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From your President...



Juergen A. Waldick
Allen County

My Fellow Prosecutors,

The new year and second half of the General Assembly cycle will be challenging for us to say the least. The continued mission of the OPAA, the "Voice of Ohio's Prosecutors", will be convincing those in a position of legislative and executive leadership that they can and should rely on our experience, knowledge and opinions in the law making process. As Chairman of the Legislative Committee in 2019 I spent time at the Statehouse, with Executive Director Lou Tobin's assistance, making connections and developing relationships. As president in 2020 I will step up that effort. We need to assure their priority is protecting the law-abiding citizens in our communities. Legislation should not be driven by the very groups that seek to excuse criminal behavior at every turn!

Internally, we will be looking for ways to bring the operation of the OPAA into the digital age. Times have changed and we need to embrace available technology to operate both more efficiently and effectively. To that end we are in the process of upgrading our computer systems and acquiring software to manage workflow. Additional changes will follow throughout the year.

At the legislative level, we are actively tracking more than 25 crucial priority bills along with well over one hundred total bills making their way through the Statehouse. We will be looking at new ways to handle the tracking and monitoring of this legislation through more active member involvement. Our input is crucial in each and every one of these bills.

2020 will bring challenges for Ohio's prosecutors, but with your help we will not only meet the challenges, we will turn them into opportunities for positive change.

Juergen

From your Executive Director...



Louis Tobin
OPAA Executive
Director

Dear OPAA –

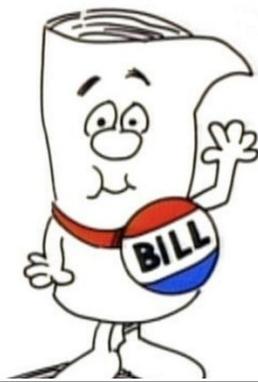
In December, the Speaker of the House said publicly that there was concern in some circles of the legislature that the death penalty may be unenforceable and that House Republicans would discuss repeal. Our death penalty law is not set in stone and the argument that we should repeal the death penalty because what we have appears broken is tantamount to scrapping a car because it has a faulty starter. Seven states held executions in 2019 while Ohio had a de facto moratorium. So there is a way to proceed. Legislators could get under the hood and potentially fix things by reinstating confidentiality for drug manufacturers and pharmacies, and by providing for alternative methods of execution like nitrogen hypoxia, a method that is being explored by at least three other states.

Another debate began over prosecutors using involuntary manslaughter charges in drug overdose death cases. A group of law professors wrote an open letter to the Criminal Sentencing Commission arguing that the use of such charges is wasteful, unproductive, and abusive. They called for the Sentencing Commission to study the use of these charges and recommend best practices, by which they surely meant limit prosecutor and/or judicial discretion. We pointed out some substantial flaws in the academic point of view and the request was ultimately rejected by the Sentencing Commission on a close vote. The whole episode highlights a skepticism of prosecutors and the challenging atmosphere we face.

Last year was a challenging time on capitol square due to calls for criminal justice reform and the debate on these topics will likely intensify in 2020 as individual pieces of legislation edge closer to passing. Your continued advocacy with your own legislators is critically important. I urge you to look at our list of priority legislation included in this newsletter and help us advocate.

On the membership services end, we look forward to some exciting trainings in 2020. Our Annual Meeting at Easton last December was a great success and we look forward to returning there this year. In addition, we hope to offer a couple of one day regional trainings in 2020 that will be dedicated to a pressing topic and offered for free. If there are topics that you would like training on, please let us know. Finally, we hope to add some additional features to the OPAA app that will make it an even better resource and even more use friendly.

Lou



At the Statehouse

Below is a current list of priority legislation along with the OPAA's position. For a full list of bills that we are tracking visit www.ohiopa.org. If you have any questions about the work of the legislature or the status of any legislation please let us know!

HB1 INTERVENTION IN LIEU OF CONVICTION (PLUMMER P, HICKS-HUDSON P) To modify the requirements for intervention in lieu of conviction and for sealing records of conviction.

