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RETIRED JUDGE MARK R. SCHWEIKERT
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OHIO JUDICIAL CONFERENCE

A CHANGING OF THE GUARD!

As Obi-wan Kenobi might say, I feel a serious shudder in the force! Over the last several months of 2012 there have been a dramatic number of retirements or election defeats that have significantly changed the makeup of Ohio's judiciary. Time will tell how we will fare. It is part of the role of the Ohio Judicial Conference to assist in this transition, both for judges entering retirement and for new judges heading to the bench. We are a resource to link judges with questions and concerns to information and other colleagues who have the answers.

The Ohio Judicial Conference provides the judges of the state the opportunity to meet and collaborate with their colleagues through the judicial associations; committee activities provide them with a voice in the Ohio General Assembly when legislation is introduced that may have an impact on their courts; and provides them with resources that are helpful in their everyday work. The Judicial Conference website compliments the Supreme Court of Ohio website with insight, information and tools developed by their colleagues as a service to the judicial professional community. Judges should get involved to the extent that they feel comfortable and take advantage of the resources provided.

New judges should take advantage of the Mentor program administered by the Supreme Court of Ohio Judicial College. Selected mentors can offer clear insight into those new experiences that new judges are bound to encounter. And if you are a veteran judge and you become aware of a new colleague that appears to be having a difficult time adjusting, offer to help, or contact the Judicial Advisory Group (JAG) so that they can provide confidential support and assistance.

To those leaving, I know most of you and I bid you a hearty farewell. On behalf of all your colleagues in the state judiciary I offer our gratitude to you for your service, your dedication to the profession, and your contribution to the social fabric we all labor to maintain as the judicial branch of state and local government. Remember that even in retirement you can continue to contribute, either through judicial assignment or through participation on an OJC committee. Your experiences and knowledge continue to be valuable.

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Though there may be a “shudder in the force”, I am confident that it will be a momentary one and our new colleagues will bring continued energy and motivation to keep Ohio’s judiciary the best in the country. Like the changing of the guard, the transition from old to new is natural and inevitable. With the leadership of OJC Chair Judge Jim James and the OJC executive committee, the OJC staff and I look forward to assisting.

JUDGES IN THE NEWS

The Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association presented Golden Gavel Awards to thirteen recipients at their 2012 Winter Meeting on December 6, 2012. The awards honor judges who are leaving the common pleas general division bench after serving a total of ten or more years. The following judges were honored:

- John F. Bender, Franklin Co. Common Pleas Court
- John P. Bessey, Franklin Co. Common Pleas Court
- Susan E. Boyer, Washington Co. Common Pleas Court
- Neal B. Bronson, Warren Co. Common Pleas Court
- Charles E. Brown, Jr., Stark Co. Common Pleas Court
- Dennis S. Helmick, Hamilton Co. Common Pleas Court
- James D. Jensen, Lucas Co. Common Pleas Court
- Lee Sinclair, Stark Co. Common Pleas Court
- John M. Stuard, Trumbull Co. Common Pleas Court
- Ronald Suster, Cuyahoga Co. Common Pleas Court
- Richard K. Warren, Allen Co. Common Pleas Court
- Roger B. Wilson, Champaign Co. Common Pleas Court
- Edward M. Zaleski, Lorain Co. Common Pleas Court

Judge Everett H. Krueger



Judge Everett H. Krueger, Delaware Co. Common Pleas Court, was the recipient of the Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association President’s Award. The award was presented to Judge Krueger by Judge Peter J. Kontos, OCPJA President, recognizing his dedication and service to the association.

The Ohio Association of Juvenile Court Judges presented the following awards at their 2012 Winter Meeting on December 6, 2012:



Retired Judge Rex Fortney, Van Wert Co. Probate/Juvenile Court, received the **OAJCJ President’s Award**. This award is given to an association member who has made extraordinary contributions to the Association and to the system of justice. For over 10 years Judge Fortney gave scholarly law presentations at the summer conference on juvenile case law. His research was exceptionally thorough and exhaustive, covering cases from the Ohio Supreme Court to unreported cases. His distillation of the case law and presentation to members was extremely beneficial to the members.

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Judge Linda Tucci Teodosio, Summit Co. Juvenile Court, received the **OAJCJ Distinguished Service Award**. This award is presented to an association member who has made extraordinary contributions to the local community. Judge Teodosio is a tireless advocate for children in Ohio. She believes the juvenile court system can have a positive impact on a child's life, and also believes the system needs to give every child every chance to receive the guidance necessary to return to society as a contributing member, with a renewed outlook toward achieving a better quality life. She feels strongly that the juvenile courts must assure that the children who come before it take responsibility for their actions, but the courts must also be responsive to their needs so they can avoid further exposure to the juvenile justice system. With her leadership and innovative programming, Judge Teodosio is winning back lives in Ohio.

