of reports is also changed, designed to get those reports out well before Trial, which should facilitate potential settlement.

Rule 53-Magistrates and Jury Trials-this change is only applicable to a Magistrate who holds a Jury Trial pursuant to agreement by the parties. It provides that the Jury Verdict and findings of fact of the Jury are automatically accepted by the Judge, without the normal Rule 53 appeal process from Magistrate's Decision to the Judge. However, the Judge still must sign a journal entry acknowledging the Verdict and the Jury's decision.

CRIMINAL RULES

Rule 46-Bail-numerous changes have been made to the Bail Rule, under the general concept that bail should be limited to encourage pretrial release. It provides for Court ordered Pretrial Detention on motion of the prosecutor (in essence, no bail). It encourages release without monetary bail, and ties certain factors to the determination of monetary bail, if any. The requirement of treatment while case is pending as a condition of bond is expanded to include not just drug offenses, but any defendant who is "charged with an offense that is alcohol or drug related, or where alcohol or drug influence or addiction appears to be a contributing factor in the offense, and who appears based upon an evaluation, prior treatment history, a recent alcohol or drug use, to be in need of treatment". Misdemeanor bail bond schedules are to be reviewed by Courts biennially in the even-numbered years. Of importance is that a person who is not been released on bail shall be brought before a judicial officer for an initial bail hearing no later than the second Court day following arrest. If not released, then there must be a second bail hearing on the second court date following the initial bail hearing with Indigent Counsel to be available at this second bail hearing.

APPELLATE RULES

Rule 3-Minor changes were made regarding the filing of a notice of a cross-appeal.

Rule 19-Briefs- the new rule changes the size or length of a brief from a number of pages to a number of words.

Rule 21-Oral Arguments-the Rule has been changed to permit greater discretion in terms of the scheduling of arguments, or the allotment of time between parties.

JUVENILE RULES

RULE 4- Guardian ad litem-the new rule makes changes as to the naming of Counsel for a dependent child, and the process of selection of a guardian ad litem.

Rule 42-Consent to Marry-the new Rule expands the procedure for seeking consent for a juvenile to marry.

RULES OF EVIDENCE

Rule 601-General Rule of Competency-the new rule eliminates the under 10 year incapability language, and sets forth a new structure of elements to determine the competency of any witness, and provides in new rule 601(B) a standard of disqualification of a witness.

Rule 902-Self Authentication- the rule now has a new sections 11-14 regarding self-authentication of certified domestic records or certified foreign records of a regular conducted activity, certified records generated by an electronic process or system, and certified data copied from an electronic device, storage medium, or file.

STANDARD CIVIL INDIGENCY FILING FEE FORM

(AKA Poverty Affidavit)

In any situation where a litigant wishes to seek waiver of civil filing fees due to indigency, a new form has been created for used state wide. This is the result of an OJC legislative agenda item, which clarified the law on a litigant seeking waiver of civil filing fees. This form would be used in any civil case where a litigant would seek to have filing fees waived based upon indigency.

UNIFORM TRAFFIC TICKET

Certain changes have been made to the uniform traffic ticket to better identify if a personal appearance is required, and also identifies tickets for a distracted driving charges involved.

COVID19 Underscores Disparities in Multidistrict Municipal Court Funding

Known by few other than municipal judges, the obligation to fund multidistrict municipal courts is limited by their ability to collect “costs, fees, fines, bail, or other moneys.” ORC §1901.026, known as the apportionment statute, provides that a multidistrict municipal court’s current operating costs shall be apportioned among each municipality within the court district based on the number of criminal and civil cases filed by each municipality. However, ORC §1901.026(B) limits the proportionate share of the guest municipalities to the amount of costs, fees, fines, bail, or other moneys which are actually distributed by the court to each municipality. The civil caseload is not considered in this formula. Thus, as collections in criminal and traffic cases drop so does the guest municipalities obligation to fund municipal courts. As collections drop due to COVID19, this funding scheme could sink municipal courts and their host municipalities.

No one was surprised when the economic shutdown, massive unemployment and postponement of court proceedings caused by COVID19 halted collections of fines, costs and other monies. As the presiding judge of the Garfield Heights Municipal Court in Cuyahoga County, I put the Garfield Heights Mayor and City Council as well as officials in the other seven municipalities served by the Court on notice of the expected impact of COVID19 as early as March 16th. Only two or three of them knew about the apportionment statute and none of them understood its impact as the Garfield Heights Municipal Court has been self-sustaining for at least twelve years. Events in April soon revealed the true impact of the apportionment formula.

