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NEWS FOR THE OHIO COURTS

2020 - Unknown Unknowns - Welcome the Challenges

A mere twenty years ago there was widespread worry that the year 2000 would bring catastrophic malfunctioning of computer chips imbedded in critical machines and equipment not capable of adapting to the number 2000. It seems hardly possible, but we celebrated the new century without a Y2K meltdown. Instead, we did not foresee the events of September 11, 2001 and the ways our nation and the world would be forever changed. Unknown unknowns.

The new century began without the benefit of Facebook (2004) or the iPhone (2007). Widespread use of the internet and Google were just beginning ("google" wasn't a verb yet!). Everyone still relied on a landline and a local newspaper. Technological changes have made the work of judges better informed and more efficient. But there are often downsides as well. The camera in every cell phone is a useful tool but also capable of abuse and invasion of privacy.

So what may be directly ahead for judges? Greatly enhanced harvesting and analysis of data relating to every outcome in your court is a given. Digital problem-solving tools, currently dubbed "artificial intelligence" will be at your fingertips. Lexus, Westlaw and IBM are already marketing early versions of these tools tailored for use by courts and some especially designed for practitioners trying to predict your rulings to gain every possible edge for their clients.

There will be changes in Ohio's legal framework relating to drug addiction, criminal and juvenile justice, mental health, firearms, and family issues. Courts are the funnel through which the most unimaginable and unexpected human conflicts and tragedies pass. New technology can assist, but you are the essential irreplaceable human charged with listening carefully, understanding the unique nuances of each matter, adapting, and finally deciding. "Justice," both critical and fragile, rests firmly in your hands.

Paul

Welcome to the Bench!

2020 brings many new challenges and opportunities. A new decade, and in our judicial world, many newly elected judges. Welcome! As someone who made the transition from lawyer to judge 20 years ago, I would like to share with you some of the things that I have learned along the way. I hope they will be helpful in your transition.

While there are many challenges that come along with being a judge, there are also many positives. For those of you who ran for judicial office and were elected this past November, you have had some time to prepare yourself for the transition from lawyer to judge. If you were in a law firm, your win was celebrated and your departure recognized in some fashion. As a solo practitioner, you've notified clients of the change in your status, and referred them to others. Despite your excitement for your new position, this may have been somewhat of a sad endeavor. Long time clients who appreciate your legal acumen may be upset that you will no longer be their voice. Be sure to refer your cases to someone with the proper experience and demeanor to deal with each client.

I have experienced both types of transition. I was appointed, and then elected to the municipal bench, and then nine years later I was elected to the common pleas bench. For those of you who were appointed, the transition comes much more quickly. One day you are a lawyer, and then without much warning (one phone call from the governor's office), you become a judge. It takes some time to adjust. Colleagues may have a problem adjusting as well.

When I was first appointed to the municipal bench, I was an assistant prosecutor and practiced exclusively in the Common Pleas Court. I never handled misdemeanors. I literally went from first-chairing a capital murder case as a prosecutor to opening my first municipal court criminal file as a judge, and the charge was "Dog at large." I didn't even know that was a crime! For those who never handled criminal cases as an attorney, your new responsibility to incarcerate people may be difficult, and will take some getting used to. Having been an advocate, as judge I found myself facing two lawyers that I knew and liked, and after listening to their arguments, having to say yes to one, and no to the other. I can no longer afford to worry about whether a lawyer "likes" me. I must instead desire to be respected.

As a new judge, I found that my reputation as a zealous prosecutor had preceded me into my new court setting, and many of the court staff acted fearful of me. Be aware that many of your staff do not know anything about you, save what they have heard, and the sources may not have been friendly or reliable. Work hard to develop rapport with your new employees. Learn everyone's name as quickly as you can. Over time, I was able to reassure my employees that I was actually a nice person, not some fearsome courtroom figure.

Despite my desire to be friendly and collegial, I do maintain a certain decorum in the courtroom. When I ascend to the bench, my bailiff opens court. Everyone rises. Cell phones are turned off. I always wear my robe on the bench. Not because I wish to draw attention to myself, but rather out of respect for the rule of law in our justice system and the role I play within it. I believe it is important for the litigants and participants in the process to understand the authority that is placed upon my shoulders. Off the bench, in chambers, I am much more informal and conversational.