Magistrate Ali Frantz, Stark Co. Family Court, received the **OAJCJ Court Service Award**. This award is presented to an individual nominated by a member for extraordinary conduct, service and support to the justice system. Magistrate Frantz was nominated by Judge Jim James "because of her dedication and innovation in the lives of the youths served by our court...and her firm belief that learning improves lives. A disposition in Magistrate Frantz's courtroom often includes the requirement that a youth read a book and write a report. She observed that many did not have access to books or a library. She met this challenge by creating a Family Court Library. She obtained court space, painted and decorated, and collected donations for bookcases, and new and gently used books for all reading levels. She has created an inviting, welcoming space to encourage young people to read."

2013 Ohio Judicial Conference Annual Meeting

September 12 - 13
Hilton Polaris/Columbus

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OHIO JUDICIAL CONFERENCE NEWS

FAREWELL CHRISTINA MADRIGUERA, ESQ.



On January 2, 2013, Judicial Conference Legislative Liaison Christina Madriguera, Esq., began her new position as the Executive Assistant to Justice William M. O'Neill. We thank Christina for her hard work during her tenure with the Judicial Conference. Her dedication and professionalism will be missed. We hope and expect that Christina's new endeavor will bring her great success!

ENACTMENTS DURING THE FINAL DAYS OF THE 129TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

During the final days of the 129th General Assembly, the following bills of interest to Ohio courts and judges were enacted. Information about these new laws, as well as their effective dates, will be available on the OJC website at www.ohiojudges.org.

House Bill 27: Adult Guardianship. House Bill 27 adopts the Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act. It will facilitate inter-state transfer of guardianship agreements and authorize conversations between judges in Ohio and their counterparts in other parts of the United States. **EFFECTIVE: March 22, 2013**

House Bill 62: Judicial Assault. House Bill 62 authorizes enhanced penalties for assaults on health care professionals and justice system personnel including up to a \$5,000 fine when the offense is a M1; limits the application of the new law to circumstances where the offender knew or had "reasonable cause" to know that the victim was a health care professional or justice system personnel and instances where the victim was engaged in the performance of the victim's duties; increases the penalty for assaults on health care professionals and justice system personnel from the M1 to an F5 for repeat offenders; defines the felony assault on health care professionals or justice system personnel as a "qualifying assault offense" and states the conditions for imposing prison terms for these offenses. **EFFECTIVE: March 22, 2013**

House Bill 197: Unpaid Fines or Costs. House Bill 197 requires municipal, county, or mayor clerks to pay collected moneys before the twentieth day of the month; authorizes municipal and county courts to require community service in lieu of costs or to allow payment of costs in installments if at the time of sentencing or at any time thereafter the court finds that the offender cannot pay costs or cannot pay costs in full; ensures that after notice to the debtor and an opportunity to enter into an installment payment or community service agreement with the court neither the Registrar

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of Motor Vehicles nor any deputy registrar accepts any application for the registration or transfer of registration of a motor vehicle of a person who fails to pay any fine or costs imposed for offenses by a common pleas, municipal, county, or mayor's court; raises from \$3 to \$6 the ceiling on optional additional fees that a court of common pleas may charge to fund court computerization or computerized legal research services; raises from \$10 to \$20 the ceiling on optional additional fees that a court of common pleas may charge to make technological advances or to computerize the court clerk's office; caps at \$1 the increase that courts can charge for certain services described in section 2303.20; requires a court in determining the sentence for a criminal offense to consider emotional, mental, or physical conditions traceable to an offender's military service that contributed to the offender's commission of the offense and to consider the offender's military service record; and makes other changes. **EFFECTIVE: March 22, 2013**

House Bill 247: Court Costs. House Bill 247 responds to *State v. Clevenger* (2007) by expanding the authority of a sentencing court to waive, suspend, or modify payment of the costs of prosecution; codifies *City of Middleburg Heights v. Quinones* (2007) by defining case as "a prosecution of all the charges that result from the same act, transaction, or series of acts or transactions and that are given the same case type designator and case number under Rule 43 of the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio or any successor to that rule;" renames the "Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals" the "Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals;" provides that a principal in a power of attorney may nominate a guardian of the principal's incompetent adult children; and enacts other changes. **EFFECTIVE: March 22, 2013**

House Bill 278: Financial Responsibility. House Bill 278 makes changes to the law governing automobile insurance policies and, among other things, increases the minimum amounts required for valid proof of financial responsibility. **Section 3(A) effective 9-22-13; Section 3(B) effective 12-22-13; all other sections effective 3-22-13; EFFECTIVE: March 22, 2013**

House Bill 279: Child Custody. House Bill 279 eliminates the automatic termination upon the expiration of one year of a power of attorney or caretaker authorization affidavit that gives care of a child to a grandparent; creates a 14-day cooling off period to allow grandparents to petition the court to obtain permanent custody if the child's parent seeks to terminate a power of attorney or caretaker authorization affidavit. **Section 6 effective 3-21-13; all other sections effective 12-20-12; EFFECTIVE: December 20, 2012**

