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Ohio Judiciary Bids Farewell This Year to an Extraordinary Number of Judges at All Levels

At least 5 percent of the Ohio judicial branch will leave the bench by the end of 2012, as the Ohio judiciary undergoes a change in its composition brought on by the confluence of several different factors. Along with the pension changes that spurred many long-time judges to retire in 2012, the November general election results mean 37 judgeships will change hands.

The turnover starts with the Ohio Supreme Court, where three of the seven seats will change by January,

after the arrival of two newly elected justices and the appointment by Gov. **John Kasich** of a justice to the seat vacated by retiring Justice **Evelyn Lundberg Stratton**. District appeals courts, common pleas courts, and county courts also will see fresh faces, either those of attorneys with no prior judicial experience, judges who moved up from other courts, or former judges back in the game.

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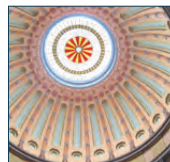
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Cases

Visit courtnewsohio.gov for the most current decisions from the Ohio Supreme Court, Court of Claims, and courts of appeals.

Supreme Court of Ohio

Supreme Court Upholds 2011 Legislative Redistricting Plan as Constitutional

By a 4-3 vote, the Ohio Supreme Court on November 27 upheld as constitutional the state's 2011 redistricting plan that determined geographic boundaries for voting districts through 2021. A group of voters challenged the redrawn legislative districts as adopted by the state apportionment board for members of the Ohio House of Representatives and Ohio Senate in *Wilson v. Kasich*.

Wilson v. Kasich
Slip Opinion No. 2012-Ohio-5367

DNA Profile of Criminal Defendant May Be Retained for Future Use Despite Acquittal on Charge for Which Sample Was Obtained

The Supreme Court of Ohio ruled November 1 that when the state lawfully obtains a sample of a person's DNA in the course of a criminal investigation, and uses that sample to establish a DNA profile of the subject, that person does not have standing to object to the state's retention of the DNA profile, and the state is authorized to retain the profile and use it in a subsequent criminal investigation despite the subject's acquittal on the charge that was the basis for obtaining the DNA sample.

State v. Emerson
Slip Opinion No. 2012-Ohio-5047

Foreclosure Action Void If Party Filing Suit Did So Before Becoming Actual Party in Interest

The Supreme Court of Ohio ruled October 31 that a party's standing to initiate a mortgage foreclosure lawsuit is determined on the date the complaint is filed in court, and a party that lacked standing at the time a suit was filed cannot remedy that defect by receiving assignment of a mortgage and promissory note after the filing of the foreclosure action but prior to the entry of judgment.

Fed. Home Loan Mtge. Corp.
v. Schwartzwald, Slip Opinion
No. 2012-Ohio-5017

Court of Claims

Court of Claims Approves \$300,000 ODOT Motorcycle Wreck Settlement

ODOT will pay a Delaware man \$300,000 to settle a claim over a motorcycle crash caused by a pothole on an Ottawa County onramp that was in the process of being repaved. The Court of Claims of Ohio approved the settlement agreement on November 8.

Michael Hamon, et al. v. Ohio
Department of Transportation
Case No. C2008-10927

Courts of Appeals

First District: City of Cincinnati Can Reduce Retirees' Health Benefits

Retired employees of the city of Cincinnati whose health benefits were reduced are not entitled to have them reinstated by court order, the First District Court of Appeals ruled November 7. In a per curiam opinion, a three-member panel upheld a decision by the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas. The panel turned away all five of the legal arguments the retirees made in their appeal of a lawsuit that went to trial in 2011.

Gamel v. Cincinnati, 2012-Ohio-5153

Second District: Defendant Not Required to Disclose Incriminating Information In Investigator's Report

The Second District Court of Appeals held October 19 that Ohio evidence rules barred a trial court from ordering a defendant to disclose to prosecutors incriminating information contained in a report prepared by the defendant's investigator. Consequently, Gary Crews should receive a new trial based on an improper discovery order in which the trial judge compelled Crews' attorney to disclose to the state information damaging to Crews' defense that was obtained during interviews of prospective defense witnesses by an investigator working for defense counsel.