Realize also that everything you do will now be scrutinized. The smaller the community, perhaps the greater the scrutiny. I live in Summit County, which is fairly large, but sometimes it still seems like everywhere I go I run into someone I know. I no longer go to the grocery store in sweats with no makeup. I try to look presentable, even if it is just to walk into Starbucks. Now I'm sure some of you won't feel the need to do that, but I do. I have noted over the years that few people forget meeting a judge face to face, so it has been a challenge when people I encounter talk about the last time they met me and I have no recollection of it. I've also discovered that when I am invited to an event and I RSVP that I will attend, I should do so. Trust me; the hosts will note your absence.

I am aware of the public's perception of judges as being somehow more proper, wiser, and more moral than the average person is. Of course, this is not true, but we can aspire to be so. I was pregnant when I was first appointed judge, and I was not drinking alcohol. I never drank again. It has been twenty years. I am always the designated driver, and I have never been caught acting a fool when out with friends, or celebrating too much. That is my personal choice. Most of you will not make my decision, so my alternative advice is the two-drink rule. Never have more than two drinks when out in public. You will not act silly, say anything inappropriate, or risk an OVI. If you are not much of a drinker, and choose to do so, you should always have a designated driver arranged. With the onset of Uber and Lyft, you never need to take a risk. I recall one morning when I was in a serious automobile accident on my way into work (the other driver ran a stop sign). While I was still in the emergency room being treated, my bailiff called my husband to inform him that the press was calling the court asking about the collision. I made sure my bailiff informed everyone that 1) I was not dead, and 2) I was not at fault in the accident. As a result, there was no headline! I emphasize, there is scrutiny.

Becoming a judge can feel isolating. It is isolating. I struggled with the loss of the feeling of camaraderie and being part of a team that I felt as a prosecutor. I have never again felt the same way as a judge. It can be a lonely job. Rely on longtime friends and family to sustain you. Realize that you will be called upon to make difficult decisions by yourself, with no one to assist you. Prepare yourself. Educate yourself. I have a spouse who is a civil lawyer, and he helped me greatly to understand some of the nuances of civil discovery and the nature of that area of practice. Do not be afraid to ask well-known lawyers in town for a "general tutorial" in their area of law. Some can be a bit specialized: credit card collection, foreclosures, workers compensation, personal injury/insurance defense work, domestic relations, probate, and consumer transactions, just to name a few. In my county the general division judges do not have to delve into juvenile, probate or domestic relations, but I know that many of you will.

Of course, you must hire excellent personal staff. If it is possible within your budget, hire an experienced attorney to help you with your research and writing. You will then have another legal mind to bounce ideas back and forth with as you make tough decisions.

Ask for a mentor judge, and become involved in the Ohio Judicial Conference and the Ohio Municipal, Common Pleas, or Appellate judicial organizations. The conferences offered provide much-needed legal updates and you will make many friends that do the same job you do. It never hurts to make a phone call to another judge when you need a little advice.

*Senate Bill 3 - What is the Solution to Ohio's Drug Epidemic?
by Judge Cynthia Rice*

I also want to offer congratulations because there are many rewards to doing this work. People do look up to you, and your voice will be heard as an instrument for change, and for good. You will notice that if you join a board or attend meetings of certain organizations, your opinion is sought and listened to (therefore, of course, be careful what you say and how you say it).

I spend a great deal of my time in my criminal docket dealing with drug addicts. As a municipal court judge, I ran a Drug Court for four years and I also created a DUI Court. Now I run a Reentry Court. I cannot count the number of times that I have been approached by someone who tells me, "You saved my life." What a humbling experience it is, to be told that by someone. I was in a Labor Day Parade in September of last year and a church group was set to walk behind me. Right before our unit stepped off, a (shall I say, mature?) woman from the group saw me and rushed up with great excitement to tell me that I had saved her life many years ago when she was an addict and that she had turned herself around, all because of me. (Without admitting that I did not recognize her) I firmly told her that she had saved herself, and I was only someone who was able to motivate her to do what she did.

These moments affect me. I recall about 10 years ago when someone posted on the internet some very untruthful and hurtful comments about me, and of course, had to point out that I was a judge. I was unhappy about the comments, but did not respond to them. A few months later, I went back to the site to see if the comments were still there and saw that many people had responded. All the responses were in defense of my integrity and me. One woman said that as judge I had put her abuser in prison for nine years after she had suffered years of trauma with no help from the justice system. She said that I was brave and just and had helped her start a new life free of her oppressor. I had no recollection who this woman was, yet clearly one of my criminal sentences had greatly affected her personally.