House Bill 380: Asbestos Exposure Compensation. House Bill 380 requires claimants in asbestos tort actions to make certain disclosures pertaining to asbestos trust claims that have been submitted to asbestos trust entities for the purpose of compensating the claimant for asbestos exposure. **EFFECTIVE: March 27, 2013**

House Bill 461: Family Law Collaborative. House Bill 461 establishes a collaborative family law process to resolve family law disputes; clarifies when an order of spousal support may be modified; and clarifies the circumstances under which a client's statements may compel an attorney to testify regarding attorney-client communications. **EFFECTIVE: March 22, 2013**

House Bill 479: Trust Code. House Bill 479 adopts the Ohio Legacy Trust Act; grants probate courts concurrent jurisdiction over certain transfer on death accounts; and makes other changes. **EFFECTIVE: March 27, 2013**

House Bill 495: Concealed Handgun. House Bill 495 makes changes to the statutes governing concealed handgun licenses. **EFFECTIVE: March 27, 2013**

House Bill 606: Youngstown Municipal Court. House Bill 606 abolishes a judgeship of the Youngstown Municipal Court; increases from more than 100 to more than 200 the population necessary for a municipal corporation to have a mayor's court; and provides that a conviction or guilty plea for texting while driving and a substantially equivalent

municipal ordinance for the same conduct are allied offenses of similar import and that an adjudication for the offense of a person who is less than 18 years of age from using, in any manner, an electronic wireless communications device while driving and an adjudication of a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance for the same conduct are allied offenses of similar import. **EFFECTIVE: March 22, 2013**

Senate Bill 70: Arson Registry. Senate Bill 70 establishes a registry for arson offenders. **EFFECTIVE: July 1, 2013**

Senate Bill 114: Motor Vehicles. Senate Bill 114 establishes conditions for the operation of certain specialized motor vehicles and, among other things, establishes civil liability for installing nonconforming glass or other material, including costs and attorney fees; gives the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas exclusive jurisdiction over motor vehicle repair registration violations. **EFFECTIVE: March 22, 2013**

Senate Bill 160: Sentencing Laws. Senate Bill 160 requires automatic notice to victims of aggravated murder, murder, first, second, or third degree felony offenses of violence, or offenses punishable by a sentence of life imprisonment of certain prisoner or alleged juvenile offender release or transfer proceedings unless the victim has requested that the notice not be provided; provides that voluntary manslaughter committed with a sexual motivation is a sexually oriented offense, makes an offender or juvenile offender registrant who commits it a tier III sex offender/child-victim offender, and may qualify a juvenile offender registrant who commits it as a public registry-qualified juvenile offender registrant; waives the notice by publication requirement for a change of name if the applicant submits proof that the publication would jeopardize the applicant's personal safety; revises the sentencing options for fourth and fifth degree felonies. **EFFECTIVE: March 22, 2013**

Senate Bill 298: Entertainment Districts. Senate Bill 298 alters the conditions under which a D-51 liquor permit may be issued. **EFFECTIVE: March 22, 2013**

Senate Bill 301: Controlled Substances. Substitute Senate Bill 301, among other things, makes changes in the classifications of certain controlled substances.
EFFECTIVE: March 13, 2013

NEW CITIZEN'S GUIDE BROCHURE:

Why Can't I Talk to the Judge?

The Public Confidence and Community Outreach Committee created a new brochure for the Ohio Judicial Conference's Citizen Guide series. The brochure, titled "Why Can't I talk to the Judge?" is designed to help inform the public about ex parte communications and the proper way to communicate with the judge. The brochure was approved for publication at the May 11, 2012 Executive Committee meeting. The new brochure is available for download on the Ohio Judicial Conference website here: *Why Can't I Talk to the Judge?* Additionally, you can order this brochure in bulk at a low cost of .15 or .20 cents per copy, depending on the number ordered. Place your online order here: [Citizen Guide Online Order Form](#).

AVOIDING SCHEDULING SNAFUS IN THE DIGITAL AGE

JUDGE MICHAEL R. GOULDING, TOLEDO MUNICIPAL COURT
JUDGE NORMAN G. ZEMMELMAN, LUCAS CO. DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT

Some courts have embraced the multiplex technological advances produced to assist courts in recent years. Some courts, and some judges, have less enthusiastically been forced to accommodate such advances. Many courts allow filing via e mail. Many have computerized all aspects of court business, from file retention to probation and everything between, beneath, and beyond. These advances have saved time and money, increased efficiency, and afforded more user-friendly means to serve citizens. But with such advances come potential hazards of which each judge must be aware.

Of specific concern for the judge is the interface of his or her own personal calendar with that of the court. The importance of keeping the judge's personal calendar, schedule, and the like separate from that of the court is heightened with the advent of online dockets, internet search engines, and various mobile applications which allow access to court records. Many of these new technologies enable a judge to merge the court's calendar into the judge's personal calendar. But the opposite is true as well, and that is where problems can arise.

