

Legislative News: Two-Week Review



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In Case You Missed It:

[*SAMHSA Releases Report on Braided Funding*](#)

[*OneOhio Opens 2024 Regional Grant Cycle*](#)

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.

- **SB 230** (Sen. Antani) **Immigration Laws**, introduced 2.27.24. The bill requires state and local authorities to cooperate with the federal government in the enforcement of immigration laws; the bill sanctions state and local authorities that fail to do so.
- In [*State v. Wilson, Slip Opinion No. 2024-Ohio-776*](#), decided on 3.7.24, the Ohio Supreme Court found that a Clark County man was entitled to argue **self-defense** when he intentionally shot toward a person, and was not required to show he intended to kill or harm the man who threatened him.
- On 3.13.24, the Ohio Public Defender published a [memo](#) with updates on the maximum hourly rate of **reimbursement in capital cases**; an amendment to OAC concerning **denials or reductions of appointed counsel fees**; and availability of draft changes to **reimbursement guidelines**.
- Effective 3.6.24, the Ohio Supreme Court has adopted amendments to [Rules II and III for the Government of the Judiciary](#), concerning 5-judge commissions which are appointed by the Supreme Court to hear complaints alleging violations by a judicial candidate of certain election-related requirements and prohibitions or complaints where there is a retirement due to disability, removal, or suspension of a judge. The amendments include a requirement that a judge have at least 4 years of experience to be eligible to serve on a 5-judge commission and that the judge with the longest time of service on the bench serves as the commission chair.
- The Legal Aid Society of Columbus (LASC), Southeastern Ohio Legal Services (SEOLS), and the Ohio State Legal Services Association (OSLSA) have merged to form the nonprofit **Legal Aid of Southeast and Central Ohio**. The nonprofit has a new name and logo and will provide legal services to low-income Ohioans in 36 Ohio counties.
- The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction filed two new rules with JCARR: replacing [5120-2-06](#) on earned credit for productive program participation and rescinding [5120-2-15](#) on request for eight per cent court release.
- The Ohio Jury Management Association's 25th Annual Conference is scheduled for 4.26.24. Topics include artificial intelligence, juror excuses, and juror forms.
- **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.

For Tool & Bench Aids, and the latest Enactment Summaries, please visit the [OJC website](#).



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