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From your Executive Director...



Louis Tobin
OPAA Executive
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Dear OPAA –

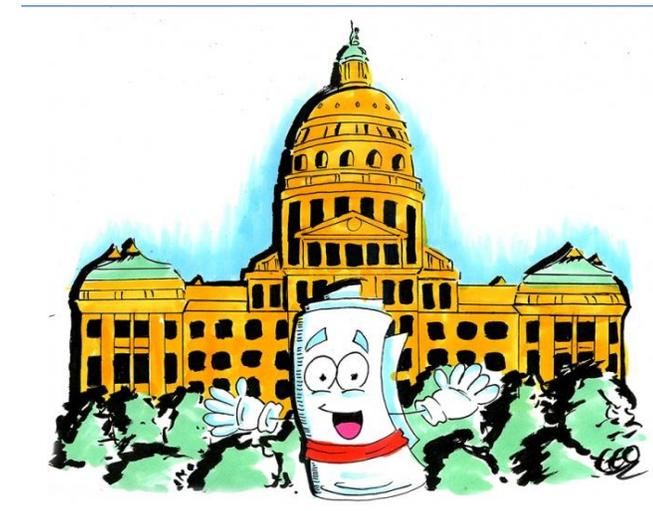
If 2020 were a movie it seems like it would be the 80's children's classic "The Neverending Story." It has been a year (or rather seven months) filled with turmoil and new challenges that seem to arise on practically a weekly basis. Just since the last issue of The Ohio Prosecutor in April, COVID-19 has waxed and waned and may now be waxing again, the nation experienced civil unrest on a scale not seen since the 1960's, some of which is ongoing, and the Ohio General Assembly was thrown into upheaval by charges against the now former Speaker of the House, charges that the U.S. Attorney characterized as likely the greatest fraud ever perpetrated against the people of the State of Ohio. The investigation is of course ongoing and may yet bring new surprises.

In the midst of all of this, discussions on criminal justice reforms have continued, and have even been spurred on by the civil unrest. At the end of June the Ohio Senate passed Senate Bill 3 (Drug Law Reform) by a vote of 25 – 4. It is a disappointing outcome in the Senate any way you look at it but I am encouraged by the fact that we gave them pause for 15 months on a piece of Senate priority legislation and that the legislative calendar is now short. We must continue our advocacy in the House and I strongly encourage all of you to contact your State Representatives this month to express your concerns with this deeply flawed legislation and ask them to commit to opposing the bill. The other hot topic is police reform. The Governor, the Attorney General, and several legislators have announced plans to improve policing in Ohio that are centered largely on improved training, certification, and oversight. Of particular interest to prosecutors is a proposal to require outside investigators and outside prosecutors in police lethal use of force cases. Our Executive Committee voted to support this in June after a lengthy debate. There is no question that prosecutors can do their jobs fairly and with integrity and are perfectly capable of recognizing their own conflicts. Our support for the proposal instead recognizes that there is a bigger picture issue of public confidence in the law should be addressed to promote faith in the justice system

On the training side of things, we conducted our first ever virtual training in June in lieu of our standard Summer Training. There is no replacement for being together at a conference and I hope

to return to in-person trainings as soon as possible but the virtual training was a great success with 260 registrants from more than 50 counties and good evaluations for our presenters and for the virtual platform. We are offering a virtual training again in September for our Fall Training with a one-day program focused on domestic violence issues and professional conduct. I hope you can attend.

Lou



At the Statehouse

Below is a current list of priority legislation along with the OPAA's position and links to the State Bill page. 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: 5/27/2020 - BILL AMENDED, Senate Judiciary, (Fourth Hearing)

Position: Support

<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: 6/10/2020 - Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary

Position: Amend

<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: 6/3/2020 - REPORTED OUT, Senate Judiciary, (Seventh Hearing)

Position: Oppose

<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: 5/28/2020 - House Criminal Justice, (Second Hearing)

Position: Amend

<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: 2/26/2020 - BILL AMENDED, House Criminal Justice, (Fourth Hearing)

Position: Support

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

HB277 ELECTRONIC RECORDING - CUSTODIAL INTERROGATIONS (PLUMMER P, WEST T) To revise the law governing the electronic recording of custodial interrogations.