These are the reasons I keep doing this job: I am able to help others, protect the public and other potential victims, and ensure that someone who is before me will be treated fairly. His or her cause will be heard and decided by someone who cares about justice. I trust that you, too, will be able to help others in such a fashion.

I congratulate you on joining the Bench, I wish you strength in your transition, and courage and wisdom as you grow into your judgeship. Please feel free to contact me if you ever need someone to listen!

Best wishes from your fellow judge,

Alison McCarty



Ohio voters rejected significant changes to our drug laws in 2018 when they voted against Issue 1. Ohio's judges were asked to actively campaign against Issue 1. One of the resounding objections to Issue 1 was the fact that it would be accomplished through a constitutional amendment. Since the 2018 defeat of Issue 1, there have been numerous newspaper articles and editorials calling for changes in our drug laws and how we deal with drug abuse. The call for drug law reform is premised on the erroneous assumption that judges are sentencing drug abuse offenders to prison. Many people believe judges are sending marijuana offenders to prison. However, this presumption is contrary to how courts are currently dealing with drug abuse.

As I went around the district trying to educate voters on Issue 1, I emphasized that the criminal justice system's approach to the drug problem has seen significant changes in the past ten years. Legislation limits judges from sending felony four and felony five offenders to prison. Judges are actively involved in specialty courts designed to provide support for offenders to help them overcome the demons of addiction. There are 256 certified specialty courts in Ohio that strive to address the underlying problems offenders face that led to drug usage in the first place. In the Eleventh District alone, there are 15 specialty courts that provide services and support to people who are charged with drug offenses in the criminal justice system. We approach substance abuse as a medical problem that cannot be solved in the short term with the threat of a potential prison term. Drug offenders are given multiple passes for failed drug screens recognizing that relapse is part of recovery. The courts have adapted to the problem but we need time to determine if our changed approach will have the desired impact. Courts also need more funding and resources to provide the support and services that recovering addicts need to get back on track.

I started my legal career as the Trumbull County drug prosecutor in 1991. At that time, one-third of indictments were for drug offenses. Our approach at that time was extremely stringent. Most first-time drug offenders would be eligible for probation; however, probation violations for failed drug tests were common and usually resulted in imposition of a prison term. Judges didn't mess around coddling offenders, that wasn't their job.

Flash forward to 2019. We are dealing with the opioid epidemic and the resurgence of heroin abuse. Drug offenses make up close to 50% of indictments in many counties. Clearly, we are not winning any war on drugs. Will making drug possession unclassified misdemeanors improve our problem or send us spiraling deeper into the quagmire?

The Ohio Senate is currently considering Senate Bill 3 to revamp drug offenses. SB3 includes provisions to make most current felony-possession charges unclassified misdemeanors. The sentences on these charges would include a jail term up to 364 days, up to \$1,000 fine, and not more than six months in a community-based correction facility. The reclassification will allow drug abusers to possess up to bulk amounts of illegal drugs and only be subject to unclassified

misdemeanor penalties. This would allow an abuser to have 49 unit doses of LSD, up to 5 grams of heroin, up to 10 grams of cocaine, and up to bulk amount of schedule I and II drugs.

The sponsor spoke about the bill at the annual Ohio Judicial Conference in September. He explained the scarlet letter of a felony is an onerous burden on drug offenders that can have significant collateral consequences including reducing employment and housing opportunities.

This has sparked an ongoing debate amongst judges about whether this is a good idea. Judges who support the reclassification are concerned about these collateral consequences and the disparate impact they have on lower socio-economic groups. Many judges feel the legislature has forced courts to treat F4 and F5 drug offenses as misdemeanors so why not call them what they are? Additionally, how does incarceration for drug abuse help anything?

Opponents of the reclassification of drug possession to unclassified misdemeanors believe that the threat of a prison term is frequently the only incentive drug offenders have for sobriety. The proposed amounts of drugs that can be possessed as unclassified misdemeanors are amounts drug traffickers frequently possess. This will potentially increase drug trafficking because anyone carrying these amounts will profess that it is for personal use. They also believe that we are sending a message that drug abuse is not a big deal and will result in increasing experimentation and usage of drugs. Our courts will be swamped with an increase in property crimes as drug abusers seek ways to fund their addictions. The collateral consequences to families, and particularly children, will continue to escalate.

Ohio has been actively pursuing criminal justice reform. Bail reform is being implemented to overcome the disparate impact on lower-socioeconomic groups. House Bill 1 provides for increased availability of Intervention in lieu of conviction and record sealing. These legislative actions would help reduce the onerous burdens of the scarlet letter.