Through April and May, monthly revenue from court costs fell 62%. After application of the apportionment formula, the guest municipalities are paying 5% and Garfield Heights is paying 95% of the cost of court operations even though the guest communities account for 40% of the caseload.

The City of Garfield Heights is experiencing reduced revenues from lack of income tax due to high unemployment and a reduction in almost all other sources. Garfield Heights recovered from fiscal emergency five years ago but the finance director believes current events could return the City to fiscal emergency by 2021.

Despite tension from funding authorities, the judiciary has always emphasized that municipalities must provide adequate funding and has authority to issue orders accordingly. We have now moved beyond that debate as more local governments simply will not have the revenues to sustain their fundamental operations including the municipal courts.

While revenues are decreasing, the Garfield Heights Municipal Court caseloads have decreased only in the number of traffic tickets. Criminal and civil cases have not decreased. High unemployment will soon result in more evictions and default on contractual obligations such as credit cards despite the forbearance agreements currently being offered. As with the mortgage crisis, the civil caseloads will climb until the bankruptcies take effect. In order to

manage the backlog created by giving litigants extensions on almost all cases and staying evictions, we cannot sustain the four-day work week and layoffs indefinitely. But, from where will money for payroll and other essentials come when traditional court costs are virtually non-existent?

Part of the solution could be correcting the disparity created by the apportionment statute. COVID19 will be the catalyst for the long-debated court funding reform or historic battles in local communities between courts and their funding authorities.

Judge Deborah Nicastro

OJC TIPS AND TRICKS

This is a fluid list that will constantly change. We will always be adding items as they become frequent questions, but if you have anything to add, please feel free to contact [Justin Long](#).

- Feel free to submit any articles you would like to have added to the quarterly For the Record in the future.
- The [Judicial Advisory Group \(JAG\)](#) is available for judges who need need a group to extend its ability to provide confidential assistance to judges.
- Please fill out a "[Who Do You Know](#)" form to let the OJC know who you know in the legislature or the administration.
- For help signing into the Ohio Judicial Conference's website, www.ohiojudges.org, please see this [document](#).
- Annually, the OJC hosts a Judicial-Legislative Exchange program, which allows a day for judges to come to Columbus to shadow legislators, hopefully from their districts. The idea is for the legislators to then shadow the judges in their court for the day.
- Did you know that if you log in to the Judicial Conference website and go to [associations](#), you can choose your judicial association and see the summer and winter meeting dates?
- The Judicial Conference Jury Instructions Committee posts [recently revised jury instructions](#) on the Judicial Conference website.
- The website was recently updated with a few notable changes. One of those changes was the addition of a [calendar](#) which is matched up with our list of events.
- Another addition is the "[Outreach that Works](#)" link, which allows judges to submit any recommendations that help them to reach out to the public, whether it be publications, websites, suggestions on events, etc.
- A notable connection to help all judges is the [National Center for State Courts](#), or the NCSC. This site helps to promote the rule of law and improves the administration of justice in state courts and courts around the world.

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- I Went to a Town Hall Meeting in a County Ravaged by Opioids. What I Saw Broke My Heart.
- OxyContin Maker Asks Judge to Toss Case Brought by City
- Gorsuch Might Be Tough to Predict on Criminal Justice Cases

STATE NEWS:

- Justice Insider: Murderer's Attorney Tries Punctuation Defense in Sentencing
- Summit Prosecutor Campaign Reaches out to Victims in Different Languages
- Drunken Driver Gets 180 Days After Coroner's Office Says Crash Victim Died of Cancer
- Retired Stark County Family Court Judge Michael Howard to Speak at 2017 LEAD Conference at Georgetown University



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(for Judges, Magistrates, Acting Judges, Court Personnel, Judicial Candidates, Guardians)

NOTE: Judicial officers and attorneys are allowed up to 24 credit hours for live webinars and 12 credit hours for self-study online courses during a biennial compliance period. The Supreme Court of Ohio has waived these self-study caps for [judicial officers and attorneys with the last names beginning with M-Z for the compliance period ending Dec. 31, 2020](#). Refer to course announcements for approved Judicial College hours or visit [OhioCourtEDU](#).

