Laughter and Healing

This past Friday your Judicial Conference Executive Committee meeting occurred in person and remotely. The committee includes the co-chairs of our twenty-three standing committees, the leaders of the six Judicial Associations, and the Judicial Conference officers. Often lasting almost two hours the meeting can be a bit formal – everyone on their good behavior. This meeting was different, jocular and fun poking, laughter in the room and on the phone. The time has come for judges to unwind and heal.

We are emerging from two years of COVID disruptions and adjustments that have taken a heavy emotional and physical toll. Instead of joy, COVID has suddenly been replaced by the tragic scenes from the horrific war in Ukraine. Emotional overload for everyone, you and your families, your staff and certainly the public coming to your courtrooms every day.

It is unhealthy to remain a prisoner of our worries and fears. If you have been avoiding attention to your own health, see your family doctor and dentist for a wellness checkup. Judges are not good about acknowledging mental stress – everyone has some level of it – start going to events that can make you laugh and relax – attend local events where you will see friends – high schools are having plays and concerts and soon their teams will be playing softball, baseball and track. Become passionate about reclaiming your life, it is time!

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An Addendum to Last Issue's Article on Medical Marijuana

In the last issue of For The Record, Judge Mary Kate Huffman provided a comprehensive explanation of the current status of medical marijuana law in Ohio. In her account, she brings up the OARRS report that tracks prescription drug use: "Regulations authorize probation officers to request information from OARRS related to an individual the officer is currently investigating pre-sentence or monitoring in relation to a drug abuse offense. Thus, if the monitored offense falls outside a drug abuse offense, but nonetheless bears a relation to substance abuse requiring intervention and monitoring, probation staff remains **unable** to access the database for potentially critical information on the probationer's prescription drug use, including medical marijuana."

The Board of Pharmacy asked us to include some information expounding on a court's use of the OARRS report. When a probation officer signs up for an OARRS account, the Pharmacy Board's Acceptable Use Policy includes the following language: "OARRS reports should not be run on a probationer simply because they are on probation. If the conviction is a drug abuse offense, you may run OARRS for the PSI. If the probationer has been ordered to abstain from particular types of drugs (with or without a prescription), an OARRS report could be run. However, absent drug-related restrictions in the probationer's order, an OARRS report should not be run on a probationer."

DIGITAL EVIDENCE CENTER @ GARFIELD HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL COURT

BY JUDGE DEBORAH J. NICASTRO

02/24/2022

The frustration of discovery delays has driven me to implement a web-based digital evidence center for the Garfield Heights Municipal Court. Discovery in criminal and traffic cases is one process that did not improve with remote hearings. Even with email exchange, I frequently have to continue cases for completion of discovery. With ten law enforcement agencies and eight municipalities, the evidence retention and exchange systems are varied and sometimes burdensome to both prosecutors and defense counsel.

The Case Center

A central, web-based evidence portal operated by the Court provides rapid access to all evidence for all attorneys, defendants, witnesses, judges and even jurors. We are now using Thomson Reuters Case Center (formerly Caselines) court wide. Thomson Reuters is the media conglomerate that owns Westlaw.

The Process

The process is simple. When a defense attorney files a discovery request pursuant to Ohio Criminal Rule 16, court staff opens a case in Case Center.

Case Center automatically emails the law enforcement agency, prosecutor and defense attorney a notice that the case is open. The law enforcement agency or prosecutor uploads the requested evidence. The defense attorney automatically receives an email notice that the case is updated. The prosecutor can mark the evidence "for counsel only" pursuant to Rule 16(F). The filing of the discovery demand triggers the reciprocal discovery provisions in Rule 16.

The defense attorney can view the evidence, share it and download it. The prosecutor can do the same for witnesses and victim advocates. Attorneys can use the share feature of Zoom or Teams to review the evidence with others.

Benefit to the Court

The burden on the court of viewing and storing evidence is diminished substantially. In a hearing or trial, I can access the case just like the attorneys and view it on Zoom for remote trials and display it for the whole courtroom on digital monitors from a laptop for in-person trials. We do not need a tech person in the courtroom or on Zoom. Our IT administrator does not have to test flash drives for viruses or check DVDs in advance to determine if they are operable on our equipment. The Clerk does not have to store the DVDs or flash drives. Case Center is contractually obligated to comply with the Court's record retention schedule even if we discontinue the service. Case Center is compliant with FBI security protocols.

