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In Case You Missed It:

[Former Ohio Judges Worried About Politicized Courts Take Concerns on Tour: Statehouse News Bureau, July 10, 2026](#)

[Justice's Law Review Article Proposes Reconsidering Judicial Age Limits; University of Cincinnati Law Review](#)

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Legislative News: Two-Week Review

- **HB 976** (Reps. Miller, Synenberg) **Filing Fraudulent Claims**, introduced 7.16.26. The bill prohibits specific activities related to filing false or fraudulent claims with the state and defrauding the state of money or property. A violation of the prohibitions would result in a fine.
- **HB 975** (Reps. Abrams, Plummer) **Brady List Removal Petition**, introduced 7.13.26. The bill would allow a law enforcement officer to petition the court to have his or her name removed from a local Brady-Giglio list. The list is compiled by prosecutors and is usually not public. It enumerates law enforcement officers with histories of misconduct (such as untruthfulness, bias, or criminal activity) and inclusion on this list must be disclosed to defense counsel if a prosecutor plans to rely on an officer on the list while prosecuting a case. Under the bill, the hearings related to removing an officer from the list are in-camera.
- On 7.17.26, in [State v. Reillo](#) (Slip Opinion No. 2026-Ohio-2701), the Ohio Supreme Court ruled that an Ohio appeals court wrongly questioned a victim's credibility de novo in a child rape case rather than deferring to the jury's credibility determination.
- On 7.16.26, in [State v. Khalif](#) (Slip Opinion No. 2026-Ohio-2689), the Ohio Supreme Court ruled that although the **verdict form** did not conform to state law, the conviction stands because the defendant did not object to the omission at trial and failed to show that it affected a substantial right. The degree of the charged offense was clear in this case, so the defect in the verdict form would not have affected the outcome. The case also found that R.C. 2901.09, recently changed in 133 SB 175 (2021) to contain a **"stand your ground"** amendment, does not apply retroactively to offenses committed prior to the amendment's effective date.
- A borrower who attempts but fails to stop a **property foreclosure** can seek restitution after the property has been sold, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled in [Wells Fargo Bank, Natl. Assn. v. Doberdruk](#) (Slip Opinion No. 2026-Ohio-2674), on 7.15.26. R.C. 2329.45 allows a borrower who challenges a foreclosure to seek restitution if an appeals court rules the foreclosure was improper.
- A prosecutor may seek court permission to appeal a trial judge's post-verdict judgment of acquittal of a criminal defendant, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled in [State v. King](#) (Slip Opinion No. 2026-Ohio-2656) on 7.14.26. The decision overturned a 1987 decision that found a judge's acquittal after a jury found a defendant guilty is a **"final verdict"** that cannot be appealed, finding the term "final verdict" does not include a trial court order setting aside a jury's guilty verdict.
- **The OJC has a [new website](#)!** Along with a fresh new look, the site features streamlined navigation, updated member tools, and improved organization across all major sections.
- **Save the Date!** The OJC Annual Meeting is September 16 and 17 at the Hilton Easton in Columbus. [Register](#) for 10.25 CLE hours (including 2.25 judicial conduct hours) and hear a U.S. Constitutional Law update, a Supreme Court of Ohio case law update, and other topics relevant to today's judiciary.

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