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In Case You Missed It:

[National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers is hosting a three-part webinar series, "From the Community to the Courtroom: Increasing Diversity and Access to the Jury Box"](#)

[Sentencing Data is a 'Swamp' but a Fix is Coming, Chief Justice Says; Cincinnati Enquirer, October 6, 2021](#)

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Legislative News: Two-Week Review

- [HB 418](#) (Reps. Bird, Stewart) **Underage Drinking**, introduced 9.14.21. The bill reduces the mental state that applies to the prohibition against allowing an underage person to possess or consume alcohol (from knowingly to recklessly).
- [HB 419](#) (Reps. Seitz, Troy) **Elder Abuse Reporting Offense**, introduced 9.14.21. The bill makes failure to make a mandatory report of adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation an M4 (currently, the failure to do so carries a fine of \$500 only).
- [HB 437](#) (Rep. Crossman) **Postal Package Theft**, introduced 9.29.21. The bill makes it an F5 to knowingly trespass on the land, premises, or curtilage of another with the purpose to remove a postal package in order to deprive the owner of the postal package.
- [HB 439](#) (Reps. Galonski, Hillyer) **Psychiatric Deterioration**, introduced 9.29.21. The bill makes changes to the law regarding involuntary treatment for mentally ill persons subject to a court order. Specifically, the bill makes it possible for someone to be involuntarily committed before becoming a danger to self or others, if there is psychiatric deterioration that would make someone a danger to self or others if it continues.
- Recently, the OJC worked with the Supreme Court to host a Court Café presentation about the recently enacted [SB 2](#), which impacts determinations of and restorations to competency to stand trial. The presentation was recorded and can be viewed [online](#).
- Recently, the OJC's Jury Service Committee created a Jury Resource Manual to provide a collection of resources for jury management. It is available online.
- The Rules Commission published [proposed Rule changes](#), and the iCourt Task Force [recommended changes to the Rules of Superintendence](#). Public Comment is open till 11.4.21.
- The [Home Relief Program](#) is still available to help avoid **evictions** for nonpayment of rent. Ohioans can receive assistance with rent, mortgage, or utilities from the state of Ohio, through their local [Community Action Agency](#).
- The Ohio Judicial Conference has prepared a [criminal offense list](#) that contains information about every criminal offense in the Ohio Revised Code; it is a work in progress.
- [My Ohio Rights](#) is a new initiative by the OSBA to help ensure young people have access to reliable and accessible information about their rights and responsibilities, beginning with three short, animated videos covering police stops, recording police interactions and how they can get involved in changing the law.
- Save the Date: The [2021 Veterans Summit](#) "Lean Forward: Employment and Housing Support for Veterans" is 11.18.21 at Villa Milano in Columbus. Attendance is free, and the venue has ample room for social distancing.

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



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