Discovery Conflicts

Case Center is a repository for evidence only; it is not a platform for filing motions related to discovery or non-disclosure certifications. All motions and other pleadings must still be filed with the Clerk of Court.

Trial Use

Trial attorneys can control the order of submission of the exhibits in Case Center and annotate all evidence with notes not viewable to the trier of fact. I can make my own private notes also. There are many other features for trial but few cases go to trial in municipal court. The main benefit is reduction in discovery delays and storage and retention of evidence actually used for a trial or hearing. I have a jury trial next week where the attorneys will be using Case Center. We will see how they manage.

Expanding to All Court Users

I have tested Case Center with Maple Heights cases for several months and found it incredibly easy and fast. The police respond within hours, not days or weeks, by uploading digital evidence. Most cases are resolved at the first pretrial hearing if the defense attorney files the discovery request timely. We included the city of Independence several weeks ago and we are expanding its use to Garfield Heights this week. We will extend this service to self-represented litigants soon. When all municipalities are successfully on-board, we will extend the service to civil litigants as recommended by the Ohio Supreme Court Operations Using Remote Technology (iCOURT) Task Force.





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2022 Holidays and Festivals

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JANUAR	v	
1	New Year's Day	F
	Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	RC
6	Epiphany	P, RC
7	Feast of the Nativity (Orthodox Christmas)	0
13	Birth of Guru Gobind Singh	S
15 16	Maghi Tu Biahvat	S J
17	Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday (Observed)	F
19	Feast of the Epiphany	0
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FEBRUA	RY Black/African American History Month	
1	Imbolc (Northern Hemisphere)	W
	Chinese New Year	Bu
14	St. Valentine's Day	RC, I
15	Nirvana Day / Parinirvana Day	Bu, S
21	President's Day	F
25-Mar.1	Intercalary/Ayyam-i-ha *	Ва
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MARCH	Women's History Month Shrove Tuesday	P,RC
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2	Ash-Wednesday—Lent Begins	P,RC
2-20	Nineteen Day Fast Period	Ва
7	Clean Monday—Lent Begins	0
17	St. Patrick's Day	RC
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18	Lailat al Bara-ah	Mu
18-20	Hola Mohalla Ostara / Spring Equinox (Northern Hemisphere)	S W
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4	Independence Day	F
10	Martyrdom of the B'ab *	Ва
	Eid al-Adha (US Date)	Mu
13	Asalha Puja	Bu
24	Pioneer Day	Mo
30	A l Hijra/ Muharram	
30	Mu	
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AUGUST	Physically Challenged Awareness Month	
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	Lughnassadh Tisha B'av*	J
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8	Ashura*	Mu
15	Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary	RC
	Dormition of the Theotokos	0
18	Krishna Janmashtami	H
SEPTEM	BER Hispanic/Latino Heritage Month	
5	Labor Day	F
21-29	Mabon / Autumn Equinox (Northern Hemisphere)	w
26	Navaratri	Н
26-27	Rosh Hashanah *	J
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	Diversity Awareness Month	
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OCTOBE	Yom Kippur*	J
5 8	Mawlid al Nabi*	Mu
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10-16	Sukkot*	J
17	Shemini Atzeret*	J
18	Simchat Torah*	J
20	Installation of Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib	S
24	Diwali (Deepavali)	H, S
26	Birth of the B'ab *	Ba
27	Birth of Bahá'u'lláh *	Ва
31	Halloween/All Hallows Eve	I
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NOVEME	BER American Indian/Native American Heritage M	onth .
1	All Saints Day	P, RC
-	Samhain	W
2	All Souls Day	RC
	•	F
11	Veterans Day	
15	Nativity Fast Begins	0
24	Thanksgiving	F
26	Day of the Covenant *	Ba
28	Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá	Ва
DECEMB	ER Universal Human Rights Month	
1-24	Advent	P, RC
8	Bodhi Day	Bu
	Immaculate Conception of Mary	RC
19-26	Hanukkah*	J
21	Yule / Winter Solstice (Northern Hemisphere)	w
25	Christmas*	F,O, P, RC
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JULY

Non-working holidays and major holidays for Abrahamic Faiths: January 6 — Epiphany [P, RC] January 7 — Christmas [O] January 19 — Epiphany [O] April 15 — Good Friday [P, RC] April 17 — Easter [P, RC] April 22 — Good Friday (O) April 25 — Good Friday (O) April 15 (sundown) - April 22 (sundown) — Pesach (Passover) [J] May 2 (sundown) - 3 (sundown) — Eid al-Fitr [Mu] June 4 (sundown) - 6 (sundown) — Shavuot [J] July 9 (sundown) - 10 (sundown) — Eid al-Adha [Mu] September 25 (sundown) - 27 (sundown) — Rosh Hashanah [J] October 4 (sundown) - 5 (sundown) — Yom Kippur [J] October 16 (sundown) - 16 (sundown) — Shemini Atzeret [J] October 17 (sundown) - 18 (sundown) — Simchat Torah [J] December 25 — Christmas [P, RC]