Cautious oversight is urged to prevent a judge's personal schedule from merging with and appearing on the court's official schedule or docket. Instances of such errors are easily imagined: the court's docket might include a notation of the judge's attendance at a political function, scheduling of a medical procedure, family vacation plans, participation in a charitable event, and the like.

A judge's political activities are regulated by Canon 4 of the Ohio Code of Judicial Conduct. But when a judge's participation at a political function calls into question the judge's independence, integrity, and impartiality, obvious problems arise, the least of which, sometimes, is the mere appearance of impropriety. Ohio's maintenance of a popularly elected bench increases such concerns.

A judge's participation at a charitable or similar event might create an impression the judge's favor can be curried by a litigant or attorney who voices strong support of the same cause. The strictures of Canon 3, while understood by the bench and bar, might not be as well understood by the general public.

Where a judge's publication of his or her extra-judicial schedule does not raise ethical considerations it certainly raises security concerns. In a May 15, 2012 letter to the State Fair Political Practices Commission, the California Judges' Association cited the following startling statistic: "[o]n average, a judicial officer in the United States is killed every 36 months; this underscores the very real risks faced by judges." We all recall the 2005 attempted assassination of a federal judge in Chicago that resulted in the death of the judge's husband and mother. That event followed the killing of three federal judges since 1978. The U.S. Marshal's Service undertook a study of the factors surrounding those tragedies and found the following: (1) all attacks happened as a result of involvement over a specific court case; (2) none of the assailants made a threat prior to the attack; (3) all attacks occurred away from the courthouse; and (4) three of the attacks stemmed from civil cases. (Muffler and Brandlin, *Judicial Security*, Case In Point (2011 Issue), a publication of The National Judicial College.) Thus, statistically, we as judges are at greater risk away from the security provided to us in the courthouse. To maintain our own safety, as well as that of our families, it is imperative that our outside activities, of whatever nature, not be broadcast. Therefore, a judge's inclusion of personal activities in a published court docket places the judge at risk. Judges should ensure that their personal calendar does not mistakenly end up on the court's official website, mobile app, or electronic docket.

2012 ODYS COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARDS

HARVEY J. REED

DIRECTOR, OHIO DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES

In partnership with the Ohio Association of Juvenile Court Judges and the Governor's Council on Juvenile Justice, the Ohio Department of Youth Services (DYS) presented the Fourth Annual Community Recognition Awards on December 6, 2012. The presentation highlighted youth who have done an outstanding job of turning their lives around and recognized community partners for providing valuable services to youth.

In August 2012, DYS began the call for nominations for the awards, and agencies from all over the state responded with recommendations of many successful youth and notable community programs. A committee composed of judges and staff, children's advocacy groups and DYS staff reviewed the nominations and had the challenging task of narrowing the selections to be highlighted at the presentation. Six deserving programs and six exemplary youth were selected.



Director Reed speaking during the awards program

The Linda Modry Young Woman of Achievement Award was given in honor of Linda Modry, who retired in 2011 as Deputy Director of Parole and Community Services at DYS. Throughout her career, Linda was passionate about seeing youth, especially young women, succeed. She was a key to the agency creating and preserving collaborative relationships with juvenile courts and community programs.

The Alternative to Detention (ATD) Program, which is part of the Scioto County Juvenile Court, received the Linda Modry Young Woman of Achievement Award. ATD helps address issues that youth and their parents face by targeting youth along with their families. The 10-week program operates each Saturday and includes academic tutoring and gender-specific groups that address issues including drug and alcohol use, peer affiliations, healthy relationships, gangs, pro-social behavior, diversity, truancy and more. Youth are transported to the program and, at lunchtime, parents join their youth for lunch and then stay for a parenting class.

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CONTRIBUTE TO *FOR THE RECORD!!!*

We are always looking for interesting articles to print in *For the Record*. If you know of a good topic, are willing to write an article, or if you participate in an association, committee, commission or other group covering important information regarding the Ohio or national judicial system, please email Jennie Long at: Jennie.Long@sc.ohio.gov or Jeff Jablonka at: Jeff.Jablonka@sc.ohio.gov to let us know. We will contact you for more information.

Youth Raqueal also received the Linda Modry Young Woman of Achievement Award. The 17-year old was a participant of ATD. At one time she faced many obstacles including living on the streets and struggling with self-control. Raqueal and her new guardian Bridget were enrolled in ATD and learned to communicate more effectively. Bridget gained parenting skills, and Raqueal began turning her life around. Now Raqueal attends the Scioto County Career Technical Center, where she is majoring in criminal justice and maintains an A-average. She has volunteered in her community and plans to attend college next fall.

The Mahoning County High School received a Community Recognition Award. This public community school offers an educational opportunity to students who desire to get back on track with their academics. Students receive the chance to re-engage in school and obtain a high school diploma while also developing healthy relationships with adults who care for their well-being. Mahoning County High School offers assistance in obtaining employment, enrolling in post-secondary education programs and referrals to any services that might benefit youth.

