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**Legislation and Policy
in the News:**

[Can Ohio End Wrongful Convictions that Sent 83 to Prison Over Past 30 Years; Dayton Daily News, February 26, 2020](#)

[Ohio Legislature Had a Long To-Do List - Then Vouchers Came Along; Columbus Dispatch, March 4, 2020](#)

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

Legislative News: Two Week Review

- **HB 277** (Reps. Plummer, West) **Custodial Interrogations**, passed the House unanimously, 2.20.20. The bill requires custodial interrogations to be electronically recorded in most circumstances. If the interrogation is not recorded, and one of the 6 exceptions listed in statute apply (the prosecutor must show they apply by a preponderance of the evidence), the evidence can be admitted without a cautionary jury instruction. However, if the prosecutor does not prove that one of the exceptions apply, the bill requires a cautionary instruction to the jury that it may consider the failure to record the custodial interrogation in determining the reliability of the evidence.
- **SB 290** (Sen. Coley) **Criminal Trespass**, introduced 3.4.20. The bill amends the criminal trespass law to specify that placing purple paint marks on trees or posts constitutes posting notice in a manner reasonably calculated to come to the attention of potential intruders. Such notice is required in subsection (A)(3) of the criminal trespass statute to show reckless criminal trespass.
- **HB 518** (Reps. Boggs, Russo) **Tort Actions for Rape Victims**, introduced 2.19.20. The bill removes the cap on damages for tort actions available to victims of rape.
- The OJC's **2020 Tech Conference** is set for 4.14.20 in Columbus. Attendance is only \$25 for participants with presentations about Cybersecurity and Becoming Tech Savvy, as well as presentations from vendors. Registration is available [online](#) or contact the OJC for a registration form (Jennifer.Whetstone@sc.ohio.gov).
- The **2020 Retired Judges CLE Seminar** is set for 5.8.20 in Columbus. Attendance is only \$25, which includes breakfast and lunch. Registration is available [online](#) or contact the OJC for a registration form (Jennifer.Whetstone@sc.ohio.gov).
- On 3.5.20, the Ohio Supreme Court found that, for purposes of R.C. 2933.53, **an interception of a cell-phone call** takes place both at the location of the cell phone and at the location of the government agent listening in on the call. [State v. Nettles, Slip Opinion No. 2020-Ohio-768](#).
- **Did You Know?** The Office of Opportunities for **Ohioans with Disabilities** provides jobs training and placement services to anyone who is living with mental health or substance abuse disorders, i.e. *anyone who is a participant in a specialized docket*. For more information, visit them [online](#).
- **Did You Know? Veteran ID Cards**, used as proof of military service; as valid voter identification; and to obtain certified copies of Form DD-214, is available through your local County Recorder's Office or local Veterans Service Commission's office.
- **Did You Know?** The Ohio Supreme Court's "**Judicial Guide to Public Health**" is available [online](#). The guide provides information about state jurisdiction over public health emergencies; the authority of the Ohio's health agencies; and judicial authority in times of widespread crises.
- **THE DEADLINE TO SPEND OR ENCUMBER TCAP DOLLARS FROM FISCAL YEARS 2018 AND 2019 IS 6.30.20. MONIES NOT SPENT OR ENCUMBERED BY THE DEADLINE MUST BE REPAYED TO THE STATE.**

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