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In Case You Missed It:

[New Direct Services for Victims of Human Trafficking Grant Program Announced](#)

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Legislative News: Two-Week Review

- [HB 35](#) (Reps. Miranda, Seitz) **Statute of Limitations**, voted out of the Senate, 9.27.23. The bill eliminates the statute of limitations for civil actions of childhood sexual abuse against a bankruptcy estate of an organization chartered under federal law (i.e. The Boy Scouts). The bill was amended to include mechanisms for reclassifying or classifying offenders who may have classifications that were invalidated when the court decided *State v. Williams*, 2011-Ohio-3374. An emergency clause was also amended to the bill, which means it will go into effect upon signature.
- [HB 272](#) (Reps. Mathews, Pizzulli) **Weapons in Courtrooms**, introduced 9.18.23. The bill allows concealed carry in certain buildings that have a courtroom, but are not courthouses.
- [HB 281](#) (Reps. Seitz, Young) **Civil Cases Under R.C. 2307.60**, introduced 9.26.23. R.C. 2307.60 authorizes a civil suit based on another's criminal acts; the bill would require a criminal conviction before someone can sue under R.C. 2307.60.
- [HB 283](#) (Reps. Pizzulli, Schmidt) **Adams County Court**, introduced 9.26.23. The bill adds a designated Probate and Juvenile Division judge to the Adams County Court of Common Pleas.
- The OSBA is administering the **voter information website** judicialvotescount.org for the November 2023 general election. The mission is to increase voter participation in all judicial elections by ensuring Ohioans have access to good, unbiased information about those seeking judicial office. Please help by completing the [online candidate profile](#) by 10.6.23. The OSBA is also improving the website through feedback, which can be submitted via [online form](#).
- On 9.11.23, the Supreme Court published [proposed Rule amendments](#) for public comment. Proposed changes affect the Ohio Rules of Appellate Procedure (26), Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure (4, 4.1, 4.7, 30, and 45), Ohio Rules of Criminal Procedure (4), Ohio Rules of Evidence (702), and Ohio Rules of Juvenile Procedure (1). The public comment period ends 10.26.23 and comments should be directed to ruleamendments@sc.ohio.gov.
- If you would like to access the [Uniform Sentencing Entry template](#) created by the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission, please contact interim director [Niki Hotchkiss](#). Note that the use of the template does not require data collection. The Commission is hosting a Zoom introduction of the Uniform Sentencing Entry on 10.20.23, from 2:00 until 3:30 – part of the time for demonstration and part for Q&A. Anyone is welcome to [join the Zoom discussion](#).
- In [Wildcat Drilling LLC v. Discovery Oil and Gas LLC](#) (Slip Opinion No. 2023-Ohio-3398), decided 9.27.23, the Ohio Supreme Court rules that when parties have entered into a contract containing an express indemnification provision, the parties are bound by the terms of that contract regardless of notice that indemnification will be implemented. The common-law notice requirements set forth in *Globe Indemn. Co. v. Schmitt* do not apply in such cases.
- **Did you know?** The Supreme Court of Ohio Law Library can assist you and your staff with legal research needs. Email your research questions to libref@sc.ohio.gov.

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