Current Status: 6/3/2020 - Referred to Committee Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs

Criminal Justice

Position: Oppose

<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: 2/26/2020 - SUBSTITUTE BILL

ACCEPTED, House State and Local Government, (First Hearing)

Position: Oppose

<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: 2/20/2020 - House Criminal Justice, (First Hearing)

Position: Oppose

<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

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-354>

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: 6/10/2020 - House Criminal Justice, (Fourth Hearing)

Position: Oppose

<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

Position: Oppose

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-403>

HB415 PROHIBITION OF PROSTITUTION PROCEEDS (POWELL J) To prohibit a person from receiving proceeds of prostitution.

Current Status: 2/13/2020 - House Criminal Justice, (Second Hearing)

Position: Monitor

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-415>

HB431 SEXUAL EXPLOITATION DATABASE (ABRAMS C, CARFAGNA R) To create the Sexual Exploitation Database and to make an appropriation.

Current Status: 6/30/2020 - Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary

Position: Monitor

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-431>

HB552 LIFE SENTENCES - MINORS (GALONSKI T, MANNING D) Regarding a bar against a sentence of life without parole, and special parole dates, for offenders who committed the offense when under age 18.

Current Status: 5/5/2020 - Referred to Committee House Criminal Justice

Position: Oppose

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-552>

HB610 CRIME VICTIM RIGHTS (CUPP B) To make changes relative to the rights of crime victims.

Current Status: 5/19/2020 - House Criminal Justice, (Second Hearing)

Position: Amend

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-610>

HB703 STUDY, IMPLEMENT PROFESSIONAL POLICE PRACTICES (PLUMMER P, ABRAMS C) To express the intent of the General Assembly to study and implement professional police practices in Ohio.

Current Status: 6/11/2020 - Introduced

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-703>

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: 6/30/2020 - PASSED BY SENATE; Vote 25-4

Position: Oppose

<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: 2/13/2020 - House Criminal Justice, (Second Hearing)

Position: Support

<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

<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

<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

<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: 7/17/2020 - VETOED BY GOVERNOR

Position: Support

<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

<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

<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

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-160>

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

<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: 2/26/2020 - Senate Judiciary, (Third Hearing)

Position: Oppose

<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

<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

<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: 2/5/2020 - Senate Judiciary, (Second Hearing)

Position: Amend

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-239>

SB247 PROHIBIT PROSTITUTION (SCHAFER 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: 2/19/2020 - Senate Judiciary, (Second Hearing)

Position: Amend

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-247>

SB256 BAR LIFE SENTENCE-UNDER 18 (MANNING N, LEHNER P) 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: 6/24/2020 - Senate Judiciary, (Fourth Hearing)

Position: Oppose

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-256>

SB278 PAROLE PROCEDURES (EKLUND J, LEHNER P)

To modify parole procedures regarding prisoner access to information and materials, presence of counsel, uniform standards, and appeals of decisions.

Current Status: 5/6/2020 - Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary

Position: Oppose

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-278>

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 will work out the details.



Membership Services

Community Outreach

Stark County Prosecutor's Office Mask Project

In order to assist law enforcement first responders in these difficult times, Stark County Prosecutor John Ferrero's Office is putting together an effort to make and disperse face masks for their use on the frontline. The mask making project has been coordinated by Assistant Prosecutors Hope Konovsky and Michelle Cordova.

Volunteers have been recruited to sew masks. Masks kits are cut out from patterns and prepared for the sewing teams. Stark County Prosecutor John Ferrero said, "Over 200 masks have been delivered to local police departments including Massillon, Navarre, Jackson Township, Lawrence Township, Marlboro Township, Uniontown, Hartville and Louisville. Another 200 masks are in process for other law enforcement agencies."



(Stark County Prosecutor John Ferrero holds his favorite mask. Assistant Prosecutors Hope Konovsky and Michelle Cordova have organized a mask making project for local law enforcement.)



(From the Uniontown Police Department Facebook page, "Thank you to the **Stark County Prosecuting Attorney's Office**, Michelle Harry Cordova, Hope Konovsky and their entire team for making our department these fabric masks. We all know how much they are needed right now. Thank you for thinking of us.")



(Assistant Prosecutor Michelle Cordova delivered 110 masks to Captain Lisa Broucker for the Canton City Police Department.)



(Even those who didn't sew were able to help by donating fabric, money for fabric, or cutting out masks from the patterns. Special thanks to all the individuals and organizations for monetary donations, time, skills and supplies.)