 \boldsymbol{F} indicates a federally observed holiday in the United States

^{*} indicates that observance begins at sundown the day before this date **DISCLAIMER:** This publication does not include all major religious/cultural holidays. Due to variations in regional and cultural practices and the use of different calendars, some dates of holidays may vary from these listed above.

KEY TO RELIGIOUS GROUPS

Bahá'í	Ba
Buddhist	
Hindu	Η
Interfaith	I
Jewish	J
Mormon	Mo
Muslim	Mu
Orthodox Christian	Ο
Protestant Christian	P
Roman Catholic	RC
Sikh	S
Wiccan / Pagan	W

RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL OBSERVANCES

This calendar is a resource designed to encourage public awareness of the diverse religious and ethnic groups in our community. However, because of the great number of religious, ethnic, and cultural groups who reside in the United States, we recognize that this resource cannot provide an exhaustive list for all of our faith traditions.

Many people may find the calendar helpful as it identifies opportunities for discussion about different religious and faith practices. It also serves as a reminder of those religious observances that many may wish to attend, and therefore can aid in the planning and scheduling of events and meetings.

Some civic holidays and other well known celebrations are not included.

ADVENT Period of four weeks in which Christians prepare for Christmas.

AL HIJRA (MUHARRAM) Remembrance of the migration of Muhammad (Peace be upon Him) and followers to Medina.

ALL HALLOWS EVE (HALLOWEEN) Also known as Samhain, the ancient Celtic festival is a celebration of the end of the harvest season. The ancient Gaels believed that on October 31st, the boundary between the living and the deceased dissolved. This day is also celebrated as the eve of All Saints Day.

ALL SAINTS DAY Celebration of lives of all the saints, especially those who do not have a special day.

ALL SOULS DAY Day of prayer, remembrance and intercession for the dead.

ASCENSION DAY Celebrates Jesus' ascent into heaven.

ASCENSION of Abdu'l-Bahá marking the passing of 'Abdu'l-Bahá in 1921.

ASCENSION OF BAHÁ'U'LLÁH A commemoration of the death of Bahá'u'lláh.

ASH WEDNESDAY Begins Christian Lent; name derives from symbolic use of ashes to signify penitence.

ASHURA A one day fast to commemorate God freeing The Children of Israel and Moses from Pharaoh.

CORPUS CHRISTI This is a feast in honor of the institution of the Eucharist during the Last Supper.

AYYÁM-I-HÁ This period adjusts the Bahá'í year to the solar calendar. It leads to the 19 day fast; each day of Ayyám-i-Há is marked by a different virtue like hospitality, gift giving or charity.

BELTANE Festival to celebrate the beginning of summer.

BIRTH OF BAHÁ'U'LLÁH Commemorates the birth of the founder of the Bahá'í faith in 1817.

BIRTH OF B'ÁB Anniversary of the birth of one of the twin prophet founders of the Bahá'í faith.

BIRTH OF GURU GOBIND SINGH Anniversary of the birth of the tenth guru.

BODHI DAY Celebration of the enlightenment of Buddha, c. 596 B.C.E.

BUDDHA DAY (VISAKHA PUJA) Celebration of the birth of Buddha.

CHRISTMAS Celebration of the birth of Christ.

DAY OF THE COVENANT Celebration of the covenant given in the last will and testament of Bahá'u'lláh.

DIWALI (DEEPAVALI) Festival of Lights; one of four seasonal celebrations in India

DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS The Orthodox Christian commemoration of the death and burial of the Virgin Mary.

EASTER Celebration of the resurrection of Christ.

EPIPHANY End of the 12 days of Christmas; celebrates visit of the three kings to baby Jesus; especially important to Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholics.

FEAST OF THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD A celebration of the holiness of Mary as the chosen bearer of Jesus.

FOUR CHAPLAINS SUNDAY Commemoration of the four Chaplains of Jewish and Christian traditions who gave their life jackets to others as a ship sank in the Atlantic Ocean during World War II.

GOOD FRIDAY The Friday of Jesus' crucifixion.