Current Status: 1/29/2020 - Senate Judiciary, (Third Hearing)

Position: Support

State Bill Page:

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-1>

HB3 AISHA'S LAW - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (BOYD J, CARRUTHERS S) To add domestic violence circumstances to the offenses of aggravated murder and endangering children, to establish local domestic violence high risk teams, and to require law enforcement officers to utilize a qualified lethality assessment screening tool to refer high risk victims to a local team.

Current Status: 6/13/2019 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED, House Criminal Justice, (Third Hearing)

Position: Amend

State Bill Page:

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-3>

HB5 PUBLIC DEFENDER LOAN REPAYMENT (HILLYER B, LELAND D) To establish the Ohio Public Defender State Loan Repayment Program.

Current Status: 1/21/2020 - Senate Finance, (Fifth Hearing)

Position: Amend

State Bill Page:

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-5>

HB136 DEATH PENALTY-MENTALLY ILL (HILLYER B)
To prohibit imposing the death penalty for aggravated murder

when the offender had a serious mental illness at the time of the offense.

Current Status: 12/17/2019 - Senate Judiciary, (Fifth Hearing)

Position: Oppose

State Bill Page:

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-136>

HB178 CONCEALED WEAPONS REFORM (HOOD R) To modify the Weapons Law by renaming a concealed handgun license as a concealed weapons license, allowing a concealed weapons licensee to carry concealed all deadly weapons not otherwise prohibited by law, repealing a notice requirement applicable to licensees stopped for a law enforcement purpose, authorizing expungement of convictions of a violation of that requirement, and allowing a person age 21 or older and not prohibited by federal law from firearm possession to carry a concealed deadly weapon without needing a license subject to the same carrying laws as a licensee.

Current Status: 6/30/2019 - Re-Referred to Committee

Position: Amend

State Bill Page:

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-178>

HB215 REAGAN TOKES-REENTRY (BOGGS K, CARFAGNA R) To modify the Corrections Law regarding a Department of Rehabilitation and Correction reentry program for certain offenders, maximum workload and caseload standards for parole and field officers, GPS monitoring of offenders released from prison, and entry into LEADS of specified information about GPS-monitored offenders, and to require the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission to appoint an Offender Supervision Study Committee.

Current Status: 6/27/2019 - House Criminal Justice, (Second Hearing)

Position: Support

State Bill Page:

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-215>

HB277 FILMING CUSTODIAL INTERROGATION (PLUMMER P) To revise the law governing the electronic recording of custodial interrogations.

Current Status: 1/30/2020 - House Criminal Justice, (Fourth Hearing)

Position: Oppose

State Bill Page:

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-277>

HB311 COUNTY INSPECTOR GENERAL (GREENSPAN D)
To authorize counties to request and obtain a county inspector general to investigate wrongful acts or omissions in county and

other political subdivision government.
Current Status: 10/23/2019 - House State and Local Government, (First Hearing)
Position: Oppose
State Bill Page:
<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-311>

HB337 CHILD ADVOCATES-COMMUNICATION (STEIN D, GALONSKI T) To provide generally a privilege for communications between a qualified advocate rendering advocacy services and a victim of certain crimes, to exempt the nondisclosure of that privileged communication from the offense of failure to report a crime, and to generally require a qualified advocate to report child abuse or neglect of the victim.
Current Status: 9/24/2019 - Referred to Committee House Criminal Justice
Position: Oppose
State Bill Page:
<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-337>

HB354 WEAPONS DISABILITY DATA PORTAL (PLUMMER P, SWEARINGEN D) To require the juvenile court to expunge all records sealed pursuant to the juvenile sealing law upon the person's twenty-eighth birthday, to expand the circumstances under which a person has a weapon under disability, to specify that moderate or severe substance use disorder is a mental illness for purposes of the law governing civil commitments, to require the Director of Public Safety to create and maintain the weapons disability data portal, to impose certain consequences on specified entities that fail to comply with data submission requirements, and to make an appropriation.
Current Status: 10/16/2019 - House Finance, (Fifth Hearing)
Position: Monitor
State Bill Page:
<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-354>

HB368 COMPUTER CRIMES (BALDRIDGE B) To enact the Ohio Computer Crimes Act.
Current Status: 11/21/2019 - House Criminal Justice, (Second Hearing)
Position: Amend
State Bill Page:
<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-368>