A very special participant of Mahoning County High School, youth Steven also received a Community Recognition Award. Stephen's father passed away when he was young, and he lived with his mother at the time of his enrollment at Mahoning County High School. When Stephen began attending Mahoning County High School he was quite reserved but, in time, he engaged in multiple programs including two consecutive years of participation in Kent State University's Alternative Spring Break, which provides service work for organizations in need in Columbiana County.

During his second year participating in the Spring Break Program, Stephen received word that his mother was ill and needed him to come home early on the final day. Within weeks, Stephen lost his mother and became responsible for maintaining a home and caring for himself at the age of 17. Eventually, Stephen moved into his aunt's home. Through everything, Stephen maintained a positive attitude. He decided to return to his home school, but he maintains contact with staff at the school and plans to attend the alternative Spring Break Program again in 2013. Staff describe him as "loyal, honest, hardworking, outstanding and a survivor."

The Altercrest Day Treatment Program, a part of the St. Joseph Orphanage, received a Community Recognition Award. Youth attending the Altercrest Day Treatment Program are often referred because of difficulties in a traditional school setting. The Partial Hospitalization Program provides assistance with mental health, social and independent living skills and education. The Altercrest Day Treatment Program offers vocational skills and independent living classes to help youth make positive life choices and give back to the community.

A young man named Ronzell also received a Community Recognition Award. Ronzell attended the Altercrest Day Treatment Program and took advantage of the opportunities it had to offer. Despite some adverse situations, Ronzell successfully completed the program and went on to become a successful student athlete at Anderson High School. He has since graduated and is now attending Cincinnati State, where he is pursuing a degree in Nursing.

The J. Thomas Mullen Achievement Award is given in memory of Mr. Mullen's outstanding dedication to Ohio's youth. Tom was the second Director of DYS, President and CEO of Catholic Charities in Northeast Ohio, and Chair of the Governor's Council on Juvenile Justice. Mrs. Julie Mullen and daughter Maggie Ford helped present the awards in Tom's memory.

The J. Thomas Mullen Achievement Award was presented to the Community Integration and Training for Employment Program at the Lucas County Juvenile Court. The CITE program provides job readiness training, linkage to employment and community service activities. In collaboration with many public and private organizations, the CITE program helps prepare youth for the world of work by helping them develop the skills they need to find and

keep a job. Skills gained include time management, teamwork, decision making, admitting mistakes, accepting critical feedback, problem solving, effective communication and interviewing skills.

A youth named Eric, who was a participant in the CITE program, also received the J. Thomas Mullen Achievement Award. He quickly began changing the direction of his life by working beyond program expectations. Eric enrolled in a leadership program through Toledo GROWs and was given the opportunity to take initiative in some work projects. He served as a leader among his peers, redirecting them and encouraging them to avoid negative influences on and off the job. After completing leadership training, Eric was hired as an intern through Americorps and also enrolled in Owens Community College to study social work. He also started his own lawn business to earn money for school, and he hired youth in the community who needed work and served as a positive role model for them. In 2012, Eric was hired as a job coach by Toledo GROWs to teach what he has learned about employment and life skills to new recruits.

The Thomas J. Stickrath Reentry Award was given in honor of Tom Stickrath, the former Director of DYS and current Director of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. From his time as Assistant Director of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction to his years as Director of DYS and in his role today, Tom has been passionate about promoting successful reentry for adults and youth, reducing recidivism and enhancing public safety. Tom was on hand to present the Reentry Award named in his honor.

The Thomas J. Stickrath Reentry Award was given to the Allen County Juvenile Drug Treatment Court. The Allen County Juvenile Drug Treatment Court provides a continuum of strength-based services to juveniles and their families, resulting in healthier family and community relationships, while maintaining accountability and promoting public safety. In partnership with a variety of community agencies, the court uses a model with three phases that lasts approximately 1 year. The program combines intensive level probation, supervision, and case management and treatment services.

Jayden was a participant in the Allen County Juvenile Drug Treatment Court, and he also received the Thomas J. Stickrath Reentry Award. At one time, he was headed down a destructive path and spent some time in a DYS facility. Jayden immersed himself in the Allen County Juvenile Drug Treatment Court, completing all requirements, sessions and treatment. He also provided so much community service at the Literacy Council that the staff there began thinking of him as one of their own. Jayden completed his GED and registered at Rhodes State College at age 17. He continues to study there and has a double major in Network Security and Criminal Justice. Jayden exemplifies the mission and purpose of the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court, and he reminds others of what someone can do if given a second chance and the needed support to get through the rough spots.