<u>DATE</u>	<u>COURSE</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
June 2020			
4	Thu	DELIVERED VIA WEBINAR Supervisor Series: Interpersonal Communication (12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.)	Court Personnel Webinar
5	Fri	DELIVERED VIA WEBINAR Civil Procedure by the Numbers III: Rules 54-63 (12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.)	Judges & Magistrates Webinar
9	Tue	<i>Probation Officer Training Program: Introduction to Offender Behavior Management (2 of 5 offerings)</i> CANCELED	Probation Officers Akron
9 - 11	Tue - Thu	<i>Probate/Juvenile/Domestic Relations Summer Conference (judicial conduct hours will be requested)</i> CANCELED	Judges* Cambridge
10 - 12	Wed - Fri	POSTPONED Court Management Program (CMP): Project Management	CCM Class of 2020 Columbus
11	Tue	<i>Probation Officer Training Program: Professional Communication – Verbal and Written Skills (3 of 5 offerings)</i> CANCELED	Probation Officers Dayton
12	Wed	DELIVERED VIA WEBINAR Courts and Coronavirus: Evictions (12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.)	Judges, Magistrates, & Acting Judges Webinar
16	Tue	DELIVERED VIA WEBINAR Court Security Officers: Essential Communication Skills (10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.)	Court Personnel Webinar
18	Thu	DELIVERED VIA WEBINAR Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association (OCPJA) Summer Conference: Civil Law Update (9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.)	Judges Webinar
18	Thu	DELIVERED VIA WEBINAR Judicial Candidates Seminar (1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.)	Judicial Candidates Webinar
18	Thu	DELIVERED VIA WEBINAR Ohio Juvenile Court Clerks Association Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changing Clerk Practices in the Age of COVID-19 (9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.) • COOP Planning for Clerks (10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.) • Change and Your Change Mindset (12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.) 	Court Personnel Webinar
19	Fri	DELIVERED VIA WEBINAR Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association Summer Conference: Proposed Standardized Felony Sentencing Entry (9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.)	Judges Webinar

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June 2020

19	Fri	DELIVERED VIA WEBINAR Ohio Juvenile Court Clerks Association Conference • Legislative and Case Law Update (9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.) • Making the Move from the Office to Working from Home (WFH) (10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.) • Stress Management Refresher (12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.)	Court Personnel	Webinar
23	Tue	<i>Probation Officer Training Program: Introduction to Cognitive-Behavioral Interventions (2 of 5 offerings)</i> CANCELED	Probation Officers	Columbus
24	Wed	DELIVERED VIA WEBINAR Guardian ad Litem Continuing Education: The GAL Interview (9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.)	Guardians ad Litem	Webinar
24	Wed	Guardian ad Litem Continuing Education: Report Writing AVAILABLE ANYTIME VIA ONLINE SELF-STUDY	Guardians ad Litem	Online
25	Thu	DELIVERED VIA WEBINAR Guardian ad Litem Pre-Service Course	Guardians ad Litem	Webinar
26	Fri	NEW: Enhancing Justice, Reducing Bias (12:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.)	Judges and Magistrates	Webinar
30	Tue	NEW: Interviewing Children During COVID-19	Guardians ad Litem	Webinar

July 2020

7	Tue	<i>Probation Officer Training Program: Introduction to Assessment and Case Planning (4 of 5 offerings)</i> CANCELED	Probation Officers	Akron
9	Thu	DELIVERED VIA WEBINAR Court Security Officers: Safety, Legal Authority, Ethics, and Civil Process (10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.)	Court Personnel	Webinar
9	Thu	DELIVERED VIA WEBINAR Updates for Judicial Attorneys (12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.)	Court Personnel	Webinar
13 - 15	Mon - Wed	DELIVERED VIA WEBINAR Association of Municipal/County Judges of Ohio (AMCJO) Summer Conference (Time(s) TBD)	Judges*	Webinar
14	Tue	<i>Probation Officer Training Program: Introduction to Cognitive-Behavioral Interventions (3 of 5 offerings)</i> CANCELED	Probation Officers	Dayton
17	Fri	Advance Directives (11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.)	Judges & Magistrates	Webinar
21	Tue	<i>Probation Officer Training Program: Introduction to Motivational Interviewing (3 of 5 offerings)</i> CANCELED	Probation Officers	Columbus
22	Wed	DELIVERED VIA WEBINAR Guardian ad Litem Continuing Education: Domestic Violence in the Time of COVID	Guardians ad Litem	Webinar
22 - 24	Wed - Fri	POSTPONED Court Management Program (CMP): Budget and Fiscal Resources	CCM Class of 2021	Columbus
23	Thu	DELIVERED VIA WEBINAR Guardian ad Litem Pre-Service Course	Guardians ad Litem	Webinar