HB381 STAND YOUR GROUND (KELLER C, HOOD R) To enact the Ohio Stand Your Ground Act to modify the law regarding self-defense.
Current Status: 1/30/2020 – House Criminal Justice, (First Hearing)
Position: Oppose
State Bill Page:
<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-381>

HB403 Sentencing Requirements – Transitional Control (HILLYER B, GALONSKI T) To eliminate the requirement that a sentencing court must assent to the transfer of a prisoner to a transitional control program.
Current Status: 11/18/2019 – Referred to Committee House Criminal Justice
Position: Oppose
State Bill Page:
<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-403>

HB415 PROHIBITION OF PROSTITUTION PROCEEDS (POWELL J) To prohibit a person from receiving proceeds of prostitution.
Current Status: 11/18/2019 - Referred to Committee House Criminal Justice
Position: Support
State Bill Page:
<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-415>

HB431 SEXUAL EXPLOITATION DATABASE (ABRAMS, CARFAGNA) To create the Sexual Exploitation Database and to make an appropriation.
Current Status: 1/23/2020 - House Criminal Justice (First Hearing)
Position: Monitor
State Bill Page:
<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-431>

SB3 DRUG SENTENCING REFORM (EKLUND J, O'BRIEN S) To modify the controlled substance possession and trafficking prohibitions and penalties and the drug and alcohol abuse civil commitment mechanism.
Current Status: 12/17/2019 – Bill Amended, Senate Judiciary, (Tenth Hearing)
Position: Oppose
State Bill Page:
<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-3>

SB13 HUMAN TRAFFICKING-JUVENILES (FEDOR T) To require a juvenile court to hold a delinquency complaint in abeyance in certain cases related to prostitution or human trafficking and to provide that the same elements for the offense of trafficking in persons that apply to a victim under the age of sixteen also apply to a victim who is age sixteen or seventeen.
Current Status: 11/7/2019 - House Criminal Justice, (First Hearing)
Position: Support
State Bill Page:
<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-13>

SB28 PROTECTION ORDER VIOLATION PENALTIES (HOTTINGER J) To increase the penalty that applies to the offense of violating a protection order under certain circumstances.
Current Status: 1/30/2020 - House Criminal Justice, (Second Hearing)
Position: Support
State Bill Page:
<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-28>

SB48 SPEEDY TRIAL RULES (EKLUND J) To narrow the scope of speedy trial rules.
Current Status: 5/16/2019 - House Criminal Justice, (Third Hearing)
Position: Support
State Bill Page:
<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-48>

SB54 PROHIBIT DEATH PENALTY-MENTAL ILLNESS (EKLUND J, WILLIAMS S) To prohibit imposing the death penalty for aggravated murder when the offender had a serious mental illness at the time of the offense.
Current Status: 7/17/2019 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED, Senate Judiciary, (Third Hearing)
Position: Oppose
State Bill Page:
<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-54>

SB55 ENHANCE PENALTIES-DRUG TRAFFICKING (GAVARONE T) To enhance penalties for certain drug trafficking offenses committed in the vicinity of a community addiction services provider and to name the act's provisions the "Relapse Reduction Act."
Current Status: 10/31/2019 - REPORTED OUT, House Criminal Justice, (Fourth Hearing)
Position: Support
State Bill Page:
<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-55>

SB133 MANAGEMENT OF RELEASED OFFENDERS (O'BRIEN S) To modify the Corrections Law regarding a Department of Rehabilitation and Correction reentry program for certain offenders, maximum workload and caseload standards for parole and field officers, GPS monitoring of offenders released from prison, and entry into LEADS of specified information about GPS-monitored offenders, and to require the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission to appoint an Offender Supervision Study Committee.
Current Status: 11/13/2019 - Senate Judiciary, (Fourth Hearing)
Position: Support
State Bill Page:
<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-133>

SB146 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-CHOKING (KUNZE S, ANTONIO N) To expand the offense of domestic violence to also prohibit a person from knowingly impeding the normal breathing or circulation of the blood of a family or household member by applying pressure to the family or household member's throat or neck or blocking the family or household member's nose or mouth.
Current Status: 10/2/2019 - Senate Judiciary, (Third Hearing)
Position: Support
State Bill Page:
<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-146>