But still there are some people who do not want help or sobriety. Drugs are a way of life for them and they are willing to do time so they can get back on the street to find and abuse their drug of choice. I don't think we've found the answer to this scenario. Courts have limited resources that need to be directed to offenders who want to get sober. Senate Bill 3, on its face, does not necessarily incentivize rehabilitation let alone sobriety.

Despite its backers' optimism, only time will tell whether Senate Bill 3 will provide relief for the drug crisis or exacerbate rather than ameliorate an already alarming epidemic.

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 [Judicial Advisory Group \(JAG\)](#) is available for judges who need need a group to extend its ability to provide confidential assistance to judges.
- There is a "[Who Do You Know](#)" document that is available for judges to fill out if any current legislators they may know could be of assistance to the OJC.
- For help signing into the Ohio Judicial Conference's website, www.ohiojudges.org, 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 [associations](#), you can choose your judicial association and see the summer and winter meeting dates?
- The Judicial Conference Jury Instructions Committee posts [recently revised jury instructions](#) on the Judicial Conference website.
- The website was recently updated with a few notable changes. One of those changes was the addition of a [calendar](#) 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 [National Center for State Courts](#), 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.

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SUPREME COURT OF OHIO JUDICIAL COLLEGE COURSE CALENDAR

(for Judges, Magistrates, Acting Judges, Court Personnel, Judicial Candidates, Probation Officers, Adult Guardians, and Guardians ad Litem)

Additional Judicial College courses are available online for self-study hours via the link below.
<http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/Boards/judCollege/calendars/OnlineSS.pdf>

Note: Listed judicial and professional conduct hours are projections. Refer to course announcements for final and approved Judicial College hours or visit OhioCourtEDU.

DATE	COURSE	FOR	LOCATION
January 2020			
14	Tue	Probation Officer Training Program: Intro to Assessment and Case Planning (1 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers Akron
16	Thu	Signs of Child Abuse and Neglect: Your Role and Responsibilities (11:30 a.m. -1:15 p.m.)	Court Personnel Webinar
28	Tue	Probation Officer Training Program: Intro to Motivational Interviewing (1 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers Columbus
29	Wed	Guardian ad Litem Continuing Education: Trauma	Guardians ad Litem Columbus
29 -31	Wed - Fri	Association of Municipal/County Judges of Ohio (AMCJO) Winter Conference (judicial conduct hours will be requested)	Judges* Columbus
30	Thu	Judicial Candidates Seminar	Judicial Candidates Dayton
30	Thu	Youth Gangs: Who They Are, How They Operate and What You Can Do to Be Effective (11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.)	Court Personnel Webinar
February 2020			
4	Tue	Probation Officer Training Program: Professional Communication – Verbal and Written Skills (1 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers Akron
5	Wed	Judicial Candidates Seminar	Judicial Candidates Cleveland
5 - 7	Wed - Fri	Court Management Program (CMP): Accountability and Court Performance	CCM Class of 2021 Columbus
11	Tue	Probation Officer Training Program: Introduction to Offender Skill Building (1 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers Columbus
12	Wed	Essential Skills for Court Personnel: Understanding Court Users	Court Personnel Columbus
13	Thu	Not Just Another Sexual Harassment Training: Empowering Attorneys and Judges to Create a Culture of Civility and Respect (9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.) (judicial/professional conduct hours will be requested)	Judges & Attorneys Broadcast
18	Tue	Guardian ad Litem Pre-Service Course	Guardians ad Litem Columbus

February 2020

19	Wed	Guardian ad Litem Continuing Education: Ethics and Professionalism	Guardians ad Litem	Columbus
20	Thu	Administrative Judge Fundamentals	Judges	Columbus
21	Fri	Court Executive Team: Procurement and Large Purchases	Judges & Court Personnel	Columbus
21	Fri	Juvenile Local Rules: The Nuts and Bolts (11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.)	Judges & Magistrates	Webinar
27	Thu	Due Process Protections and Your Roles and Responsibilities as Probation Officers (11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.)	Probation Officers	Webinar
28	Fri	Ohio Courts of Appeals Judges Association (OCAJA) Winter Conference (judicial conduct hours will be requested)	Judges*	Columbus