State v. Crews, 2012-Ohio-4854

Happening Now

News and notes from courthouses around the Buckeye State.

Victims of Attorney Theft Received \$930,000 in FY 2012

In Fiscal Year 2012, the Clients' Security Fund of Ohio awarded nearly \$930,000 for 175 claims of attorney theft, according to the fund's annual report released in November.

The claims eligible for reimbursement resulted from the dishonest conduct of 60 attorneys. The fund's board of commissioners also determined that four attorney fee applications were eligible for reimbursement of \$1,030.

"This report confirms the fact that the overwhelming majority of Ohio lawyers observe high standards of integrity when entrusted with law-client money or property," said CSF Administrator **Janet Green Marbley**. "The dishonest acts of a few, however, can affect the public's image and confidence in the legal profession as a whole. The Clients' Security Fund seeks to restore confidence in the legal profession by reimbursing law clients for losses sustained as a result of the dishonest conduct of their attorneys."

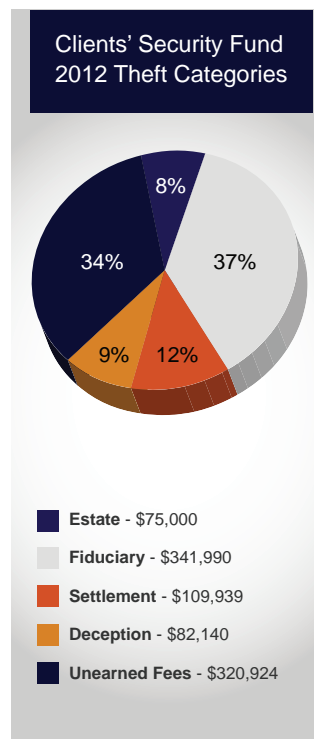
Other statistics from the report include:

- 172 claimants received 100 percent reimbursement of their losses.
- 45 claims were ruled ineligible.
- 4 claimants received the maximum (\$75,000) award amount.

The fund – created in 1985 by Gov. Bar R. VIII of the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar – is supported entirely from the Attorney Registration Fund, and does not receive any tax revenues.

The attorneys who were cited in 2012 for dishonest conduct represent less than 1 percent of the 43,650 active Ohio attorneys.

Since its inception, the fund has allocated more than \$17.3 million to 2,251 former law clients.



Attorney Services Fund Releases 2012 Annual Report

Nearly 60 percent of the money expended from the Ohio Supreme Court's Attorney Services Fund in Fiscal Year 2012 supported the attorney discipline process, according to an annual report published in November.

In Fiscal Year 2012, the fund expended \$8.6 million. Of that total, nearly \$5 million was dedicated for disciplinary-related expenses, including \$2.5 million for the operations of the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, \$1.6 million in reimbursements for local bar association certified grievance committees, and \$835,360 for the operation of the Board of Commissioners on Grievances & Discipline.

Additional expenditures from the fund supported:

- The administration of the Attorney Services Division, which oversees the delivery of services to Ohio attorneys and assists the Supreme Court in the exercise of its constitutional duty to regulate the practice of law.
- The Clients' Security Fund, to compensate clients of unscrupulous attorneys.
- The Supreme Court Reporter of Decisions, to publish attorney discipline legal notices in newspapers.

The fund also provides grants to two nonprofits that assist organizations that provide legal services for the poor and aid lawyers who are suffering from alcoholism, substance abuse, or mental illness.

IN MEMORIAM



ROBERT DUNCAN

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– Judge Algenon Marbley

of Ohio said Duncan became the conscience of that court during his decade on the bench. He said it was Duncan’s destiny to try the desegregation case, and he handled it with the “deft touch of a surgeon.”

“Within the judiciary, Judge Duncan is without peer,” Judge Marbley said. “No one has served with such distinction at every level such as he.”

Judge Marbley said Duncan gave him the best piece of advice about judging when he advised him to treat every case equally as important as the desegregation case.

David Williams, vice chancellor and law professor at Vanderbilt University, was an OSU law school faculty member when he got to know Duncan. At first, Williams wasn’t aware of Duncan’s legacy. Only after attending a conference marking the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court case *Brown V. Board of Education* did Williams learn more. He said many times people came up to him at the conference and asked, “You know Bob Duncan?”

