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In Case You Missed It:

Legal Experts See "CourTok" as an Opportunity to Reengage the Public with Jury Trials; Chicago Tribune, 10.16.26

OSBF Hosts Symposium: The Intersection of Neurodiversity & the Law, 11.17.26

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

◦ **HB 1031** (Rep. Williams) **Jurisdiction of Juvenile Courts**, introduced 10.19.26. The bill extends the juvenile court's and DYS's jurisdiction over delinquent children from 21 to 25 years of age. It requires the DYS to commit felons younger than 25 to institutions within DYS.

◦ **HB 1033** (Rep. Manning) **New Offense**, introduced 10.28.26. The bill creates a new offense, the unlawful dissemination of a peace officer's personally identifying information, an F3.

◦ A federal judge dismissed a lawsuit brought by Ohio Supreme Court Justice Jennifer Brunner that challenged the state's law requiring appeals court and Supreme Court candidates to appear on the general **election ballot with party identification** (134 SB 80). Judge Pearson found that requiring party designation on the ballot does not violate the 1st, 5th, or 14th amendments to the U.S. Constitution, and that recent changes to the Rules of Professional Conduct undermine the argument that party designation compels partisan speech that the Judicial Code limited at one time.

◦ In *Kohn v. Glenmede Trust Co., N.A.,* (Slip Opinion No. 2026-Ohio-4001), decided on 10.15.26, the Ohio Supreme Court clarified the **saving statute** which allows a plaintiff to re-file a lawsuit. As long as the statutory requirements are met, the saving statute does not limit the number of times a lawsuit can be re-filed and does not necessitate a claim-by-claim determination of whether the statute of limitations had expired before an earlier re-filing.

◦ **Save the Date:** the NCSC **Jury Management Workshop**, half-days on both11.18.26 and 11.19.26, is a virtual workshop designed for jury professionals at all levels. Register here.

◦ **Save the Date:** the **Ohio Public Defender Symposium** "Progress and Possibility: Strengthening Ohio's Indigent Defense System," hosted by the Supreme Court, takes place 11.4.26, both in-person and virtually. It has been approved for 2.5 hours of CLE. Register here.

◦ **Save the Date**: on 11.6.26, the University of Cincinnati is hosting a day-long CLE (approved in Ohio for six hours, 1.25 professional conduct), which is designed for judges, defense attorneys and prosecutors to obtain cutting-edge information relevant to their work. Registration for "Modern Trends in Forensic Science, AI, and Evidence" is open now.

◦ **Save the Date**: the **Ohio Forensic Mental Health Conference** takes place 11.13.26 at the Ohioan in Lewis Center. This year's theme is "AI and Complex Forensic Mental Health Systems: Navigating the New Frontier" and 5.5 hours of CLE have been approved. Featured sessions include a keynote on AI-augmented forensic practice, updates on Ohio forensic laws, and an examination of some ethical considerations surrounding the use of AI in forensic practice. View the full agenda and register here.

◦ **Save the Date**: the Supreme Court's Annual **Veterans Summit** takes place on 11.19.26 at Villa Milano in Columbus. The conference, titled "Lean Forward: Helping Through Healing," can be attended in-person or virtually and 5.75 hours of CLE have been requested. Register through OhioCourtEDU.

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