The Director's Award was given to Prodigy, Medals in the Making. Prodigy is a state-of-the-art gym located in southwestern Ohio and has partnered with the Montgomery County Juvenile Court Community Based Services program to provide at-risk youth with free accessibility to the largest workout facility in the area. Participants have the option of training in boxing, wrestling, martial arts, mixed martial arts, and fitness/weight lifting. Prodigy, Medals in the Making is designed to help youth by teaching them about self-discipline, accountability, integrity and spirituality. The program provides refuge to many youth and helps them gain self-esteem and discipline, learn different diet and exercise strategies, reduce stress and gain a healthier lifestyle.

Youth Joshua also received the Director's Award. In the past, Joshua was struggling in his classes and was known as the "class clown." Through the intervention of his probation officer and the Prodigy program, Joshua was transitioned from an unfavorable living arrangement to a more structured and healthy environment. Joshua became involved in the Medals in the Making boxing program and learned how to manage anger, accept constructive criticism and praises, and develop his self-esteem. Joshua transformed his life. His grades drastically improved, and he is

currently an honor roll student receiving all A's & B's. He is employed part-time at Wendy's and continues on the path to success.

Congratulations to all of the nominees and award winners! I was encouraged by youth sharing their appreciation and seeing many families and providers moved to tears. You are invited to watch for the next call for nominations in August 2013. The Community Recognition Awards provide an exciting forum to celebrate youth successes and thank staff for a job well-done.

Thank you! *To the 2011-2012 co-chairs of the Ohio Judicial Conference standing committees for your time and service; it is much appreciated.*

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CHANGES RESULTING FROM THE 2012 JUDICIAL ELECTIONS

28 New Judges

Court	New Judge	Comment
Supreme Court	William M. O'Neill	Replacing Justice Robert R. Cupp
2 nd District Court of Appeals	Jeffrey M. Welbaum	Replacing Judge Thomas J. Grady
4 th District Court of Appeals	Marie Hoover	Replacing Judge Roger L. Kline
8 th District Court of Appeals	Tim McCormack	Replacing Judge James J. Sweeney
9 th District Court of Appeals	Jennifer Hensal	Replacing Judge Clair E. Dickinson
11 th District Court of Appeals	Colleen Mary O'Toole	Replacing Judge Mary Jane Trapp
Allen Co. Common Pleas Court	David A. Cheney	Replacing Judge Richard K. Warren
Belmont County Court	Eric Costine	Replacing Judge Harry W. White
Champaign Co. Common Pleas Court	Nick A. Selvaggio	Replacing Judge Roger B. Wilson
Cuyahoga Co. Common Pleas Court	Michael Jackson	Replacing Judge Ronald Suster
Cuyahoga Co. Common Pleas Court	Cassandra Collier-Williams	Replacing Judge Joan Synenberg
Cuyahoga Co. Common Pleas Court	Steve Gall	Replacing Judge Annette G. Butler
Cuyahoga Co. Common Pleas Court	Denise N. Rini	Replacing Judge Joseph F. Russo
Franklin Co. Common Pleas Court	Kim Brown	Replacing Judge John P. Bessey
Franklin Co. Domestic Relations/Juvenile Court	Terri Jamison	Replacing Judge Christopher J. Geer
Hamilton Co. Common Pleas Court	Leslie Ghiz	Replacing Judge Dennis S. Helmick
Lorain Co. Common Pleas Court	John R. Miraldi	Replacing Judge Edward M. Zaleski
Lorain Co. Domestic Relations/Juvenile Court	Lisa I. Swenski	Replacing Judge David J. Berta
Lorain Co. Domestic Relations/Juvenile Court	Frank Janik	Replacing Judge David A. Basinski
Marion Co. Common Pleas Court	Jim Slagle	Replacing Judge Robert S. Davidson
Meigs Co. Common Pleas Court	Carson Crow	Replacing Judge Christopher Tenoglia
Montgomery Co. Common Pleas Court	Michael W. Krumholtz	Replacing Judge Connie S. Price
Pike Co. Probate/Juvenile Court	Robert N. Rosenberger	Replacing Judge Jerome D. Catanzaro
Pike County Court	Paul Price	Replacing Judge Cassandra Bolt-Meredith
Sandusky County Court	Mary E. Fiser	Replacing Judge Herbert E. Adams
Scioto Co. Domestic Relations Court	Jerry L. Buckler	Replacing Judge Jay S. Willis
Trumbull Co. Family Court	Sandra Stabile Harwood	Replacing Judge Richard James
Trumbull County Court	Robert Platt	Replacing Judge Ronald J. Rice
Washington Co. Common Pleas Court	Randall G. Burnworth	Replacing Judge Susan E. Boyer

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7 Judges Moving to Different Court

