

## Legislative News: Two-Week Review



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### ***In Case You Missed It:***

June is [PTSD Awareness Month](#) and [Men's Mental Health Month](#)

[OCTA's Spring 2024 Quarterly Review](#)

*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.*

- [SB 289](#) (Sen. Antonio) **Statute of Limitations for Rape**, introduced 6.10.24. The bill eliminates the period of limitation for the criminal prosecution of a person for rape and for a civil action brought by a victim of conduct that would constitute rape.
- The National Center for State Courts is now accepting nominations for the **William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence**. The award recognizes judges who have significant experience serving state courts, demonstrate promotion and implementation of innovation in the management of state courts, and provide leadership at the national and/or state level to improve state systems of justice. [Nominations](#) will be accepted until 7.15.24.
- The Center for Jury Studies at the National Center for State Courts is now accepting nominations for the **G. Thomas Munsterman Award for Jury Innovation**. The award recognizes states, local courts, individuals, or other organizations that have made significant improvements or innovations in jury procedures, operations, or practices in state or local statutes, rules, or other formal changes; jury management or technology; in-court improvements; or other improvements or innovations related to juries and jury trials. [Nominations](#) will be accepted until 9.13.24.
- On 5.31.24, the Ohio Public Defender released a [memo](#) regarding the FY25 **indigent defense reimbursement rate**. Based on the county reimbursement request levels from the past five fiscal years, paying particular attention to FY24, the OPD is setting the initial reimbursement rate for FY25 at 78%.
- The third edition of the Supreme Court of Ohio [Writing Manual](#) is now available.
- Save the Date: The **OJC Annual Meeting** is September 19-20. Registration for the Annual Meeting will be made available in early July.
- Save the Date: On 8.12.24 and 8.13.24, Bowling Green State University, the Ohio Attorney General's Office, and the Center for the Future of Forensic are hosting the 3rd annual "**Understanding and Using Forensic Science and Expert Testimony in the Courtroom**" continuing legal education (approved for 14.5 hours). [Register](#) by 7.28.24.
- Ohio residents seeking **stalking and sexually oriented offense protection orders** have [a new online tool](#) that enables victims and survivors to more safely access and complete the legal forms they need to obtain a civil protection order. [Ohio Legal Help](#), in partnership with the Supreme Court of Ohio, developed the tool and information that expands on [the domestic and dating violence civil protection order tool](#) built in 2021 that helps over 50,000 Ohioans annually. The site is accessible by mobile phone, tablet, or computer 24/7; and has information on the [different types of civil protection orders](#), [online stalking](#), and [gathering evidence from your phone](#).

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