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From your Executive Director...



Prosecutors –

OPAA had a successful first half of the year in the General Assembly, accomplishing a couple of longtime legislative priorities – a pay adjustment and changes to public records laws regarding work product – and defeating several other bad policy proposals that were inserted in the budget. We are also making progress on other priorities like changes to our burglary law and additional changes to public records law that

would allow public offices to seek a court order to stop harassing records requests. Things to watch for in the fall include continued debate about changes to adult-use marijuana, the death penalty, juvenile justice, and the recently reintroduced Second Amendment Preservation Act that we worked to defeat during the last General Assembly.

We have a great a program planned for the Fall Training in Cleveland with topics that include new testing methods in cases involving drivers under the influence of drugs, crash reconstruction, recognizing and responding to individuals with autism spectrum disorder, and a case study on prosecuting sexual assault. And right now we are looking forward to next week and our Annual Trial Advocacy Boot Camp at Ohio Northern School of Law where some of our most seasoned prosecutors will be molding the next generation of trial dogs.

Hope everyone is enjoying Summer and hope to see you in the Fall.

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. **Please contact Lou if you have any questions about a piece of legislation or the reason for our position.** Also, if you have any questions about the work of the legislature or the status of any legislation, please let us know!

Top 10 Bills to Watch

1) House Bill 382 (Second Amendment Protection Act). The bill enacts the so-called Second Amendment Protection Act, a reintroduction of House Bill 51 from the last General Assembly. Subject to some ill-defined exceptions, the bill generally prohibits a public office, public officer, or employee of the state or a political subdivision from enforcing, attempting to enforce, or participating in any way in the enforcement of any federal acts, executive orders, administrative orders, rules, regulations, statutes, or ordinances regarding firearms, firearm accessories, or ammunition. OPAA opposes this legislation.

2) Senate Bill 56/House Bill 160/Senate Bill 86/House Bill 198 (Marijuana/Hemp Regulation). These bills each deal, in different ways, with changes to Ohio's adult-use marijuana program and the regulation of intoxicating hemp products. OPAA priorities for these bills include (1) prohibitions on the sale and advertising of marijuana in forms attractive to children, (2) subjecting marijuana to open-container like laws, and (3) preventing the growth of the black market by reducing the number of home grow plants, prohibiting the transfer of home grown marijuana, and allowing prosecutors to file any appropriate charge under Chapter 2925 for violations of home grow.

3) House Bill 36/House Bill 72/Senate Bill 133/Senate Bill 134 (Death Penalty). House Bill 36 enacts an alternative method of execution, nitrogen hypoxia, and reenacts confidentiality for entities that provide lethal injection drugs to the state. House bill 72, Senate Bill 133, and Senate Bill 134 all abolish the death penalty. OPAA supports legislative efforts that will help end the moratorium on the death penalty in Ohio. OPAA opposes legislation to abolish the death penalty.

4) House Bill 252 (Burglary). The bill address the Supreme Court of Ohio decision in *State v. Bertram*, 173 Ohio St.3d 186, in which the Court overturned the burglary conviction of an offender who walked into a victim's garage and stole a leaf blower. The conviction was overturned because the offender did not use "force, stealth or deception" in committing the theft. The bill removes the requirement of force, stealth, or deception. OPAA supports this legislation.

5) House Bill 88 (Drug Trafficking). The bill increases penalties for trafficking in fentanyl, heroin, cocaine, and meth, and creates a five year sentencing specification for drug overdose deaths related to fentanyl. The bill also removes the requirement in current law for prosecutors to prove that a person in possession of schedule III, IV, or V drugs knew the drugs contained fentanyl in order for the offender to be convicted of possession of fentanyl. OPAA supports this legislation.

6) Senate Bill 163 (Artificial Intelligence – Simulated Child Pornography). Require AI-generated products have a watermark, prohibits simulated child pornography, and prohibits identity fraud using a replica of a person. OPAA supports this legislation.

7) House Bill 5 (Repeat Weapons Offenders). