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Legislation and Policy in the News:

[Maureen O'Connor: Look Closely at State Issue 1; It's a Disaster; Akron Beacon Journal, August 31, 2018](#)

[Taking Issue with Issue 1; Bowling Green Sentinel-Tribune, September 12, 2018](#)

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

- At the **OJC Annual Meeting**, 9.12.18-9.14.18, Judge Stephen Powell (12th District Court of Appeals) was sworn in as the new Chair of the OJC and Judge John Russo (Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas) was sworn in as the newest officer of the OJC. The other officers are: Judge Joyce Campbell (Fairfield Municipal Court), Judge Paula Giulitto (Portage County Domestic Relations Court) and the immediate past Chair, Judge James Shriver (Clermont County Probate Court). Congratulations to our new Chair and new Officer! And thank you to Judge John Durkin (Mahoning County Court of Common Pleas), our outgoing officer, for his many years of work for the OJC!
- For information on **Issue 1**, on the ballot this November, please review: the [ballot language](#) certified by the Secretary of State, the website of [proponents](#) of Issue 1, and the website of [opponents](#) of Issue 1. From advisory opinion 2002-003 from the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline: *"It is proper under Canon 2(A)(1) of the Ohio Code of Judicial Conduct for a judge to communicate to the public about a proposed state constitutional amendment, to explain the proposed amendment, to compare it to current law, and to describe its potential impact on the constitution, the law, and the operation of the courts. At all times during public communications, a judge must maintain the dignity appropriate to judicial office and abide by the high standards of speech in Canon 7."*
- Several court decisions in August impact criminal justice. In State v. Moore (Slip Opinion No. [2018-Ohio-3237](#)), the Court found that the **jail-time-credit** provision in R.C. 2967.191 could not serve to reduce a prison term for a firearm specification. In State v. Martin (Slip Opinion No. [2018-Ohio-3226](#)), the Court found that under the recently-enacted Safe Harbor statute, a victim of **human trafficking** must provide evidence that offenses charged are related to the victimization in order to utilize the Safe Harbor. In State v. Carnes (Slip Opinion No. [2018-Ohio-3256](#)), the Court found that a **prior juvenile adjudication** may be an element of a weapons-under-disability offense without violating due process.
- The Supreme Court's 2018 **Specialized Docket Conference** is scheduled for 10.11 and 10.12.18. For more information and to register, visit their [website](#).
- For judges considering or nearing retirement, the OJC's "**Jumping the Retirement Hurdle**" presentation is scheduled for 10.26.18 and has been approved for 1.75 hours of Continuing Legal Education. For more information and to register, visit our [website](#).
- Did you know? The OJC website features a **Library of Reasoned Orders** where judges can share examples of how they handled a particular, perhaps novel, question or topic. Judges are invited to browse the library or submit their own orders/opinions for inclusion.

For a complete list of bills & the latest issue of **BillBoard**, please visit the [OJC website](#).



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