Moving to	Judge	Moving from
Supreme Court	Sharon L. Kennedy	Butler Co. Domestic Relations Court
1 st District Court of Appeals	Pat DeWine	Hamilton Co. Common Pleas Court
6 th District Court of Appeals	James D. Jensen	Lucas Co. Common Pleas Court
8 th District Court of Appeals	Eileen T. Gallagher	Cuyahoga Co. Common Pleas Court
Cuyahoga Co. Juvenile Court	Michael John Ryan	Cleveland Municipal Court
Summit Co. Probate Court	Elinore Marsh Stormer	Summit Co. Common Pleas Court
Trumbull Co. Common Pleas Court	Ronald J. Rice	Trumbull County Court
Warren Co. Common Pleas Court	Donald E. Oda, II	Warren County Court

36 Judges Leaving the Bench: 22 Retiring and 14 Defeated (includes May Primary)

County	Court	Judge	Comment
	Supreme Court of Ohio	Robert D. Cupp	Defeated
	Supreme Court of Ohio	Yvette McGee Brown	Defeated
	1 st District Court of Appeals	J. Howard Sundermann, Jr.	Retiring
	2 nd District Court of Appeals	Thomas J. Grady	Retiring
	4 th District Court of Appeals	Roger L. Kline	Retiring
	6 th District Court of Appeals	Peter M. Handwork	Retiring
	8 th District Court of Appeals	James J. Sweeney	Retiring
	8 th District Court of Appeals	Colleen C. Cooney	Retiring
	9 th District Court of Appeals	Clair E. Dickinson	Defeated
	11 th District Court of Appeals	Mary Jane Trapp	Defeated
Allen	Allen Co. Common Pleas Court	Richard K. Warren	Retiring
Belmont	Belmont County Court Western District	Harry W. White	Retiring
Champaign	Champaign Co. Common Pleas Court	Roger B. Wilson	Retiring
Cuyahoga	Cuyahoga Co. Common Pleas Court	Ronald Suster	Retiring
Cuyahoga	Cuyahoga Co. Common Pleas Court	Joan Synenberg	Defeated
Cuyahoga	Cuyahoga Co. Common Pleas Court	Annette G. Butler	Defeated
Cuyahoga	Cuyahoga Co. Common Pleas Court	Joseph F. Russo	Defeated (in Primary)
Cuyahoga	Cuyahoga Co. Juvenile Court	Anjanette C. Whitman	Defeated
Franklin	Franklin Co. Common Pleas Court	John P. Bessey	Retiring
Franklin	Franklin Co. Domestic Relations/Juvenile Court	Christopher J. Geer	Defeated
Hamilton	Hamilton Co. Common Pleas Court	Dennis S. Helmick	Retiring
Lorain	Lorain Co. Common Pleas Court	Edward M. Zaleski	Retiring
Lorain	Lorain Co. Domestic Relations/Juvenile Court	David J. Berta	Defeated (in Primary)
Lorain	Lorain Co. Domestic Relations/Juvenile Court	David A. Basinski	Retiring
Marion	Marion Co. Common Pleas Court	Robert S. Davidson	Defeated
Meigs	Meigs Co. Common Pleas Court	Christopher Tenoglia	Defeated
Montgomery	Montgomery Co. Common Pleas Court	Connie S. Price	Retiring
Pike	Pike Co. Probate/Juvenile Court	Jerome D. Catanzaro	Retired
Pike	Pike County Court	Cassandra S. Bolt-Meredith	Retired
Sandusky	Sandusky County Court	Herbert E. Adams	Retiring
Scioto	Scioto Co. Domestic Relations Court	Jay S. Willis	Defeated
Summit	Summit Co. Probate Court	Todd M. McKenney	Retiring
Trumbull	Trumbull Co. Common Pleas Court	John M. Stuard	Retiring
Trumbull	Trumbull Co. Family Court	Richard James	Defeated
Warren	Warren Co. Common Pleas Court	Neal B. Bronson	Retiring
Washington	Washington Co. Common Pleas Court	Susan E. Boyer	Retiring

SUPREME COURT OF OHIO - JUDICIAL COLLEGE

2013 Course Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>COURSE</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
January 2013			
31 - 1	Thu - Fri	Court Executive Team Seminar	Judges, Magistrates & Court Personnel Columbus
February 2013			
6	Wed	Judicial Candidates Seminar (Live - 3:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.)	Judicial Candidates Columbus
6 - 8	Wed - Fri	Association of Municipal & County Judges of Ohio (AMCJO) Winter Conference	Judges* Columbus
22	Fri	Receiverships for Municipal & General Division Courts (1:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.)	Judges, Magistrates & Acting Judges Video Teleconference
28	Thu	Appellate Judges Seminar	Judges Columbus
March 2013			
8	Fri	Judicial Candidates Seminar (Live - 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.)	Judicial Candidates Dayton
13 - 15	Wed - Fri	New Magistrate Orientation	Magistrates Mt. Sterling
14	Thu	Judicial Candidates Seminar (Live - 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.)	Judicial Candidates Cleveland
15	Fri	Criminal Procedure By The Numbers: Part I	Judges & Magistrates Columbus
21	Thu	Interviewing Children	Judges & Magistrates Columbus
22	Fri	Child Support and Custody	Judges & Magistrates Columbus
April 2013			
4	Thu	Jury Managers Course	Judges & Court Personnel Columbus
5	Fri	Probate Seminar	Judges Columbus
12	Fri	Acting Judge Course: Small Claims (1 of 3)	Judges, Magistrates & Acting Judges Dayton
15 - 19	Mon - Fri	New Judges Orientation, Part II	New Judges Columbus
24 - 26	Wed - Fri	Ohio Association of Magistrates (OAM) Spring Conference	Magistrates* Dayton
25 - 26	Thu - Fri	Court Executive Team Part II	Judges & Court Personnel Columbus
May 2013			
2 - 3	Thu - Fri	Capital Cases	Judges Columbus
10	Fri	Civil Procedure By The Numbers: Part IV	Judges & Magistrates Columbus
17	Fri	Damages for Municipal & General Division Courts (1 of 2)	Judges & Magistrates Cleveland
22	Wed	Interpreter Course	Judges, Magistrates & Court Personnel Columbus