March 2020

2 - 4	Mon - Wed	Court Management Program (CMP): Purposes and Responsibilities of Courts	CCM Class of 2022	Columbus
10	Tue	Probation Officer Training Program: Introduction to Cognitive-Behavioral Interventions (1 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers	Akron
11 - 13	Wed - Fri	New Magistrates Orientation (judicial/professional conduct hours will be requested)	New Magistrates	Columbus
17	Tue	Guardian ad Litem Continuing Education: Ethics and Professionalism	Guardians ad Litem	Cleveland
18	Wed	Guardian ad Litem Pre-Service Course	Guardians ad Litem	Cleveland
19	Thu	Court Personnel Faculty Development	By Invitation Only	Columbus
20	Fri	Criminal Topics for Common Pleas Magistrates (11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.)	Judges & Magistrates	Webinar
24	Tue	Probation Officer Training Program: Intro to Offender Behavior Management (1 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers	Columbus

April 2020

1	Wed	Civil Treatment® for Leaders	Judges & Court Personnel	Columbus
2	Thu	Civil Treatment® for All Employees	Court Personnel	Columbus
2	Thu	Legal Writing for Judicial Attorneys	Court Personnel	Columbus
2 - 3	Thu - Fri	Capital Cases	Judges	Columbus
2 - 3	Thu - Fri	Domestic Relations and Juvenile Spring Seminar	Judges & Magistrates	Columbus
7	Tue	Probation Officer Training Program: Introduction to Motivational Interviewing (2 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers	Akron
8	Wed	Supervisor Series: Managing a Diverse Workplace	Court Personnel	Columbus
14 - 15	Tue - Wed	Court Management Program (CMP): Educational Development	CCE 2021	Columbus

April 2020

16 - 17	Thu - Fri	Court Management Program (CMP): Public Relations	CCE 2021	Columbus
21	Tue	Probation Officer Training Program: Introduction to Assessment and Case Planning (2 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers	Columbus
22	Wed	Guardian ad Litem Continuing Education: Divorce (9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.)	Guardians ad Litem	Columbus
22	Wed	Guardian ad Litem Continuing Education: Developing Appropriate Parenting Plans in Cases of Domestic Violence (1:00-4:15 p.m.)	Guardians ad Litem	Columbus
24	Fri	Jury Management Seminar / Ohio Jury Management Association (OJMA) Conference	Judges & Court Personnel	Columbus
29 - 1	Wed - Fri	Ohio Association of Magistrates (OAM) Spring Conference (judicial/professional conduct hours will be requested)	Magistrates*	Sandusky

May 2020

4 - 7	Mon - Thu	New Judges Orientation, Part II (judicial conduct hours will be requested)	New Judges	Columbus
5	Tue	Probation Officer Training Program: Introduction to Offender Skill Building (2 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers	Akron
13 - 15	Wed - Fri	Ohio Association for Court Administration (OACA) Spring Conference	Court Personnel*	Akron
14	Thu	Adult Guardianship Continuing Education (9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.)	Adult Guardians	Columbus
14	Thu	Adult Guardianship Continuing Education (1:00-4:15 p.m.)	Adult Guardians	Columbus
14	Thu	Probation Officer Training Program: Introduction to Assessment and Case Planning (3 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers	Dayton
19	Tue	Probation Officer Training Program: Professional Communication – Verbal and Written Skills (2 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers	Columbus
20	Wed	Court Security Officers: Court Security Fundamentals	Court Personnel	Toledo
20	Wed	Guardian ad Litem Continuing Education: Trauma	Guardians ad Litem	Cincinnati
21	Thu	Guardian ad Litem Pre-Service Course	Guardians ad Litem	Cincinnati

June 2020

4	Thu	Supervisor Series: Interpersonal Communication	Court Personnel	Columbus
5	Fri	Civil Procedure by the Numbers III	Judges & Magistrates	Cleveland
9	Tue	Probation Officer Training Program: Introduction to Offender Behavior Management (2 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers	Akron
9 - 11	Tue - Thu	Probate/Juvenile/Domestic Relations Summer Conference (judicial conduct hours will be requested)	Judges*	Salt Fork
10 - 12	Wed - Fri	Court Management Program (CMP): Project Management	CCM Class of 2020	Columbus

