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In Case You Missed It:

The Supreme Court agreed to hear:

A case on damages caps for abused minors in [Brandt v. Pompa](#) and a case requiring a person subject to conditions of supervision to violate those conditions to challenge their legality in [Ohio v. Yontz](#).

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Legislative News: Two-Week Review

- [SB 212](#) (Sen. Hackett) **Foreclosures**, introduced 7.27.21. In foreclosures of real property, the bill allows the judgment creditor to elect to use a private selling officer if the judgment debtor fails to plead or otherwise defend as provided in the Civil Rules. Currently, the judge decides whether a private selling officer will be used, if requested by either party.
- The ACLU of Ohio and the Ohio Justice & Policy Center filed a [lawsuit](#) in the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas alleging the Parole Board and ODRC have an **unwritten policy of denying parole** to inmates who have had sentences of death or of life without the possibility of parole that had subsequently been commuted to sentences of life with the possibility of parole.
- OhioMHAS has issued a [Request for Information](#) to ADAMHS Boards in Allen, Ashtabula, Butler, Cuyahoga, Delaware, Fairfield, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Marion, Medina, Montgomery, Muskingum, Ottawa, Portage, Richland, Stark, and Summit counties. Information is being collected for the purpose of **funding Mental Health Courts** and identifying interested certified Mental Health dockets within those counties. The total amount of Mental Health Block Grant funds for the MHCP in FY22 is \$150,000; and the one-time funding for the Mental Health Block Grant COVID Relief funds is \$700,000. Specialized docket judges are encouraged to contact their local county ADAMHS Board to share their interest in participating in the MHCP and to assist the Board in accurately completing the RFI. All RFI responses must be submitted by the ADAMHS Boards via email to kathy.yocum@mha.ohio.gov by Aug. 6, 2021.
- The Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission is [tracking appellate decisions](#) related to the **non-life felony indefinite sentencing** scheme in 132 SB 201 (known as the Reagan Tokes Act).
- Over the past year, **video hearings of ODRC inmates** have increased significantly. To keep scheduling as efficient of possible, ODRC is requesting a uniform procedure be used to schedule inmate video hearings. ODRC needs at least 3 weeks' notice and the following information: 1. Date of the requested hearing; 2. Start time; 3. Length of hearing; Alternative date/s and time/s; 4. Inmate name; 5. Inmate number; 6. Court contact name; 7. Court contact phone number; 8. Type of hearing (only needed if it is a hearing); 9. Case number (only needed if it is a hearing); 10. Court connection method (i.e. video unit, Zoom, Ring Central, etc.); 11. Contact name and phone# of a person that will be available at the time of the meeting. The information should be sent in the text of an email (not as an attachment) to DRC.Videoconference@odrc.state.oh.us.
- [Register](#): The Ohio Judicial Conference's **Annual Meeting** is 9.2 and 9.3.21 with 10+ hours of judicial education. The agenda includes presentations from Supreme Court scholar Professor Erwin Chemerinsky, forensic psychiatrist Dr. Phillip Resnick, and cyber-stalking expert Steven Bradley.

For a complete list of bills & the latest Enactment News, please visit the [OJC website](#).



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