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Legislation and Policy in the News:

Number of Women in Jail has Grown Far Faster than that of Men; New York Times, August 17, 2016

Ohio's Two Prison Systems May Merge; Columbus Dispatch, August 25, 2016

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

- On 8.23.16, the Ohio Supreme Court released opinions for 8 similar cases, all of which upheld an earlier opinion of the Court that **juvenile sex-offender classification** and registration is constitutional.
- On 8.25.16, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled that R.C. 2901.08(A) violates the Due Process clauses of the Ohio Constitution and the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution because it permits a **juvenile adjudication** to be treated as a previous conviction that enhances a penalty for a subsequent conviction.
- On 9.8.16, the National Institute of Corrections is sponsoring a webinar training entitled "**Pre-Trial Justice: How to Maximize Public Safety, Court Appearance and Release**." Registration is available online.
- The OJC is currently working on its 2017-2018 Legislative Platform, which will guide our work throughout the next General Assembly. If you have an idea for a legislative change, please send it to Marta.Mudri@sc.ohio.gov for review by our Legislative Committee.
- Save the Date: **The OJC's Annual Meeting, "…And Justice for All: The American Promise,"** (9.75 total CJE hours) will take place on September 15 & 16 at the Columbus Hilton at Easton. Registrations have been mailed and it is possible to register via mail, fax, or online.
- **The OJC is looking for an Executive Director; for more information, look here.**
- Happy Labor Day!

For a complete list of bills that affect the judiciary, please visit the OJC website.

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