August 2020

4	Tue	<i>Probation Officer Training Program: Professional Communication – Verbal and Written Skills (4 of 5 offerings)</i> CANCELED	Probation Officers	Akron
4	Tue	Guardian ad Litem Continuing Education: Trauma CANCELED	Guardians ad Litem	Columbus

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August 2020

6	Thu	NEW: Guardian ad Litem Continuing Education: Back to School	Guardians ad Litem	Webinar
6	Thu	DELIVERED VIA WEBINAR Juvenile Court Clerks Essential Skills	Court Personnel	Webinar
6 - 7	Thu – Fri	Lessons from the Ohio River Valley	Judges & Magistrates	Marietta
7	Fri	<i>Truancy (11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.)</i> CANCELED	<i>Court Personnel</i>	<i>Webinar</i>
11	Tue	DELIVERED VIA WEBINAR & ONLINE Probation Officer Training Program: Introduction to Motivational Interviewing (4 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers	Webinar/ Online
13	Thu	DELIVERED VIA WEBINAR Being Safe In and Out of the Courts	Court Personnel	Webinar
14	Fri	Acting Judges Essentials: Small Claims (1 of 4 offerings)	Acting Judges	Dayton
14	Fri	Serious Youthful Offenders and Reagan Tokes (11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.)	Judges & Magistrates	Webinar
18	Tue	DELIVERED VIA WEBINAR & ONLINE Probation Officer Training Program: Introduction to Offender Skill Building (3 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers	Webinar/ Online
19 - 21	Wed - Fri	Court Management Program (CMP): Caseflow and Workflow Management	CCM Class of 2022	Columbus
21	Fri	Hearsay Rules in Domestic Relations Court (11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.)	Judges & Magistrates	Webinar
25	Tue	<i>Guardian ad Litem Continuing Education: Substance Use (9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.)</i> CANCELED	<i>Guardians ad Litem</i>	<i>Webinar</i>
25	Tue	NEW: DELIVERED VIA WEBINAR Guardian ad Litem Continuing Education: Communication and Diversity (1:00-4:15 p.m.)	Guardians ad Litem	Webinar
26	Wed	Certified Court Manager (CCM) Seminar	Certified Court Managers	Mansfield
28	Fri	DELIVERED VIA WEBINAR Court Executive Team	Judges & Court Personnel	Webinar

September 2020

1	Tue	Probation Officer Training Program: Introduction to Cognitive-Behavioral Interventions (4 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers	Akron
2 - 4	Wed - Fri	Ohio Association of Magistrates (OAM) Fall Conference (judicial/professional conduct hours will be requested)	Magistrates*	Columbus
9	Wed	Ohio Courts of Appeals Judges Association (OCAJA) Fall Conference (judicial conduct hours will be requested)	Judges*	Columbus
10	Thu	<i>Ohio Official Court Reporters Seminar/Ohio Court Reporters Association (OCRA)</i> CANCELED	<i>Court Personnel</i>	<i>Columbus</i>
10 - 11	Thu - Fri	Ohio Judicial Conference Annual Meeting (judicial conduct hours will be requested)	Judges*	Columbus
15	Tue	Probation Officer Training Program: Introduction to Offender Behavior Management (3 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers	Columbus
16	Wed	Probation Officer Training Program: Introduction to Offender Skill Building (4 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers	Dayton
17	Thu	Guardian ad Litem Continuing Education: Psychiatric Disorders in Children	Guardians ad Litem	Cleveland

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September 2020

18	<i>Fri</i>	Acting Judges Essentials: Small Claims (2 of 4 offerings)	Acting Judges	Toledo
22	<i>Tue</i>	Juvenile Court Clerks Essential Skills (2 of 2 offerings)	Court Personnel	Cincinnati
23	<i>Wed</i>	Guardian ad Litem Continuing Education: Developmental Disabilities	Guardians ad Litem	Akron
23 -25	<i>Wed - Fri</i>	Court Management Program (CMP): Visioning and Strategic Planning	CCE 2021	Columbus
24	<i>Thu</i>	Guardian ad Litem Pre-Service Course	Guardians ad Litem	Akron
30 - 2	<i>Wed - Fri</i>	New Magistrates Orientation (judicial/professional conduct hours will be requested)	New Magistrates	Columbus