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

Amicus Committee

The OPAA Amicus Committee considers requests from members to submit amicus briefs on behalf of the Association and seeks volunteers to write the brief should the request be granted. Here are recent decisions and other action on cases the Association has weighed in on:

Cases Decided

State of Ohio v. John E. Nelson, O.S.C. 2019-0049 (See Opinion 2020-Ohio-3690)

Amicus Support Requested By: Kevin Talebi, Champaign County Prosecutor.

Amicus Brief Volunteer: Paul A. Dobson, Wood County Prosecutor, David T. Harold, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney.

Issue: Appellant, Nelson, argues that the caps on community-control-violations prison sentences for underlying, qualified fourth and fifth-degree felonies apply to all community control violations that are based upon conduct that does not constitute a felony-level crime. R.C. 2929.15 (B)(1)(c)(i) and (ii).

Held: Nelson's violation of the condition that he obey all orders of his supervising officer was not a "technical violation" and therefore the 180-day cap on a prison sentence for a "technical violation" in R.C.

2929.15(B)(1)(c)(ii) does not apply. Determination whether a community-control violation is a "technical violation" under R.C. 2929.15(B)(1)(c) does not turn on whether the conduct at issue is criminal. A violation is "nontechnical" if, considering the totality of the circumstances, the violation concerns a condition of community control that was "specifically tailored to address" matters related to the defendant's misconduct or if it can be deemed a "substantive rehabilitative requirement which addressed a significant factor contributing to" the defendant's misconduct.

In re: R.B., O.S.C. 2019-1325 (1st District, Hamilton County, C-170622 and C-170623, 2019-Ohio-3298)

Amicus Support Requested By: Joe Deters, Hamilton County Prosecutor.

Volunteer: Mike O'Malley, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor, Dan Van Assistant Prosecuting Attorney.

Issue: Whether a juvenile court judge has jurisdiction to conduct a "completion of disposition" hearing under R.C. 2152.84 after an offender's 21st birthday where the magistrate held the hearing before the offender turned 21 and continued the offender's tier classification but the

court did not rule on objections to the magistrate's decisions and did not itself enter orders continuing the offender's classification until after the offender's 21st birthday.

Status: Oral argument held 8/5/2020.

State ex rel. Feltner v. Cuyahoga Cty. Bd. of Revision
O.S.C. 2018-1307 (See Opinion 2020-Ohio-3080)

Amicus Support Requested By: Julia Bates, Lucas County Prosecutor.

Volunteer: Julia R. Bates, Lucas County Prosecutor, Suzanne Mandros, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney.

Issue: The case before the Ohio Supreme Court is an Original Action in Prohibition and Mandamus which stems from an expedited foreclosure case heard by the Cuyahoga County Board of Revision which final adjudication of foreclosure transferred title of an abandoned tax delinquent parcel to the Cuyahoga Land Bank. There are two issues before the Court:

(1) Through enacting R.C. 323.65 through 323.79 the General Assembly impermissibly granted judicial power to an executive branch board in violation of the Ohio Constitution. Because the General Assembly exceeded its constitutional power, the enactment of these statutes is void and all actions taken thereunder are a nullity.

(2) The proceedings in the Cuyahoga County Board of Revision are void because the statutes as applied to the specific structure of the county executive government created by the Cuyahoga County Charter creates a conflict of interest and which violates the separation of powers within this unique structure of the Cuyahoga county government.

Held: Writ sought to invalidate a foreclosure adjudication by a county board of revision. Board of revision did not patently and unambiguously lack jurisdiction. Writ of prohibition denied.

Recently Argued

Andrew Welsh-Huggins v. Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, Jefferson County O.S.C. 2019-1481 (7th District, Jefferson County, Case No. 19 JE 0005)

Amicus Support Requested By: Jane Hanlin, Jefferson County Prosecutor

Volunteer: Mat Heck, Montgomery County Prosecutor, Nathaniel S. Peterson, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney.

Issue: Whether video footage from a courthouse security camera that is positioned above an entrance to the courthouse that can only be used by courthouse personnel exempt from the definition of public record under the

exceptions for infrastructure and security records provided in R.C. 149.43(B)(1) and (2).
Status: Oral Argument held July 21, 2020.