Williams also traveled to South Africa with Duncan three times. He said they were both in awe of Nelson Mandela for his fight against apartheid. But Williams was in awe of Duncan.

“Robert Duncan, Nelson Mandela ... same thing to me,” he said.

Columbus Mayor **Michael Coleman** also spoke at the memorial and listed Duncan as one of the few truly iconic figures in Columbus history.

“True greatness only comes once in a while,” Coleman said. “Years from now, his contributions, his greatness, will be seen in the faces of our children who go to school without systematic segregation. This has changed our world.”

Speaker after speaker tried to put into words the impact former Justice **Robert M. Duncan** had on them and countless others at a November 9 memorial service on the Ohio State University campus.

Duncan was a trailblazing Ohio jurist who decided the Columbus schools’ historic desegregation case, served on the federal bench, and was a top administrator at Ohio State. He died November 2 at age 85.

Many who gave tribute spoke of Duncan’s humility, wisdom, generosity, and integrity. Justice **Yvette McGee Brown**, the first African American woman to serve on the Ohio Supreme Court, served as mistress of ceremonies for the memorial.

Duncan was a jurist of many firsts: the first African-American on the Ohio Supreme Court, first African-American elected to judicial office in Franklin County, the first to win a seat in a statewide Ohio election, the first to serve on the U.S. Court of Military Appeals, and the first to be appointed to the federal bench in Ohio.

Judge **Algenon Marbley** of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District

Professionalism Dos and Don’ts Released

The Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Professionalism released the first of a series of best practices publications titled Professionalism Dos and DON’Ts. The sets of Dos and DON’Ts, scheduled to be published on a quarterly basis, will include suggested guidelines on attorney conduct. The commission’s first release is the Dos and DON’Ts of depositions, which recommends guidelines for scheduling, conducting, or attending depositions.

The commission hopes to promote professionalism among the Buckeye state’s lawyers with this series, but does not regulate attorney conduct or affect attorney discipline. Commission on Professionalism Secretary **Lori Keating** said the publications will help practicing attorneys, judges, and law school students.

“Depositions, which are adversarial in nature and conducted outside the presence of a judge or jury, sometimes can bring out the worst behavior in lawyers. Newer lawyers and even experienced practitioners may not be aware of what the best practices are,” said Keating. “The guidelines are intended to show attorneys how to advance the legitimate interests of lawyers and their clients, while at the same time treat all participants in the process, including opposing counsel, with courtesy, civility, and respect.”

Some of the Dos at depositions include reviewing local jurisdiction rules beforehand, setting a reasonable time limit for the deposition, and providing documents to a deponent if asked.

Some of the DON’Ts at depositions include making rude and degrading comments to a deponent or opposing counsel, taking depositions for the purpose of harassing a witness, and providing answers, overtly or covertly, to questions asked of a witness.

Keating said the series of practices will be incorporated into professionalism CLEs, distributed by judges to practitioners who come before them, and taught to law school students.



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As for the election, for the first time in 40 years, two incumbent Ohio Supreme Court justices lost in the same year.

Justices **Robert R. Cupp** and **Yvette McGee Brown** were defeated by former Eleventh District Court of Appeals Judge **William M. O'Neill** and Butler County Domestic Relations Court Judge **Sharon L. Kennedy**, respectively. Judge Kennedy will fulfill the unexpired term of that seat and must run again in 2014 for a full six-year term.

The third incumbent justice on the ballot, **Terrence O'Donnell**, was re-elected to a second six-year term by defeating state Sen. **Michael J. Skindell**.

SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

Justice Stratton. As the second longest-serving justice on the Supreme Court, Justice Stratton (*top left*) will retire by the end of 2012. Appointed to the court by then-Gov. **George Voinovich**, she assumed office on March 7, 1996. Ohio voters elected Justice Stratton to three six-year terms on the court, the most recent in 2008. Her current term was to expire on January 1, 2015.

Justice Stratton began her legal career as a trial lawyer in the courtrooms of central Ohio. In 1989, she was the first woman to be elected judge of the Franklin County Common Pleas Court, where she became known as “The Velvet Hammer” for her approach in sentencing serious felony cases.