October 2020

1	<i>Thu</i>	Commercial Dockets	Judges	Cleveland
1	<i>Thu</i>	Juvenile Probation Search Drills	Probation Officers	OPOTA
2	<i>Fri</i>	Adult Probation Search Drills	Probation Officers	OPOTA
2	<i>Fri</i>	Judicial Conduct (judicial/professional conduct hours will be requested)	Judges & Magistrates	Cleveland
6	<i>Tue</i>	Probation Officer Training Program: Introduction to Motivational Interviewing (5 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers	Akron
8 - 9	<i>Thu - Fri</i>	Fundamentals of Faculty Development	By Invitation Only	Columbus
13	<i>Tue</i>	Adult Guardianship Continuing Education: Ethics for Guardians (1:00-4:15 p.m.)	Adult Guardians	Columbus
14	<i>Wed</i>	Probation Officer Training Program: Introduction to Offender Behavior Management (4 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers	Dayton
20	<i>Tue</i>	Juvenile Traffic (11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.)	Judges & Magistrates	Webinar
20	<i>Tue</i>	Probation Officer Training Program: Introduction to Assessment and Case Planning (5 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers	Columbus
20	<i>Tue</i>	Women's Executive Leadership	Court Personnel	Columbus
21	<i>Wed</i>	2020 Guardian ad Litem Symposium	Guardians ad Litem	Columbus
21 - 23	<i>Wed - Fri</i>	Ohio Association for Court Administrators (OACA) Fall Conference	Court Personnel*	Columbus
22	<i>Thu</i>	Court Security Officers: The Management of Security in the Courts	Court Personnel	Columbus
23	<i>Fri</i>	Child Support 202: The New Guidelines a Year Later (11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.)	Judges & Magistrates	Webinar
23	<i>Fri</i>	Evidence	Judges & Magistrates	Columbus
29	<i>Thu</i>	Judicial Candidates Seminar	Judicial Candidates	Columbus
30	<i>Fri</i>	Acting Judges Essentials: Small Claims (3 of 4 offerings)	Acting Judges	Cleveland

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3	<i>Tue</i>	Probation Officer Training Program: Introduction to Offender Skill Building (5 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers	Akron
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4	Wed	Cyberstalking and Elder Abuse: What They Are and What You Can Do	Court Personnel	Columbus
4 - 6	Wed - Fri	Court Management Program (CMP): Workforce Management/Graduation	CCM Class of 2020	Columbus
6	Fri	Evidence (11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.)	Judges & Magistrates	Webinar
6	Fri	Sex Offender Management Course	Probation Officers	Columbus
10	Tue	Guardian ad Litem Continuing Education: Trauma	Guardians ad Litem	Youngstown
12	Thu	Judicial Conduct: Promoting Professionalism (11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.) (judicial/professional conduct hours will be requested)	Judges & Magistrates	Webinar
13	Fri	Domestic Relations Fall Seminar	Judges & Magistrates	Columbus
13	Fri	Judicial Transitions: Maintaining Smooth Court Operations During a Time of Change (11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.)	Court Personnel	Webinar
17	Tue	Probation Officer Training Program: Professional Communication – Verbal and Written Skills (5 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers	Columbus
18	Wed	Guardian ad Litem Continuing Education: Understanding Child Protective Services	Guardians ad Litem	Dayton
18	Wed	Municipal and County Clerks Seminar/Ohio Association of Municipal/County Court Clerks (OAMCCC) Conference	Court Personnel	Columbus
19	Thu	Guardian ad Litem Pre-Service Course	Guardians ad Litem	Dayton
19	Thu	The Fundamentals of Custody Evaluation	Court Personnel	Columbus
20	Fri	The Basics of Eminent Domain (11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.)	Judges & Magistrates	Webinar

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1	Tue	Probation Officer Training Program: Introduction to Offender Behavior Management (5 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers	Akron
1	Tue	Supervisor Series: Conflict and Stress	Court Personnel	Columbus
2 - 4	Wed - Fri	Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association (OCPJA) Winter Conference (judicial conduct hours will be requested)	Judges*	Columbus
3	Thu	Pretrial Services Agencies Seminar/Ohio Association of Pretrial Service Agencies (OAPSA) Conference	Judges & Court Personnel	Columbus
3	Thu	Street Smart on Drugs	Probation Officers	Columbus
3 - 4	Thu - Fri	Ohio Association of Juvenile Court Judges (OAJCJ) Winter Conference (judicial conduct hours will be requested)	Judges*	Columbus
4	Fri	Acting Judges Essentials: Small Claims (4 of 4 offerings)	Acting Judges	Columbus
7 - 10	Mon - Thu	New Judges Orientation, Part I (judicial conduct hours will be requested)	New Judges	Columbus
15	Tue	Probation Officer Training Program: Introduction to Cognitive-Behavioral Interventions (5 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers	Columbus
16	Wed	Guardian ad Litem Pre-Service Course	Guardians ad Litem	Columbus

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17	<i>Thu</i>	Clerks Seminar	Court Personnel	Columbus
17	<i>Thu</i>	Guardian ad Litem Continuing Education: The GAL Interview (9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.)	Guardians ad Litem	Columbus
17	<i>Thu</i>	Guardian ad Litem Continuing Education: Report Writing (1:00-4:15 p.m.)	Guardians ad Litem	Columbus
18	<i>Fri</i>	Judicial Conduct: Ethics (11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.) (judicial/professional conduct hours will be requested)	Judges & Magistrates	Webinar

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PLEASE NOTE:

This schedule is *SUBJECT TO CHANGE*. View the Judicial College homepage for course schedule updates and additional information via <http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/Boards/judCollege/default.aspx#>.

To register for a Judicial College course or to view a course announcement, please visit our online registration site at <http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/Boards/judCollege/default.aspx#>.

1. Every two years, full-time judges, part-time judges, and retired judges eligible for assignment are required to obtain 40 hours of CLE. Of the 40 hours, 10 hours must be obtained from the Judicial College and include 3.00 hours of judicial conduct. (Gov.Jud.R. IV, §3).
2. Every two years, magistrates are required to obtain 40 hours of CLE. Of the 40 hours, 10 hours must be obtained from the Judicial College and include 3.00 hours of judicial/professional conduct. (Gov.Bar R. X, §10).
3. Every two years, acting judges are required to obtain 24 hours of CLE. Of the 24 hours, 10 hours must be obtained from the Judicial College and 2.50 hours of professional conduct are required. Acting Judges may obtain professional conduct hours from the Judicial College or another approved provider. (Gov.Bar R. X, §11).
4. Full-day courses of judicial and legal education typically consist of 5.5 Judicial College or CLE credit hours and are from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted.
5. Up to 12 hours of "self-study" are allowed during a biennial compliance period, pursuant to Gov.Jud.R. IV, §5 and Gov.Bar R. X, §5. The Judicial College has dozens of courses available online. There is no cost for these courses and judicial officers may take them on their own schedule and in their own environment. For a list of Judicial College online courses go to <http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/Boards/judCollege/calendars/OnlineSS.pdf>
6. Webinars allow individuals to participate in these courses via their personal/work computers. These hours are not self-study credit hours. Check individual course announcements for the time of the courses and approved credit hours.
7. The Judicial College cannot accept registration for courses until the course announcement has been emailed and online registration is opened through OhioCourtEDU.
8. (*) Indicates course registration through an association. Please check the event announcement when it is distributed by your association to confirm the credit hours to be offered.
9. For all non-association courses, please check the Judicial College course announcement when it is emailed to confirm whether judicial and/or professional conduct hours will be offered.
10. There is no pre-registration or tuition for the Judicial Candidates Seminars. Please note, if elected, new judges must attend New Judges Orientation pursuant to Gov.Jud.R. IV, §10.
11. Additional providers and courses for probation officers (e.g., firearms) and court security officers (e.g., subject control, formerly "defensive tactics") can be accessed via the following links <http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/Boards/judCollege/courtSecurityEd/default.asp> and <http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Law-Enforcement/Ohio-Peace-Officer-Training-Academy/Course-Catalog/Course-Categories/Court-Services>

Please refer to individual course announcements for the approved Judicial College or CLE credit hours and for course registration information.

To access Gov.Jud.R. IV and Gov.Bar R. X, please go to: www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/LegalResources/Rules/default.asp. To access CLE rule changes and FAQs, go to: www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/AttySvcs/CLE/ruleChanges2014/judgeFAQ.asp.

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