

Legislative News: Two-Week Review



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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.

- Voting has begun in Ohio's March Primary election. To encourage participation in judicial elections and to ensure voters have an opportunity to **learn more about judicial candidates**, the OSBA is promoting the bipartisan voter information website [judicialvotescount.org](#). All judicial candidates running in the primary have been invited to complete a [profile](#). *If your name will be on the ballot in March, we strongly encourage your participation, whether your race is contested or not.* Information you submit now will carry over into the general election.
- Funding to promote [judicialvotescount.org](#) is made possible by grants from the Supreme Court of Ohio and the ABA Cornerstones of Democracy project. You can provide feedback and ideas for additional educational materials and videos through this [survey](#) or via email to judicialvotescount@ohioabar.org.
- On 2.21.24 and 2.27.24, Democrat legislators introduced a spate of gun control laws: **HB 417** (Reps. Abdullahi, Grim) prohibiting anyone with an M1 domestic violence conviction from carrying a firearm or dangerous ordnance; **HB 418** (Reps. Brown R., Isaacsohn) repealing the recently enacted concealed handgun law and requiring a person with a handgun to notify a law enforcement officer; **HB 419** (Reps. Isaacsohn, Robinson) requiring most gun transfers to occur only through a dealer or law enforcement and requiring background checks for all such transfers; **HB 420** (Reps. Abdullahi, Brewer) establishing an Office of Firearm Violence Prevention; **HB 421** (Rep. Brewer) establishing a Task Force on Gun Violence; and **HB 433** (Rep. Blackshear) prohibiting the carrying of mass casualty weapons.
- **HB 429** (Reps. Click, Johnson) **Traffic Offenses in Construction Zones**, introduced 2.21.24. The bill increases penalties (through additional mandatory fees) for traffic offenses committed in construction zones under specific circumstances.
- Board of Professional Conduct's [Opinion 2024-02](#) addresses whether lawyers appointed to a dual role as **lawyer and guardian ad litem** to a minor may communicate with other parties in a domestic case without consulting their attorneys. The answer is generally no, the board says, unless the lawyer is simply trying to contact, or schedule an appointment with, the child.
- **Registration now open!** The OJC's **Court Technology Conference** is set for 4.3.24 at the Nationwide Hotel & Conference Center located in Lewis Center, just north of Columbus. This conference is for judges, court administrators, clerks, IT managers, bailiffs, probation officers and court staff, or anyone who works with court technology; see [agenda](#). The cost per attendee is \$50. 2.25 hours general CLE (pending approval).
- **Save the Date!** The OJC's **Annual Judicial-Legislative Exchange** is scheduled for 5.7.24 and is being organized in conjunction with the OSBA's [complimentary CLE panel and Bench-Bar Reception](#). If you would like to participate, please email Justin.Long@sc.ohio.gov.

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