In her resignation letter, Justice Stratton referred to her involvement in providing mental health services to offenders and assisting veterans in the criminal justice system as occupying “a place of growing importance in my life,” saying “I have decided to dedicate myself to them even more so, not only here in Ohio but also on a national level.

“Therefore, after a great deal of thoughtful deliberation, I have decided to pursue a different course in my life,” she continued. “My heart tells me this is the right decision. For this reason I will be tendering my resignation as justice at the end of this year.”

On November 19, the governor’s office released a list of 13 people who have applied for the position. An announcement is expected sometime in December.

Justice Cupp. Justice Cupp served one six-year term on the Supreme Court after his election in 2006. Before that, he served on the Third District Court of Appeals.

Much of his 30-year legal career has been committed to effective public service. Before becoming a judge, Justice Cupp served 16 years as a member of the Ohio Senate, beginning in 1985 and ending in 2000 with the advent of Ohio’s legislative term limits. Before his election to the General Assembly, Justice Cupp served as a Lima city prosecutor and assistant director of law from 1976 to 1980 and twice was elected Allen County commissioner, serving from 1981 through 1984 and 2001 through 2002.

Shortly after the election, Justice Cupp indicated that he decided not to seek the appointment to the seat being vacated by Justice Stratton.

“I have enjoyed the challenge and opportunity to serve on Ohio’s highest court during the past six years,” Justice Cupp said in a statement. “I have appreciated the genuine collegiality and honest respect among the justices, as well as the high professionalism of the entire court staff.”

Justice McGee Brown. Justice McGee Brown was appointed to Chief Justice Maureen O’Connor’s former seat on the Supreme Court by then-Gov. **Ted Strickland** in December 2010. She

became the first African-American woman to serve as a justice on the state's highest court.

A series of other firsts defines her life and career. A first-generation college graduate, Justice McGee Brown is the first African-American woman elected to the Franklin County Common Pleas Court where she served for 10 years. When she left the common pleas bench, she founded a nationally recognized organization that redefines how hospitals, law enforcement, and social welfare groups respond to children and families caught in the cycle of abuse.

OTHER OHIO JUDGES

The change on the bench in Ohio extends well beyond the top appellate court.

Stark County Common Pleas Court Judge **Charles E. Brown Jr.** didn't want to hang on too long. That's why he retired in October from the bench after more than 10 years.

In a letter to Gov. Kasich, Judge Brown wrote about his "work ethic decision" after turning 70 in June.

"While I am still capable of trying cases and meeting the requirements

of trial work, I am concerned that I will not be able to discharge all of my additional day-to-day administrative duties according to my normal practice for the remaining two years of my term," Judge Brown wrote.

"Therefore, I must choose between not giving the taxpayers at least a full eight-hour work day, five days a week and recognizing my age and retiring. I choose the latter."

Back in July, Judge **John Bessey** of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas discussed his time on the bench and his retirement. One thing that remained constant throughout the years and the many trials was his continual education.

"Every day when you come to work here it's an opportunity to learn something that you didn't know when you walked through the door," he said at the time. "And I find that very exciting, and it's good exercise for the brain."

Judge Bessey said he planned to offer his mediation services pro bono to smaller counties after he retires, to serve as a retired assigned judge, and to travel with his wife.

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Coming in the January Edition of CNO Review

Profiles of the three new justices of the Ohio Supreme Court.

NUMBERS

All told, Ohio voters elected 174 judges to courts across the state on Election Day. Twice as many candidates (116) were unopposed as those (58) who had opponents. Voters elected the following number of judges to each level of the judiciary.

