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Legislation and Policy in the News:

[Ohio Foreclosures Trending Down; Dayton Business Journal, June 21, 2016](#)



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

Legislative News: Two Week Review



- On 6.28.16, Governor Kasich signed the following bills into law: HB 387 (raises maximum monetary jurisdiction of small claims courts), HB 390 (provides funding for and reauthorizes the OJC; makes changes to foreclosure procedures; creates the capital case attorney fee council), and SB 321 (procedures for public records disputes). They become effective in ninety days.
- The **Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission** voted, 6.23.16, to make recommendations to the legislature to [revise Chapter 2953 \(Record-Sealing and Expungement\)](#) of the ORC to make it more readable.
- The Supreme Court's Task Force to Examine Improvements to the Grand Jury System cleared nine recommendations, but was given a 30-day extension to revise a recommendation regarding secrecy of proceedings.
- The Supreme Court Commission on Rules of Practice and Superintendence is looking for comment on changes to the rules pertaining to [commercial dockets](#).
- As of July 1, amendments to the [Rules of Superintendence](#) and new [probate forms](#) are effective. Specifically, [Sup. R. 5.01](#) addressing the use of restraints of juveniles in court and [Sup. R. 80 and 87](#) addressing access to foreign or sign language interpreters in court have been amended.
- The Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission and Ohio Supreme Court produced a [benchmark](#) for costs, fees, and restitution in juvenile adjudications.
- Following the enactment of HB 523 (medical marijuana), the Board of Professional Conduct is reviewing requests for guidance regarding the scope of services attorneys may provide to marijuana-related businesses, attorneys' ownership interest in such businesses, and the use of medical marijuana by attorneys.
- Save the Date: **The OJC's Annual Meeting, "...And Justice for All: The American Promise,"** will take place on September 15 & 16 at the Columbus Hilton at Easton. Please watch your mail or check the OJC website for registration materials, which will be available soon.
- Happy Independence Day!



For a complete list of bills that affect the judiciary, please visit the [OJC website](#).



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