June 2020

11	Tue	Probation Officer Training Program: Professional Communication – Verbal and Written Skills (3 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers	Dayton
16	Tue	Court Security Officers: Essential Communication Skills	Court Personnel	Toledo
17 - 19	Wed - Fri	Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association (OCPJA) Summer Conference (judicial conduct hours will be requested)	Judges*	Columbus
18	Thu	Judicial Candidates Seminar	Judicial Candidates	Columbus
18 - 19	Thu - Fri	Ohio Juvenile Court Clerks Association Conference	Court Personnel	Columbus
23	Tue	Probation Officer Training Program: Introduction to Cognitive-Behavioral Interventions (2 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers	Columbus
24	Wed	Guardian ad Litem Continuing Education: The GAL Interview (9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.)	Guardians ad Litem	Columbus
24	Wed	Guardian ad Litem Continuing Education: Report Writing (1:00-4:15 p.m.)	Guardians ad Litem	Columbus
25	Thu	Guardian ad Litem Pre-Service Course	Guardians ad Litem	Columbus

July 2020

7	Tue	Probation Officer Training Program: Introduction to Assessment and Case Planning (4 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers	Akron
9	Thu	Court Security Officers: Safety, Legal Authority, Ethics, and Civil Process	Court Personnel	Toledo
9	Thu	Updates for Judicial Attorneys	Court Personnel	Columbus
13 - 15	Mon - Wed	Association of Municipal/County Judges of Ohio (AMCJO) Summer Conference (judicial conduct hours will be requested)	Judges*	Warren
14	Tue	Probation Officer Training Program: Introduction to Cognitive-Behavioral Interventions (3 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers	Dayton
17	Fri	Advanced Directives (11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.)	Judges & Magistrates	Webinar
21	Tue	Probation Officer Training Program: Introduction to Motivational Interviewing (3 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers	Columbus
22	Wed	Guardian ad Litem Continuing Education: Domestic Violence	Guardians ad Litem	Toledo
22 - 24	Wed - Fri	Court Management Program (CMP): Budget and Fiscal Resources	CCM Class of 2021	Columbus
23	Thu	Guardian ad Litem Pre-Service Course	Guardians ad Litem	Toledo
30	Thu	Juvenile Court Clerks Essential Skills (1 of 2 offerings)	Court Personnel	Sandusky
30	Thu	Serious Youthful Offenders and Reagan Tokes (12:00-1:15 p.m.)	Judges & Magistrates	Webinar
31	Fri	Truancy (11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.)	Court Personnel	Webinar

August 2020

4	Tue	Probation Officer Training Program: Professional Communication – Verbal and Written Skills (4 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers	Akron
6 - 7	Thu - Fri	Judicial College Annual Planning Meeting	By Invitation Only	TBA
11	Tue	Probation Officer Training Program: Introduction to Motivational Interviewing (4 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers	Dayton
13	Thu	Being Safe In and Out of the Courts	Court Personnel	Columbus
14	Fri	Acting Judges Essentials: Small Claims (1 of 4 offerings)	Acting Judges	Dayton
18	Tue	Probation Officer Training Program: Introduction to Offender Skill Building (3 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers	Columbus
19 - 21	Wed - Fri	Court Management Program (CMP): Caseload and Workflow Management	CCM Class of 2022	Columbus
21	Fri	Hearsay Rules in Domestic Relations Court (12:00-1:15 p.m.)	Judges & Magistrates	Webinar
25	Tue	Guardian ad Litem Continuing Education: Substance Use (9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.)	Guardians ad Litem	Columbus
25	Tue	Guardian ad Litem Continuing Education: Communication and Diversity (1:00-4:15 p.m.)	Guardians ad Litem	Columbus
26	Wed	Certified Court Manager (CCM) Seminar	Certified Court Managers	Mansfield
28	Fri	Court Executive Team: Medical Marijuana	Judges & Court Personnel	Columbus

September 2020

1	Tue	Probation Officer Training Program: Introduction to Cognitive-Behavioral Interventions (4 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers	Akron
2 - 4	Wed - Fri	Ohio Association of Magistrates (OAM) Fall Conference	Magistrates*	Columbus
9	Wed	Ohio Courts of Appeals Judges Association (OCAJA) Fall Conference (judicial conduct hours will be requested)	Judges*	Columbus
10	Thu	Ohio Official Court Reporters Seminar/Ohio Court Reporters Association (OCRA)	Court Personnel	Columbus
10 - 11	Thu - Fri	Ohio Judicial Conference Annual Meeting (judicial conduct hours will be requested)	Judges*	Columbus
15	Tue	Probation Officer Training Program: Introduction to Offender Behavior Management (3 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers	Columbus
16	Wed	Probation Officer Training Program: Introduction to Offender Skill Building (4 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers	Dayton
17	Thu	Guardian ad Litem Continuing Education: Psychiatric Disorders in Children	Guardians ad Litem	Cleveland
18	Fri	Acting Judges Essentials: Small Claims (2 of 4 offerings)	Acting Judges	Toledo
22	Tue	Juvenile Court Clerks Essential Skills (2 of 2 offerings)	Court Personnel	Cincinnati