3	Supreme Court
24	Appeals Court
119	Common Pleas Court
28	County Court

DEFEATED INCUMBENTS

Besides the two incumbent Supreme Court justices, the nine other defeated incumbents were:

Ninth District Court of Appeals

Judge **Clair E. Dickinson**
Defeated by **Jennifer L. Hensal**

Eleventh District Court of Appeals

Judge **Mary Jane Trapp**
Defeated by **Colleen M. O'Toole**

Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court

Judge **Annette G. Butler**
Defeated by **Steven E. Gall**

Judge **Joan Synenberg**
Defeated by **Cassandra Collier-Williams**

Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court

Judge **Anjanette A. Whitman**
Defeated by **Michael J. Ryan**

Franklin County Domestic Relations/Juvenile Court

Judge **Christopher J. Geer**
Defeated by **Terri Jamison**

Marion County Common Pleas Court

Judge **Robert S. Davidson**
Defeated by **James W. Slagle**

Scioto County Domestic Relations Court

Judge **Jay S. Willis**
Defeated by **Jerry L. Buckler**

Trumbull County Family Court

Judge **Richard L. James**
Defeated by **Sandra Weddell-Harwood**



CNO Legislative Digest

Each month, Court News Ohio Review tracks bills and resolutions pending in the Ohio General Assembly that are of interest to the judicial community.

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SB 160, Sen. Kevin Bacon (R-Columbus)

To require automatic notice to victims of first-, second-, or third-degree felony offenses of violence of certain prisoner or alleged juvenile offender release or transfer proceedings; to expand victim participation in parole hearings; to make other changes in procedures effecting crime victims.

STATUS: Introduced in Senate April 28, 2011. Passed Senate May 3, 2011 (33-0). Amended and reported out of the House Criminal Justice Committee November 14, 2012.

HB 197, Rep. Stephen Slesnick (D-Canton)

To require that all moneys collected by the clerk of a municipal or county court be paid to the appropriate person, fund, or entity on or before the 20th day of each month; to permit a municipal or county court to collect unpaid court costs, fees, or fines from an obligor's state income tax refund; to require the auditor of state to create and maintain a chart detailing the distribution of court costs, fees, and fines collected by municipal and county court clerks; to create the Committee on Court Costs; and to make other changes.

STATUS: Passed the House November 27, 2012.

Sub. HB 247, Rep. Jim Butler (R-Oakwood)

To authorize a court to cancel claims for uncollectible amounts due the court, to authorize a sentencing court to waive, suspend, or modify payment of the costs of prosecution, to define "case" in connection with the imposition of costs in a criminal case, and to abolish the Felony Sentence Appeal Cost Oversight Committee.

STATUS: Introduced June 1, 2011. Passed House December 6, 2011 (92-0). Re-referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee November 14, 2012.

HB 265, Rep. Lynn Slaby (R-Copley Township), Rep. Sean O'Brien (D-Brookfield)

To authorize prosecuting attorneys to demand a jury trial in a criminal case, notwithstanding a defendant's waiver of trial by jury and over a defendant's objection.

STATUS: Introduced in House June 14, 2011. Passed House March 28, 2012 (50-41). Pending in Senate Judiciary Committee. Three hearings have been continued, including a hearing on November 13.

HB 461, Rep. Gerald Stebelton (R-Lancaster)

To establish a statutory collaborative family law process to aid in the resolution of family law disputes.

STATUS: Passed Senate Judiciary Committee November 27, 2012.

HB 523, Rep. Courtney Combs (R-Hamilton)

To increase from more than 100 to more than 1,000 the population necessary for a municipal corporation to have a mayor's court.

STATUS: Passed House Judiciary Committee November 27, 2012.

SB 254, Sen. Tom Patton (R-Strongsville)

To increase from more than 100 to more than 200 the population necessary for a municipal corporation to have a mayor's court unless the municipal corporation is located entirely on an island in Lake Erie.

STATUS: Introduced in Senate November 9, 2011. Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee. Three hearings, including one on November 27, 2012, have been continued..



Rule Amendment Summary

A summary of select significant rule amendments proposed or enacted by the Ohio Supreme Court.

CLE Changes

The court updated several continuing legal education rules. Among the changes: doubling the number of online credit hours attorneys can earn, allowing attorneys to earn a portion of their CLE hours by engaging in approved pro bono activities, eliminating the requirement to file final reporting transcripts. The changes take effect January 1, 2014.

Presiding/Administrative Judge Rules

In November, the court adopted additional tie-breaker specifications – effective December 1 – for determining who serves as a court’s presiding judge and administrative judge. Only when judges in multi-judge courts and divisions cannot agree on a presiding judge and administrative judge do the tie-breakers come into play.

