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[Executive Order on Public Safety Signed on July 24, 2025](#)

The Ohio Judicial Conference is dedicated to serving all Ohio judges. The Judicial Conference is the voice of the judiciary and a primary resource to ensure the fair, unbiased, open & effective administration of justice.

Legislative News: Two-Week Review

- A big thank you to retired Judge Jennifer Weiler of the Garfield Heights Municipal Court for her years of creating OVI charts that succinctly explain a very complicated statute! Judge Anne Walton Keller of the Shaker Heights Municipal Court will take up the mantle, and has recently updated the [Ohio Driver's License Law](#) document, with charts of driving suspensions.
- A new rule, the **Assisted Outpatient Treatment** [Sup.R. 79.01](#) for probate courts, has been adopted by the Supreme Court and went into effect 7.10.25, and the Temp.Sup.R. 1.01 has been repealed. [Jud.Cond.R. 29](#) (see 2.9 (A)(6)) is the accompanying amendment.
- [Sup.R.5](#), which will be effective 9.1.25, requires a local rule on **reporting to law enforcement**. The local rule must establish procedures and timelines for obtaining and submitting fingerprints and reporting information; establish procedures and timelines for reporting information regarding protection orders; establish procedures and timelines for reporting information to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and Ohio Department of Public Safety; establish procedures to ensure completeness and accuracy of records in the event of an audit by the FBI, BCI, or state or local auditors.
- The Advisory Committee on Children and Families requests public comments on the guardian ad litem (GAL) amendments to [Sup.R. 48](#) by 8.21.25, via GALRuleComments@sc.ohio.gov. The amendments clarify who can receive the **written GAL report and disclosure protocol**.
- The public comment period for a proposed change to the Rules for the Government of the Judiciary ends 8.21.25 ([Gov. Jud. R. IV, registration requirements for acting judges](#)); the public comment period for a proposed change to the Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct ends 8.28.25 ([Prof.Cond.R. 8.4, misconduct](#)); and the public comment period for a proposed change to the Rules for the Government of the Bar ends 8.28.25 ([Gov.Bar R. V, disciplinary procedure](#)). Comments should be sent to: RuleAmendments@sc.ohio.gov.
- The Ohio Public Defender has set the initial **reimbursement rate** for FY26 at 82%. The exact rates of reimbursement through FY26 and FY27 will depend upon the total costs submitted by Ohio's 88 counties, each of which sets its own respective budget; for details, see the 7.17.25 [memo](#).
- The Legislature is currently in recess and will return in the fall. Both the House and the Senate will begin holding committee hearings on September 16, with session of the chambers resuming on September 23. The last session date of the year is November 19, with committee hearings continuing through December 10.
- Register for the [Ohio Judicial Conference's Annual Meeting!](#) The event is scheduled for September 11 and 12, 2025. Highlights include a Constitutional Law Update from Professor Erwin Chemerinsky, and panel discussions about the enduring importance of civility and professionalism; immigration; special projects fund, veterans' courts; and the Judges and Psychiatrists Leadership Initiative.

For a complete list of bills & the latest Enactment News, please visit the [OJC website](#).



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