

Legislative News: Two-Week Review



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In Case You Missed It:

[*Sharon Kennedy Sworn in as Ohio's 11th Chief Justice; Spectrum News, January 25, 2023*](#)

[*Here's What House Speaker Jason Stephens Wants to Do in Office; cleveland.com, January 27, 2023*](#)

[*Lawmakers Miss Cutoff to Put 60% Question on Ballot; Associated Press, February 1, 2023*](#)

The Ohio Judicial Conference is dedicated to serving all Ohio judges. The Judicial Conference is the voice of the judiciary & a primary resource to ensure the fair, unbiased, open & effective administration of justice.

- Keep an eye on our website for [Enactment Summaries](#) providing effective dates and explaining the various bills that were passed in December: [SB 16](#) (Increase in penalty for assault and amended to include changes to importuning crimes, to police riot powers, and to shackling of pregnant detainees); [SB 288](#) (the criminal justice omnibus that was heavily amended to include distracted driving restrictions, and clarification of charges allowable when a juvenile is bound over); [HB 343](#) (Marsy's Law, or the victims' rights bill); [SB 202](#) (a guardianship bill that was amended to include some portions of [SB 199](#); and others.
- The 2022-2023 [Biennial Report of the Ohio Judicial Conference](#) is available on our website.
- On 1.3.23, the Supreme Court released [proposed Rule changes](#) for a second public comment period on the following proposed amendments to the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure (1, 1.1, 4.1, 4.6, 10, 26, 30, 33, 36, 37, 39, 43, 45, 53, 57, 65.1, 73, 75, and Civil Form 20), the Ohio Rules of Criminal Procedure (1, 2, 10, 12, 15, 33.1, 40, and 43), the Ohio Rules of Evidence (101, 601, 607, 609, and 616), and the Ohio Rules of Juvenile Procedure (1, 2, 8, 18, 27, 34, 35, and 41). Comments are due by 2.17.23.
- [SB 25](#) (Sen. Hackett) **Real Property Foreclosure**, introduced 1.23.23. The bill changes some procedures of real property foreclosures including the process of choosing whether to use a private selling officer: in every action demanding the judicial of real estate in which the debtor has failed to plead or otherwise defend as provided by the Rules of Civil Procedure, the judgment creditor may decide that the real estate be sold at a public auction by a private selling officer.
- [SB 26](#) (Sen. Manning) **Marijuana OVI**, introduced 1.23.23. The bill eliminates per se impairment for marijuana use, requires additional evidence of actual impairment, and allows for evidence that there was no impairment.
- Save the Date: [Summit on Children 2023](#) is scheduled for 3.16.23 – 3.17.23 at the OSU Ohio Union. The Summit on Children is an interdisciplinary team-based training hosted by the Supreme Court of Ohio Children and Families Section where juvenile court judges will come together with administrators of public children services agencies, child welfare attorneys, behavioral health providers, educators, and other community stakeholders. [Register](#) online through OhioCourtEDU.
- Help nominate candidates for the **2023 John and Ginny Elam Pro Bono Award**. This award has been presented annually since 2008, with the support of the Ohio Supreme Court, the Ohio State Bar Association and the Columbus Bar Foundation. The award recognizes an Ohio lawyer's exceptional pro bono legal work. Individuals may be nominated by email to Marion Smithberger, Executive Director Emeritus, Columbus Bar Foundation, at marion@cbalaw.org, by 2.24.23. Nominations should include a brief description of the qualifications of the nominee, as well as contact information for the nominee and nominator.

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



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