Duties for Judges Leaving Early

Starting January 1, 2013, judges leaving office before their terms end will be required to notify the governor and chief justice, under a new rule adopted by the court. The new rule will require a judge leaving early to submit a resignation letter to the governor and a notification letter to the chief justice at least three days before leaving office.

Electronic Submission of Caseload Statistics

Local courts would submit caseload statistics electronically under amendments proposed by the Supreme Court in November. Local courts would continue to submit paper reports until notified by the Case Management Section. An information technology application is under development to capture the data.

Specialized Docket Certification Procedures

Effective January 1, 2014, the Supreme Court adopted rule amendments that outline the procedures to receive Supreme Court certification for a specialized docket program, including a requirement to submit an application, undergo a site visit, and submit specific program materials to the Specialized Dockets Section.

Admission Without Examination

The court eliminated the requirement for attorneys seeking admission without examination from declaring their intent to practice law in Ohio. A working group found that a few states prohibited Ohio attorneys from seeking admission without examination in their jurisdictions because they believe Ohio’s rules were too restrictive on their attorneys seeking admission in Ohio. The rules take effect January 1, 2013.

Domestic Relations Forms

The court extended the public comment period for 23 proposed standardized forms so litigants not represented by an attorney can meaningfully participate in many family law-related proceedings, such as divorces, dissolutions, legal separations, and parenting plans in domestic relations and juvenile courts. The public comment period closes December 14.



WINTER CONFERENCES

December 4

Ohio Association of Domestic Relations Judges Winter Conference

Judges & Magistrates, Dublin

December 5 - 7

Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association Winter Conference

Judges, Dublin

December 6 & 7

Ohio Association of Juvenile Court Judges Winter Meeting

Judges & Magistrates, Columbus

STATE HOLIDAYS

December 25

Christmas Day State Holiday

Supreme Court Offices Closed

January 1, 2013

New Year's Day State Holiday

Supreme Court Offices Closed

January 21, 2013

Martin Luther King Jr. Day State Holiday

Supreme Court Offices Closed

The Agenda

Upcoming events, training opportunities, and conferences for judges and court staff.

For more information, contact the event sponsor at the website provided.

Judicial College Courses

judicialacademy.ohio.gov

December 4 - 6

Defensive Tactics Faculty Recertification

Invited Participants, London

December 6

Acting Judge Essentials Avoiding Potential Minefields

Acting Judges, Magistrates & Judges, Dublin

December 10 - 14

New Judges Orientation Part I

New Judges, Dublin - Columbus

December 11

Guardian ad Litem 3-Hour Course

GALs, Columbus (1 to 4:30 p.m.)

December 12

Guardian ad Litem 3 Hour Course

GALs, Columbus (8:30 a.m. to noon)

December 13

New Americans: Mexico Revisited

Court Personnel, Judges & Magistrates, Worthington

December 14

Promoting Professionalism On and From the Bench

Judges, Video Teleconference

December 18

Guardian ad Litem 6 Hour Pre-Service Course

Attorneys and Non-Attorneys/ Public/GALs, Columbus

January 10, 2013

Guardian ad Litem 6 Hour Pre-Service Course

Attorneys and Non-Attorneys/ Public/GALs, Fairborn-Dayton

Dispute Resolution Training

sc.ohio.gov/JCS/disputeResolution

December 7

Ethics, Professionalism & Substance Abuse: Special Issues in Mediation

Columbus

December 10

Virtual Foreclosure Mediation

Teleconference (2 to 4 p.m.)