SB160 RECORDS EXPUNGEMENT (O'BRIEN S, RULLI M) To provide a mechanism for the expungement of records of most convictions that, depending on the category of the offense, are at least 10 years old, 15 years old, or 20 years old, and to eliminate the waiting period for sealing a record related to a no bill.
Current Status: 9/25/2019 - Senate Judiciary, (Second Hearing)
Position: Oppose
State Bill Page:
<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-160>

SB179 REQUIRE TWO LICENSE PLATES (UECKER J, HOTTINGER J) To retain and continue current law requiring the display of two license plates for most motor vehicles.
Current Status: 12/11/2019 - Senate Transportation, Commerce and Workforce, (First Hearing)
Position: Support
State Bill Page:
<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-179>

SB196 TESTIMONIAL PRIVILEGE-SEX CRIMES (EKLUND J) To provide generally a testimonial privilege for communications between a qualified advocate rendering advocacy services and a victim of domestic violence, human trafficking, menacing by stalking, or sexual violence, to exempt the nondisclosure of that privileged communication from the offense of failure to report a crime, to require a qualified advocate to report knowledge or reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect of the victim except for privileged communications, and to specify circumstances in which the victim is considered to have waived the privilege.
Current Status: 11/6/2019 - Senate Judiciary, (Second Hearing)
Position: Oppose
State Bill Page:
<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-196>

SB205 ANIMAL CRUELTY (HOTTINGER J, O'BRIEN S) To increase the penalties for serious acts of cruelty towards or the killing of a companion animal.
Current Status: 10/23/2019 - Senate Judiciary, (First Hearing)
Position: Oppose
State Bill Page:
<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-205>

SB221 FIREARMS REGULATIONS (DOLAN M) To provide for the issuance in specified circumstances of a Safety Protection Order to apply regarding a person who a court determines is under a drug dependency, chronic alcoholic, or mental health-related firearms disability; to specify LEADS and NCIC reporting and removal procedures for current types of protection orders; to require the submission to the Attorney General for inclusion in LEADS of findings of IST or NGRI; to modify some of the prohibitions under the offense of "unlawful transactions in weapons" and add new prohibitions and exemptions under the offense, including a new exemption if a state background check mechanism the bill enacts is used and does not indicate that the prospective transferee is barred from firearms possession; to provide in specified circumstances for the issuance of a seller's protection certificate under the new state background check mechanism; to increase the penalty for certain firearms-related offenses in specified circumstances; to modify the law governing the entry of arrest warrants into LEADS as extradition warrants; to expand the law regarding the provision of drug and alcohol test results to law enforcement personnel; and to provide a new exception to the testimonial privilege for specified medical and dental personnel regarding certain probate court proceedings.
Current Status: 12/3/2019 - Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (Third Hearing)
Position: Monitor
State Bill Page:
<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-221>

SB237 SELF-DEFENSE (JOHNSON T) To enact the Ohio Duty to Retreat Act to modify the law regarding self-defense.
Current Status: 1/21/2020 - Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (Fourth Hearing)
Position: Oppose
State Bill Page:
<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-237>

SB239 PROHIBIT SEXTING (MANNING N) To generally prohibit sexting by a person under 19 years of age.
Current Status: 12/4/2019 - Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary
Position: Amend
State Bill Page:
<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-239>

SB247 PROHIBIT PROSTITUTION (SCHAFFER T, FEDOR T) To prohibit a person from engaging in prostitution and receiving proceeds of prostitution, to modify certain soliciting offenses and penalties, to create the Sexual Exploitation Public Database, and to make an appropriation.
Current Status: 12/11/2019 - Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary
Position: Amend
State Bill Page:
<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-247>

SB256 BAR LIFE SENTENCE-UNDER 18 (MANNING N) Regarding a bar against a sentence of life without parole, and special parole dates, for offenders who committed the offense when under age 18, and to amend the version of section 2907.02 of the Revised Code that takes effect on March 22, 2020, to continue the provisions of this act on and after that date.
Current Status: 1/22/2020 - Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary
Position: Undetermined
State Bill Page:
<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-256>

Legislative information provided by actionTRACK - Hannah News Service, Inc.