HANUKKAH Festival of lights; eight-day commemoration of the rededication of the Second Temple in 165 B.C.E. The eight candle Menorah is lighted.

HOLA MOHALLA A day to commemorate the valor and bravery of the Sikhs. This 3-day festival consists of mock battles, music and poetry reading.

HOLI Spring festival; a carnival occasion featuring bright colors, pilgrimages and bonfires.

HOLIKA DAHAN Celebrates the killing of Holika (the devil) by Vishnu.

EID AL-ADHA Festival of sacrifice; commemorates the faith of Abraham and the near sacrifice of Ishmael; as well as the Muslim Pilgrims making Haij.

EID AL-FITR Festival of the breaking of the fast of Ramadan.

IMBOLC Festival celebrating the beginning of spring.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Day of celebrating the belief that Mary, mother of Jesus, was preserved from original sin all of her life.

INSTALLATION OF THE GURU GRANTH SAHIB Commemorates the installation of the Sikh scriptures by Guru Gobind Singh; these scriptures were installed as the perpetual guru.

JUNETEENTH Also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day, it commemorates the announcement of the abolition of slavery.

KRISHNA JANMASHTAMI Birthday of Lord Krishna. It falls on the 8th day of the dark half of the month of Bhadrapada (August-September). A 24-hour fast is observed on this day and is broken at midnight.

KWANZAA Seven day spiritual celebration of African-American values and traditions and their continued vitality. "Kwanzaa" is Swahili and means "first fruits of the harvest."

LAILAT AL MIRAJ Observance of Muhammad's (Peace be upon Him) night journey from Mecca to Jerusalem and his ascension to heaven.

LAILAT AL BARA'AH Night of Forgiveness. A night of prayer to Allah for forgiveness of the dead. Preparation for Ramadan through intense prayer.



LAILAT AL-QADR Night of Destiny. First revelation of Qur'an to Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon Him). Observed during the last ten days of Ramadan.

LITHA Midsummer festival marking the summer solstice.

LENT Period of preparation for Easter, usually 40 days before. Clean Monday signifies the beginning of the Lenten period.

LUGHNASADH Festival celebrating the beginning of the harvest season.

MABON Harvest festival marking the autumnal equinox.

MAGHI Commemorates the battle in which 40 Sikhs (the Immortal Ones) laid down their lives for the guru (Guru Gobind Singh).

MARTYRDOM OF THE B'ÁB Anniversary of the martyrdom of the B'ab, the forerunner of Bahá'u'lláh, in 1850.

MARTYRDOM OF GURU ARJAN DEV Anniversary of the martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev in 1606 C. E., the fifth guru who had built the Golden Temple of Amristar.

MAUNDY THURSDAY Also known as Holy Thursday, this day celebrates the institution of the Eucharist (or Holy Communion) at Jesus' Last Supper.

MAWLID AL-NABI Birthday of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon Him), c. 570 C. E.

NAVARATRI Hindu Festival of the divine mother honoring Durga, wife of Shiva, and seeking her blessings. Also observed as a celebration recalling the days of Lord Krishna.

NAW-RUZ Bahá'í and Iranian New Year.

NINETEEN DAY FAST A fast observed by adult Bahá'ís in good health from suprise to sundown

NIRVANA DAY Commemorates the death of Buddha.

OSTARA Festival marking the spring equinox.

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY Celebrates the arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem during Passover. This also commemorates the beginning of Holy Week.

PENTECOST Fifty days after Easter, this time celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon early Christians following the ascension of Jesus.

PESACH (PASSOVER) Marks the deliverance of the Jews from slavery in Egypt; Seder ceremonies retell the story and celebrate freedom.

PIONEER DAY Observance of the arrival of Brigham Young and early Mormon settlers in Salt Lake City, Utah.

PURIM Feast of Lots; celebrates the deliverance of Jews in ancient Persia from a plot to destroy them.

RAMADAN The ninth month in the Islamic calendar; 30 days of strict fasting from sunup to sundown in honor of the first revelations to the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon Him).

RIDVAN Commemorates the declaration of Bahá'u'lláh to his followers in 1863. Work is suspended for the 1st, 9th and 12th day.

ROSH HASHANAH New Year; begins 10 days of penitence ending on Yom Kippur.

SAMHAIN Festival celebrating the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter.

SHAVUOT Festival of Weeks; celebrates harvest of first fruits and commemorates the giving of the Torah and Commandments at Mt' Sinai.