June 2013

7	Fri	Personal Technology in the Courts	Judges & Magistrates	Columbus
11	Tue	Ohio Association Probate Seminar (Summer Conference)	Judges*	Toledo
12	Wed	Ohio Association Probate, Juvenile & Domestic Relations Joint Seminar (Summer Conference)	Judges*	Toledo
13	Thu	Ohio Association Juvenile, Domestic Relations Joint Seminar (Summer Conference)	Judges*	Toledo
13	Thu	Judicial Candidates Seminar (1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.)	Judicial Candidates	Columbus
14	Fri	Damages for Municipal and General Division Courts (2 of 2)	Judges & Magistrates	Columbus
19 - 21	Wed - Fri	Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association (OCPJA) Summer Conference	Judges*	Cincinnati
27 - 28	Thu - Fri	Ohio Courts of Appeals Judges Association (OCAJA) Summer Conference	Judges*	Dayton

July 2013

16 - 18	Tue - Thu	Association of Municipal & County Judges of Ohio (AMCJO) Summer Conference	Judges*	Columbus
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August 2013

9	Fri	Delinquency and Unruly (1:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.)	Judges & Magistrates	Video Teleconference
15	Thu	Judicial Candidates Seminar (1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.)	Judicial Candidates	Columbus
16	Fri	Computer Lab: Electronic Legal Research	Judges & Magistrates	Cleveland
23	Fri	Probate Seminar	Judges & Magistrates	Columbus

September 2013

11	Wed	Ohio Courts of Appeals Judges Association (OCAJA) Fall Conference	Judges*	Columbus
12 - 13	Thu - Fri	Ohio Judicial Conference Annual Meeting	Judges*	Columbus
20	Fri	Abuse, Neglect and Dependency (1:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.)	Judges & Magistrates	Video Teleconference
20	Fri	Acting Judge Course: Small Claims (2 of 3)	Judges, Magistrates & Acting Judges	Toledo

October 2013

2 - 4	Wed - Fri	Ohio Association of Magistrates (OAM) Fall Conference	Magistrates*	Columbus
10	Thu	Traffic Law (1 of 2)	Judges, Magistrates & Acting Judges	Cleveland
11	Fri	Judicial Ethics and Access to Justice and Fairness in the Courts	Judges & Magistrates	Cleveland
18	Fri	Juvenile Traffic (1:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.)	Judges & Magistrates	Video Teleconference
25	Fri	Unauthorized Practice of Law and Vexatious Litigants in Municipal & Common Pleas General Division Courts (1:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.)	Judges, Magistrates & Acting Judges	Video Teleconference

November 2013

1	Fri	Evidence	Judges & Magistrates	Columbus
14	Thu	Acting Judge Course: Small Claims (3 of 3)	Judges, Magistrates & Acting Judges	Cleveland
15	Fri	Paternity, Custody and Child Support	Judges & Magistrates	Video Teleconference
15	Fri	Traffic Law (2 of 2)	Judges, Magistrates & Acting Judges	Columbus
20	Wed	Probate Course (1:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.)	Judges & Magistrates	Video Teleconference
21	Thu	Interpreter Course	Judges, Magistrates & Court Personnel	Columbus

December 2013

3	Tue	Ohio Association of Domestic Relations Judges Winter Conference	Judges*	Columbus
4	Wed	Judicial Candidates Seminar (Live - 3:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.)	Judicial Candidates	Columbus
4 - 6	Wed - Fri	Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association (OCPJA) Winter Conference	Judges*	Columbus
5 - 6	Thu - Fri	Ohio Association of Juvenile Court Judges (OAJCJ) Winter Conference (tentative)	Judges*	Columbus
6	Fri	Magistrate Ethics, Professionalism and Substance Abuse	Magistrates	Video Teleconference
9 - 13	Mon - Fri	New Judges Orientation, Part I	New Judges	Columbus
13	Fri	Judicial Ethics (1:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.)	Judges	Video Teleconference

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