

Legislative News: Two-Week Review



July 22, 2024

In Case You Missed It:

[*The Division of Cannabis Control issued a consumer alert 7.18.24 concerning cannabis products that contain Delta-8 with packaging that imitates food popular with young people.*](#)

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

- [HB 2](#) (Reps. Cutrona, Upchurch) **Capital Appropriations**, signed by the Governor 6.28.24. The bill contained funding for many projects including: transitioning the Department of Youth Services to a number of smaller facilities to increase safety and allow for individualized treatment and education; improving the Ohio Fire Academy and State Highway Patrol Crime Lab in anticipation of increased impaired driving because of marijuana legalization; and building local jail facilities.
- [HJR 7](#) (Reps. Wiggam, Young) **Constitutional Amendment**, introduced 6.18.24. The resolution proposes to enact Section 5 of Article XV of the Ohio Constitution to prohibit individuals with citizenship in other countries from holding elected public offices.
- [HB 639](#) (Rep. Williams) **Aggravated Riot**, introduced 7.9.24. The bill modifies the offense of aggravated riot if the offender is wearing a mask or disguise and requires an additional 1 year prison term for an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a felony if the offender is convicted of or pleads guilty to a specification that the offender wore a mask or disguise in commission of aggravated riot.
- [HB 642](#) (Rep. Carruthers) **Adult-Use Hemp Products**, introduced 7.18.24. The bill requires the Director of Agriculture to adopt recommendations regarding adult-use hemp products.
- Changes to the [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#) are effective 7.1.24. The [amendments](#) include: Revised rules for reopening of an appeal based on ineffective counsel; updates to procedures for serving documents in civil cases; providing a standard for when testimony is "expert testimony"; codifying notification to victims in Juvenile Courts.
- Citizens Not Politicians submitted more than 730,000 signatures on 7.1.24 in an effort to qualify for a proposed redistricting amendment on the November ballot.
- The Center for Jury Studies at the National Center for State Courts is now accepting nominations for the **G. Thomas Munsterman Award for Jury Innovation**. The award recognizes improvements or innovations in jury operations, management or technology. [Nominations](#) accepted until 9.13.24.
- Save the Date: The **OJC Annual Meeting** is September 19-20 at the Hilton Columbus at Easton. A total of 10.25 CLEs have been applied for and the agenda includes presentations on Marsy's Law, competency and family law courts, artificial intelligence, working with interpreters, and more. Register by 9.4.24.
- Save the Date: On 8.12.24 and 8.13.24, Bowling Green State University, the Ohio Attorney General's Office, and the Center for the Future of Forensic are hosting the 3rd annual **"Understanding and Using Forensic Science and Expert Testimony in the Courtroom"** continuing legal education (approved for 14.5 hours). [Register](#) by 7.28.24.

[*For Tools & Bench Aids, and the latest Bill Impact Statements, please visit the OJC Website*](#)



[Marta Mudri](#)

Legislative Counsel
Civil Law; Specialty Courts; Community Corrections



[Shawn Welch](#)

Deputy Legislative Counsel
Probate Law; Domestic Relations Law; Juvenile Law



[Josh Williams](#)

Deputy Legislative Counsel
Criminal Law; Traffic Law; Appellate Law; Magistrates



[Justin Long](#)

Legislative Services Specialist;
Publications; PCCO