New and Noteworthy

Ohio Attorney General Opinions

(provided by the Ohio Attorney General's website at <https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Files/Legal/Opinions>)

2020-004

Requested by: Mahoning County Prosecuting Attorney
An ethics council appointed pursuant to R.C. 5126.031 is required to review all direct services contracts, even if the payment made pursuant to the contract is not with a board member, immediate family member of a board member, board employee, or immediate family member of a board employee.

2020-003

Requested by: Medina County Prosecuting Attorney
R.C. 325.33(B) requires that a board of county commissioners and a clerk of court agree that there is an excess in the certificate of title administration fund before a county budget commission may resolve a dispute regarding the excess.

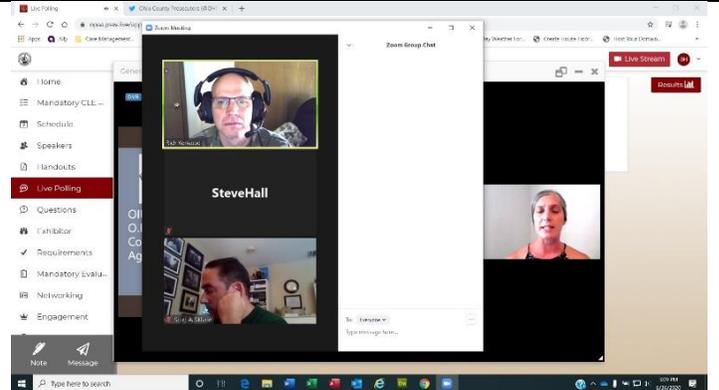
At the Office

The OPAA offices have air conditioning once again! The HVAC project started in March which conveniently meshed with our COVID-19 closure. Our office was the first to be tackled with all new ductwork and HVAC systems for both the front and back of the office. This was necessary due to how the building was constructed and caused many issues to what would be an easy task with newer buildings. The 3rd floor and bottom level should be done with A/C soon, then the heating systems will be installed. We are looking forward to getting the office cleaned up and back in order. In the meantime, we are all a phone call or email away should your county need anything!

OPAA Training

Summer Workshop - With the Summer Workshop being cancelled due to COVID-19, the OPAA ventured outside our comfort level and with the help of PSAV, provided the program via webinar. We appreciate the 260 participants from nearly 60 counties and presenters that adapted to the unusual format to accomplish this training. Of note, the park was closed and it did rain at Cedar Point, so we didn't miss much!!

Fall Training - Having such success with the Summer Workshop and with COVID-19 still playing havoc with our venues, we have decided to present the Fall Training as a webinar rather than in person. This will be a one day training, September 18th, that provides 6.5 credit hours including full professional conduct hours. We will miss being in Cleveland and our home at Playhouse Square.



(a screenshot from behind the scenes of the 2020 Summer Workshop. Many windows and screens were the normal for the training.)

~~Administrative Professionals Training
October 22, 2020 CANCELLED~~

Annual Meeting
December 10 and 11, 2020
Hilton Columbus Easton

The OPAA will also be continuing webinars throughout 2020. These are usually 1 hour, CLE approved trainings, on a variety of topics typically during the lunch hour. We will send out details prior to each.

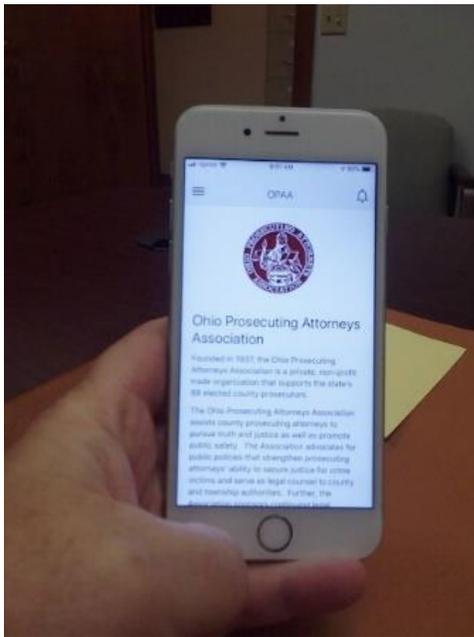


(Our training venues are having a hard time meeting this requirement for us)

OPAA App

Be sure to download the free 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.



The app is available from both the Apple Store and Google Play. We hope you will find the OPAA app useful. Please share this information with everyone in your office. We encourage all feedback.

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