For a list of all bills that the OPAA is tracking, please visit <http://www.ohiopa.org/legislation1.html>

Join us at the Statehouse!

Whether you are in town to testify or just spending time away from your county, let us show you around the Statehouse. Call Lou or Steve at the office and we'll work out the details.



Membership Services

Community Outreach

Summit County Prosecutor's Office Innovative Programs

As Summit County Prosecutor, my mission is to hold criminals accountable, keep our community safe, and fight for victims. By aggressively prosecuting serious crimes, we fight for justice and protect the rights of victims. We are an advocate for crime victims, keeping them informed of their rights, updating victims on their cases, and ensuring victims have a voice. Through our continuous

safety and self-defense programs, scam alerts, and our annual senior safety calendar, we strive to make our community a better place to live. As part of that mission, I have developed over a dozen innovative programs to help victims and minimize a person's chances of becoming a victim.

The easiest way to show that is to focus on my office's favorite employee. He has four legs, is covered in fur, and helps victims.



Avery is our facility dog, dedicated to comforting and assisting victims of crime, especially children. Avery has been in my office for over five years, helping nearly 250 victims. Until recently, my office was the only prosecutor's office in Ohio which had a facility dog. Avery's ability in helping crime victims and their families navigate the sometimes overwhelming justice system has been immeasurable. He sits with crime victims during meetings and when they testify in court. Avery empowers them to tell their story. I've even heard children ask when can they come back to the office to see Avery. Before we got Avery, I never heard a child ask when they can come back to a prosecutor's office.

My office also works extremely hard in educating the community on how to stay safe. We hold monthly FREE self-defense classes for women where we provide simple, easy to use techniques such as how to get away if someone grabs you or how to escape a choke hold. These classes, as well as safety speeches and events, all help minimize a person's chance of becoming a victim. Each year I declare September as Senior Safety Awareness Month to focus even more attention on protecting seniors. Throughout the entire month of September, Summit County Prosecutor's Office employees are involved in community events, educating as many senior citizens as possible about scams, criminal activity, and how to protect their home.



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 SUMMIT COUNTY PROSECUTOR

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I've also fought to keep our community safe by lobbying lawmakers to pass tougher laws for people convicted of driving drunk. As part of my mission to keep drunk drivers off the road, my office recently launched a new program called Arrive Alive. Unveiled during the 2018 Fourth of July holiday, we have worked with local cab companies and the ride-share service LYFT to provide free and discounted rides home within the county. Since it was launched, Arrive Alive has provided rides for 2,000 people. The Arrive Alive program played a role in keeping Summit County roads safer. The plan is to

continue Arrive Alive in Summit County during several holidays throughout the year, including New Year's Eve and St. Patrick's Day.

I am proud of the work my prosecutors, victim advocates, investigators, courtroom secretaries, and other support staff do and am very fortunate they are dedicated to the goals and mission of the office.

Sherrri Bevan Walsh is the Prosecuting Attorney for Summit County, OH.

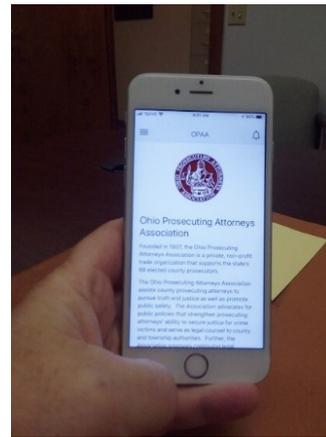
Thank you to Summit County for providing this information. If your county would like a community outreach program featured please email the information to Steve or Lou.

OPAA App

We have released the OPAA app! While the app offers similar content to the OPAA website, there are a few key added benefits:

- **Push notifications:** We believe the ability to send push notifications of upcoming events and newly available content is key for the Association. We intend to use push notifications through the app as an additional means of communicating important information.
- **Contacts integration:** the app allows users to add prosecutors and expert assistants to their personal Contacts (using the plus sign beside each contact). This feature is unique to the mobile application. Also, much like the website, while on the roster page you can touch on the name to pull up a picture of the prosecutor.