September 2020

23	Wed	Guardian ad Litem Continuing Education: Developmental Disabilities	Guardians ad Litem	Akron
23 -25	Wed - Fri	Court Management Program (CMP): Visioning and Strategic Planning	CCE 2021	Columbus
24	Thu	Guardian ad Litem Pre-Service Course	Guardians ad Litem	Akron
30 - 2	Wed - Fri	New Magistrates Orientation (judicial/professional conduct hours will be requested)	New Magistrates	Columbus

October 2020

1	Thu	Commercial Dockets	Judges	TBA
1	Thu	Juvenile Probation Search Drills	Probation Officers	OPOTA
2	Fri	Adult Probation Search Drills	Probation Officers	OPOTA
2	Fri	Judicial Conduct (judicial/professional conduct hours will be requested)	Judges & Magistrates	Cleveland
6	Tue	Probation Officer Training Program: Introduction to Motivational Interviewing (5 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers	Akron
8 - 9	Thu - Fri	Fundamentals of Faculty Development	By Invitation Only	Columbus
13	Tue	Adult Guardianship Continuing Education (9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.)	Adult Guardians	Columbus
13	Tue	Adult Guardianship Continuing Education (1:00-4:15 p.m.)	Adult Guardians	Columbus
13	Tue	Probation Officer Training Program: Introduction to Offender Behavior Management (4 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers	Dayton
20	Tue	Juvenile Traffic (11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.)	Judges & Magistrates	Webinar
20	Tue	Probation Officer Training Program: Introduction to Assessment and Case Planning (5 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers	Columbus
20	Tue	Women's Executive Leadership	Court Personnel	Columbus
21	Wed	2020 Guardian ad Litem Symposium	Guardians ad Litem	Columbus
21 - 23	Wed - Fri	Ohio Association for Court Administrators (OACA) Fall Conference	Court Personnel*	Columbus
22	Thu	Court Security Officers: The Management of Security in the Courts	Court Personnel	Columbus
23	Fri	Child Support 202: The New Guidelines a Year Later (11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.)	Judges & Magistrates	Webinar
23	Fri	Evidence	Judges & Magistrates	Columbus
29	Thu	Judicial Candidates Seminar	Judicial Candidates	Columbus
30	Fri	Acting Judges Essentials: Small Claims (3 of 4 offerings)	Acting Judges	Cleveland

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3	Tue	Probation Officer Training Program: Introduction to Offender Skill Building (5 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers	Akron
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4	Wed	Cyberstalking and Elder Abuse: What They Are and What You Can Do	Court Personnel	Columbus
4 - 6	Wed - Fri	Court Management Program (CMP): Workforce Management/Graduation	CCM Class of 2020	Columbus
6	Fri	Evidence (11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.)	Judges & Magistrates	Webinar
6	Fri	Sex Offender Management Course	Probation Officers	Columbus
10	Tue	Guardian ad Litem Continuing Education: Trauma	Guardians ad Litem	Youngstown
12	Thu	Judicial Conduct: Promoting Professionalism (11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.) (judicial/professional conduct hours will be requested)	Judges & Magistrates	Webinar
13	Fri	Domestic Relations Fall Seminar	Judges & Magistrates	Columbus
13	Fri	Judicial Transitions: Maintaining Smooth Court Operations During a Time of Change (11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.)	Court Personnel	Webinar
17	Tue	Probation Officer Training Program: Professional Communication – Verbal and Written Skills (5 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers	Columbus
18	Wed	Guardian ad Litem Continuing Education: Understanding Child Protective Services	Guardians ad Litem	Dayton
18	Wed	Municipal and County Clerks Seminar/Ohio Association of Municipal/County Court Clerks (OAMCCC) Conference	Court Personnel	Columbus
19	Thu	Guardian ad Litem Pre-Service Course	Guardians ad Litem	Dayton
19	Thu	The Fundamentals of Custody Evaluation	Court Personnel	Columbus
20	Fri	The Basics of Eminent Domain (11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.)	Judges & Magistrates	Webinar