SHEMINI ATZERET Eighth and last day of Sukkot.

SIMCHAT TORAH Joyous festival in which the reading of the Torah is completed and its first book begun again. Symbolized by singing, dancing and marching around the synagogue with Torah scrolls.

ST. STEPHEN'S DAY Day of remembrance for St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr.

SUKKOT Festival of Booths (or tabernacles) and the fall harvest.

TISHA B'AV A day of mourning and repentance in remembrance of the destruction of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem.

VAISAKHI Anniversary of the creation of the Khalsa (the army of the Pure Ones) in 1699.

WESAK Commemoration of Buddha's birth, enlightenment, and death, celebrated on the day of the full moon of the sixth month in the Theravada tradition.

WORLD RELIGION DAY Day founded in 1950 by the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States to address the need for religious unity.

YOM HA-SHO'AH Holocaust Remembrance Day. Memorializes the six million Jews who died in the Holocaust. Observance is not limited to Jews.

YOM KIPPUR Day of Atonement; a day of prayer, fasting and repentance.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- Dates of holidays and festivals were researched to the best of our abilities.
 These dates may vary depending on region and affiliation.
- Bahá'í, Jewish, and Muslim holidays begin at sunset on the evening before date listed.
- Buddhist, Hindu, and Sikh holidays may be observed at different times
 than those indicated here. The observance date depends on both religious
 group affiliation and region. For example, Buddha's birthday is one of the
 most widely celebrated of Buddhist holidays. However, no one date is accepted by all Buddhists. Thus, the observance of Buddha's birthday varies,
 as seen by the inclusion of Wesak, Bodhi Day, and Buddha Day in this calendar.
- Christians follow a number of different calendars depending on their denomination and/or region. This calendar includes dates for the Gregorian (Western) calendar, which is mostly followed by the Roman Catholic Church and Protestant denominations, as well as dates for the Orthodox New Calendar, which is the same as the Gregorian calendar for fixed holidays and observances but uses the Julian calendar for moveable feasts. The Orthodox New Calendar is primarily used by the Greek and Cypriotic Orthodox Churches.
- We recognize that for many Christians, the observance of days that commemorate the lives of saints is an integral part of their faith. Many of these days have not been included as part of this calendar because they are vast in number and observance differs greatly by region, denomination, and personal belief.
- Jewish dates in this calendar are generally in accordance with the Orthodox tradition. The length of some holidays and the extent to which they are observed vary according to denominational affiliation.
- Muslim holidays are subject to change because observance follows the lunar calendar, aligned with the phases and sightings of the moon.
- The Sikh calendar their own Nanakshahi calendar was adopted on March 14, 1999 and aligns with the Gregorian (Western) Calendar.
- For more information on particular local or regional observances and traditions, please feel free to contact individual constituencies.



OJC TIPS AND TRICKS

This is a fluid list that will constantly change. We will always be adding items as they become frequent questions, but if you have anything to add, please feel free to contact Justin Long.

- Feel free to submit any articles you would like to have added to the quarterly For the Record in the future.
- The <u>Judicial Advisory Group (JAG)</u> is available for judges who need a group to extend its ability to provide confidential assistance to judges.
- Please fill out a "Who Do You Know" form to let the OJC know who you know in the legislature or the administration.
- For help signing into the Ohio Judicial Conference's website, <u>www.ohiojudges.org</u>, please see this document.
- Annually, the OJC hosts a Judicial-Legislative Exchange program, which allows a day for judges to come to Columbus to shadow legislators, hopefully from their districts. The idea is for the legislators to then shadow the judges in their court for the day.
- Did you know that if you log in to the Judicial Conference website and go to <u>associations</u>, you can choose your judicial association and see the summer and winter meeting dates?
- The Judicial Conference Jury Instructions Committee posts <u>recently revised jury instructions</u> on the Judicial Conference website.
- The website was recently updated with a few notable changes. One of those changes was the addition of a <u>calendar</u> which is matched up with our list of events.
- Another addition is the "Outreach that Works" link, which allows judges to submit any recommendations that help them to reach out to the public, whether it be publications, websites, suggestions on events, etc.
- A notable connection to help all judges is the <u>National Center for State Courts</u>, or the NCSC. This site helps to promote the rule of law and improves the administration of justice in state courts and courts around the world.
- Judicial Diversity: A Resources Page

Judicial College Offerings

The Judicial College CLE schedule has been upgraded starting this year. To view the calendar and sign up for courses, please visit this <u>site</u>.

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