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In Case You Missed It:

[*The Crime Victims Services Section of the Ohio Attorney General's Office will Host 5 Trainings for Those Working with Violent Crime Victims*](#)

[*The state will observe "Ohio Overdose Awareness Day" on August 31*](#)

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

- In [*State v. Crawl*](#), (Slip Opinion No. 2025-Ohio-2799), decided 8.12.25, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled that the **menacing-by-stalking statute**, R.C. 2903.211, does not require explicit threats, intentional infliction of emotional distress, or comments or actions occurring in-person; nor does it require the victim to block the offender from making further social media posts. The elements of R.C. 2903.211 are met if the defendant engaged in a pattern of conduct knowingly causing another person to believe that the defendant would cause physical harm or mental distress to the other person or a family or household member of the other person.
- In [*State v. Staffrey*](#), (Slip Opinion No. 2025-Ohio-2889), decided on 8.19.25, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled that an appeals court wrongly granted **judicial release** to an offender serving an "indefinite" prison sentence for crimes committed in 1995. The definition of "eligible offender" for purposes of judicial release under R.C. 2929.20 includes only those offenders serving a "stated prison term."
- In [*State v. T.W.C.*](#), (Slip Opinion No. 2025-Ohio-2890), decided on 8.19.25, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled that an offender convicted of an F4 or F5 must fully pay **court-ordered restitution** to be eligible to apply for sealing a criminal record. Regardless of whether the entry identifies the restitution order as "a civil judgment," it remains a sanction that is part of the sentence.
- [*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 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.BarR. V, disciplinary procedure*](#)). Comments should be sent to: RuleAmendments@sc.ohio.gov.
- Save the Date: the **2025 Mental Health and Community Resource Fair**, hosted by the Miami County Common Pleas Mental Health Court, is set for 9.4.25, at the Miami County Courthouse Plaza. For more information, contact JKanet@MiamiCountyOhio.gov
- 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 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.

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