OPAA Alerts: An app only feature is the ability to share updates and announcements through the "Alerts" feature. The alerts inside the app, combined with "Push" notifications, give us the ability to communicate with members in a new, more efficient manner.



We are currently going back and forth with Apple about inclusion in their "App Store." We will continue those conversations but in the meantime iOS users can contact steve@ohiopa.org to get download instructions. Android users can simply download the app via the GooglePlay store. Search "OPAA mobile." We hope you will find the OPAA app useful. Please share this information with everyone in your office. We encourage all feedback.

New and Noteworthy

Reports Due

In January of each year In January of each year, the prosecutor must report to the administrative office of the United States Courts and to the Ohio Attorney General information required to be reported by 18 USC 2519, ORC Section 2933.60(B), which includes all wiretap information pursuant to court orders issued under the Ohio wiretap statute.

Prior to January 31, the prosecutor must file a Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETF) annual report with the county auditor of expenditures made during the previous calendar year verifying that the proceeds and forfeited monies were expended only for the purposes authorized by ORC 2981.13(C) and specifying the amounts expended for each authorized purpose. (copy to county commissioners)

On or before March 1, the cumulative annual report of a prosecutor approved control substance sell by a peace office to be filed with the Attorney General, ORC 3719.141(F)(1) with all applicable Ohio laws and regulations, including Ohio's Prevailing Wage Law and competitive bidding requirements.

OPAIA President Retiring

Scott Male, Warren County Chief Investigator and the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Investigators Association President for the last 15 years is stepping down. We wish Scott well; he has done a great job in what was supposed to be a 1-year gig! Wood County Senior Investigator Douglas Kinder will be taking the reins for the Association. There are still officer positions available should your investigators be interested.



Ohio Statehouse adds live coverage of committee meetings

The Statehouse has turned on the Senate Committee room cameras that were installed last year. The House committee cameras were activated in 2019. Watch the process live or at your leisure. Perhaps you'll even catch the Executive Director Tobin in battle! <http://www.ohiochannel.org/> provides all the footage.



OPAA Training

Annual Meeting

The OPAA returned after a 19-year hiatus to the Hilton Columbus at Easton for our 2019 Annual Meeting. Reviews were positive both for the content and the venue. We will be returning in 2020 - December 10th and 11th. Thanks to all the attendees, presenters and vendors! Pictures can be viewed on our Twitter and Facebook accounts.

December Webinar

The OPAA hosted a "last minute professional conduct" webinar titled *Disorder in the Court* December 23rd. Our next 1-hour CLE webinar will be *What Prosecutors Can Learn from Exonerations*, March 10th

Plan to join us for our 2020 trainings!

More information including dates will be sent as available.

OPAA Webinar - Seeking Justice, What Prosecutors Can Learn from Exonerations
March 10, 12:00-1:00

Spring Training
April 23 and 24, 2020
Sheraton at Capitol Square

Summer Workshop
June 26 and 27, 2020
Breakers Hotel Cedar Point

Fall Training
September 17th and 18th, 2020
Cleveland Crowne Plaza on Playhouse Square

Administrative Professionals Training
October 22, 2020
Sheraton at Capitol Square

Annual Meeting
December 10 and 11, 2020
Hilton Columbus Easton

The OPAA will also be continuing webinars throughout 2020. These 1 hour, CLE approved trainings will feature Phil Bogdanoff presenting on a variety of topics, typically during the lunch hour. We will send out details prior to each. We also hope to offer a 3-day mock trial training at Ohio Northern University in late July or Early August. We'll keep you posted!



At the Office

We appreciate Athens County Prosecutor Keller Blackburn representing the Prosecutors at an interested party meeting on hazing.



The 4th quarter means "budget time" at the OPAA headquarters. Delores takes over the conference room to spread out her notes and as shown here, tries to explain to Lou what they all mean.

OPAA Comfort Dogs

Gonzo (left) and Gypsy spent the day with Uncle Steve at the office while his nephew was out of town. Other than Gonzo stealing food from Delores, all went well.