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1	Tue	Probation Officer Training Program: Introduction to Offender Behavior Management (5 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers	Akron
1	Tue	Supervisor Series: Conflict and Stress	Court Personnel	Columbus
2 - 4	Wed - Fri	Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association (OCPJA) Winter Conference (judicial conduct hours will be requested)	Judges*	Columbus
3	Thu	Pretrial Services Agencies Seminar/Ohio Association of Pretrial Service Agencies (OAPSA) Conference	Judges & Court Personnel	Columbus
3	Thu	Street Smart on Drugs	Probation Officers	Columbus
3 - 4	Thu - Fri	Ohio Association of Juvenile Court Judges (OAJCJ) Winter Conference (judicial conduct hours will be requested)	Judges*	Columbus
4	Fri	Acting Judges Essentials: Small Claims (4 of 4 offerings)	Acting Judges	Columbus

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7 - 10	Mon - Thu	New Judges Orientation, Part I (judicial conduct hours will be requested)	New Judges	Columbus
15	Tue	Probation Officer Training Program: Introduction to Cognitive-Behavioral Interventions (5 of 5 offerings)	Probation Officers	Columbus
16	Wed	Guardian ad Litem Pre-Service Course	Guardians ad Litem	Columbus
17	Thu	Clerks Seminar	Court Personnel	Columbus
17	Thu	Guardian ad Litem Continuing Education: The GAL Interview (9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.)	Guardians ad Litem	Columbus
17	Thu	Guardian ad Litem Continuing Education: Report Writing (1:00 p.m.-4:15 p.m.)	Guardians ad Litem	Columbus
18	Fri	Judicial Conduct: Ethics (11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.) (judicial/professional conduct hours will be requested)	Judges & Magistrates	Webinar

PLEASE NOTE:

This schedule is SUBJECT TO CHANGE. View the Judicial College homepage for course schedule updates and additional information via <http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/Boards/judCollege/default.aspx#>.

To register for a Judicial College course or to view a course announcement, please visit our online registration site at <http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/Boards/judCollege/default.aspx#>.

1. Every two years, full-time judges, part-time judges, and retired judges eligible for assignment are required to obtain 40 hours of CLE. Of the 40 hours, 10 hours must be obtained from the Judicial College and include 3.00 hours of judicial conduct. (Gov.Jud.R. IV, §3).
2. Every two years, magistrates are required to obtain 40 hours of CLE. Of the 40 hours, 10 hours must be obtained from the Judicial College and include 3.00 hours of judicial/professional conduct. (Gov.Bar R. X, §10).
3. Every two years, acting judges are required to obtain 24 hours of CLE. Of the 24 hours, 10 hours must be obtained from the Judicial College and 2.50 hours of professional conduct are required. Acting Judges may obtain professional conduct hours from the Judicial College or another approved provider. (Gov.Bar R. X, §11).
4. Full-day courses of judicial and legal education typically consist of 5.5 Judicial College or CLE credit hours and are from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted.
5. Up to 12 hours of "self-study" are allowed during a biennial compliance period, pursuant to Gov.Jud.R. IV, §5 and Gov.Bar R. X, §5. The Judicial College has dozens of courses available online. There is no cost for these courses and judicial officers may take them on their own schedule and in their own environment. For a list of Judicial College online courses go to <http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/Boards/judCollege/calendars/OnlineSS.pdf>
6. Webinars allow individuals to participate in these courses via their personal/work computers. These hours are not self-study credit hours. Check individual course announcements for the time of the courses and approved credit hours.
7. The Judicial College cannot accept registration for courses until the course announcement has been emailed and online registration is opened through OhioCourtEDU.
8. (*) Indicates course registration through an association. Please check the event announcement when it is distributed by your association to confirm the credit hours to be offered.
9. For all non-association courses, please check the Judicial College course announcement when it is emailed to confirm whether judicial and/or professional conduct hours will be offered.
10. There is no pre-registration or tuition for the Judicial Candidates Seminars. Please note, if elected, new judges must attend New Judges Orientation pursuant to Gov.Jud.R. IV, §10.
11. Additional providers and courses for probation officers (e.g., firearms) and court security officers (e.g., subject control, formerly "defensive tactics") can be accessed via the following links <http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/Boards/judCollege/courtSecurityEd/default.asp> and <http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Law-Enforcement/Ohio-Peace-Officer-Training-Academy/Course-Catalog/Course-Categories/Court-Services>

Please refer to individual course announcements for the approved Judicial College or CLE credit hours and for course registration information.

To access Gov.Jud.R. IV and Gov.Bar R. X, please go to: www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/LegalResources/Rules/default.asp. To access CLE rule changes and FAQs, go to: www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/AttySvcs/CLE/ruleChanges2014/judgeFAQ.asp.

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