December 11 & 12

Domestic Abuse Issues Training for Mediators & Other Professionals
Cleveland

January 2 & 3, 2013

**Basic Mediation
& Uniform Mediation Act**
Toledo

January 4 & 5, 2013

Domestic Abuse Issues for Mediators
Toledo

Interpreter Services Training

sc.ohio.gov/JCS/interpreterSvcs

December 6 & 7

Orientation for Written Exam
Columbus

December 8

Interpreter's Forum
Restricted to Certified & Provisional
Interpreters Only

Supreme Court of Ohio

sc.ohio.gov

December 7

**Justice-Elect Sharon L. Kennedy
Swearing-In Ceremony**
Thomas J. Moyer Ohio Judicial Center

December 10

**Deadline for Late Applications
to Take the February 2013 Bar Exam**

December 27

**Justice-Elect William M. O'Neill
Swearing-In Ceremony**
Eighth District Court of Appeals
Cuyahoga County Courthouse

December 31

CLE Hours Must be Completed
Judges & Attorneys with Last Names
Starting with M-Z

January 8 & 9, 2013

Oral Arguments
Thomas J. Moyer Ohio Judicial Center

January 10, 2013

**Justice Terrence O'Donnell
Swearing-In Ceremony**
Thomas J. Moyer Ohio Judicial Center

January 22 & 23, 2013

Oral Arguments
Thomas J. Moyer Ohio Judicial Center

OCLRE

Upcoming Events

www.oclre.org

January 16 & 25, 2013

**Ohio Center for Law-Related
Education Youth for Justice
Professional Development**
Columbus

Youth for Justice is a student-led program designed to encourage and empower youth to be actively engaged citizens who work together to make a positive difference in their community. The program allows students to identify an injustice, intolerance or problem relevant to their local community, and then develop a plan of action and work together to remedy the injustice.

January 25, 2013

**Ohio Center for Law-Related
Education We the People State
High School Competition**
Thomas J. Moyer Ohio Judicial
Center

We The People...The Citizen and the Constitution is an instructional program on the history and principles of American constitutional democracy for elementary, middle, and high school students. The program is based on curricular materials developed by The Center for Civic Education and acclaimed by educators.

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2012 RETIREES

The following judges indicated their intention to retire by the end of 2012 before their terms end, chose not to seek re-election and will complete their terms, could not run for re-election because of age, or retired already this year.

Judge Richard K. Warren

Allen County Common Pleas Court

Judge Richard L. StevensAshtabula County Court
Western Division**Judge Harry W. White**Belmont County Court
Western Division**Judge Roger B. Wilson**Champaign County
Common Pleas Court**Judge Ronald Suster**

Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court

Judge James J. Sweeney

Eighth District Court of Appeals

Judge Colleen Conway Cooney

Eighth District Court of Appeals

Judge Julie A. Edwards

Fifth District Court of Appeals

Judge Roger L. Kline

Fourth District Court of Appeals

Judge John P. Bessey

Franklin County Common Pleas Court

Judge Dennis S. Helmick

Hamilton County Common Pleas Court

Judge William D. Hart

Hardin County Common Pleas Court

Judge C. Douglas Chamberlain

Logan County Family Court

Judge Edward M. Zaleski

Lorain County Common Pleas Court

Judge David A. BasinskiLorain County Domestic
Relations/Juvenile Court**Judge Mel Kemmer**

Miami County Municipal Court

Judge Connie Price-TestermanMontgomery County
Common Pleas Court**Judge Cassandra S. Bolt-Meredith**

Pike County Court

Judge Herbert E. Adams

Sandusky County Court No. 2

Judge Thomas J. Grady

Second District Court of Appeals

Judge Charles E. Brown Jr.

Stark County Common Pleas Court

Judge Lee Sinclair

Stark County Common Pleas Court

Judge Todd M. McKenney

Summit County Probate Court

Judge John M. Stuard

Trumbull County Common Pleas Court

Judge Neal B. Bronson

Warren County Common Pleas Court

Judge Susan E. BoyerWashington County
Common Pleas Court**Judge Raymond E. Leisy**

Wayne County Probate/Juvenile Court

Judge William G. Rickett

Wayne County Municipal Court

Judge Robert A. Douglas Jr.

Youngstown Municipal Court

IN MEMORIAM

The judicial community mourned the loss of four sitting judges who died this year.

Judge Barbara L. MarleyFostoria Municipal Court
April 14, 2012**Judge Peter M. Sikora**Cuyahoga County
Juvenile Court
April 18, 2012**Judge Rachel A. Hutzel**Twelfth District
Court of Appeals
August 25, 2012**Judge Kathleen O'Malley**Cuyahoga County
Domestic Relations Court
October 20, 2012