Your 2020 OPAA Officers

We welcome Champaign County Prosecutor Kevin Talebi to the Secretary position of the OPAA officers and start to his journey to OPAA President. As Secretary, he will be responsible for all meeting minutes and will perform the duties of the Secretary as may be required by the President or the Executive Committee.



Juergen A. Waldick
Allen County
President



Daniel R. Lutz
Wayne County
President-Elect



Michael C. O'Malley
Cuyahoga County
Vice President



Jane Hanlin
Jefferson County
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Kevin S. Talebi
Champaign County
Secretary



Pictures from the OPAA Annual Meeting

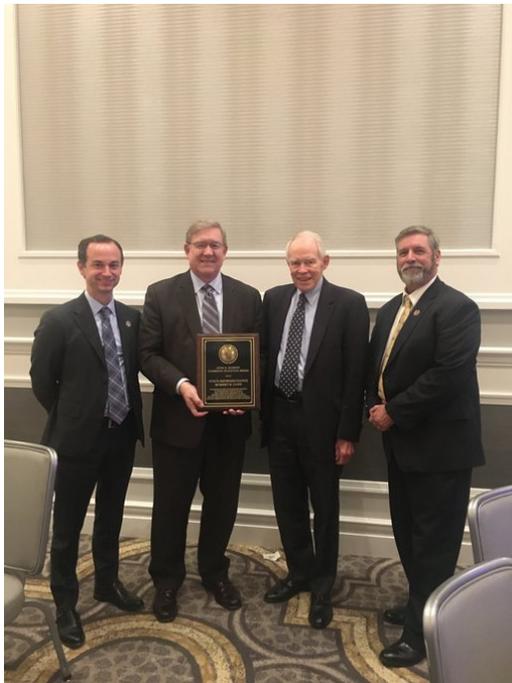
Congratulations and thank you to all the award recipients!



Staff person of the year Kimberly Walsh from Madison County.
(with Prosecutor Pronai)



Meritorious Assistant Prosecutor John Williams (left) from Wayne County. (With Prosecutor Lutz)



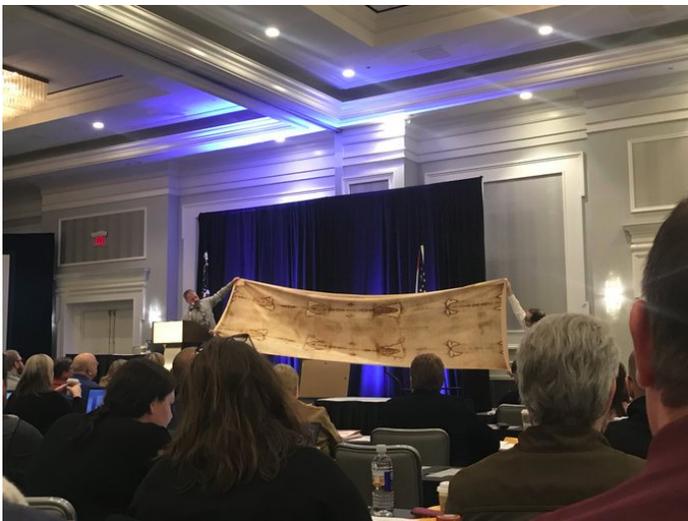
The 2019 John E. Murphy Guardian of Justice award goes to Rep. Bob Cupp (Ohio's 4th district) pictured here with Director Tobin, President Waldick, and Director Emeritus Murphy.



Assistant Prosecutor of the Year Stacy Stiriz (right) from Williams County (With Prosecutor Zartman)



6 officers honored for stopping Dayton mass shooter in 32 seconds. (With Prosecutor Heck and Chair Wolford)



Lucas County Investigator Terry Cousino presented a well received presentation on the Shroud of Turin.



Auditor Faber recognized Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Mike O'Malley with the 2019 Public Integrity Award

2019 OPAA Prosecutor of the year, and outgoing OPAA President, Portage County Prosecutor Vic Viguicci. Director Emeritus Murphy looks on.



Lucas County Asst Prosecutor Drew Wood presents on Storytelling for Trial Prosecutors



Kimberly Allison presented for the Civil Track on Board of Revision Hearings and Appeals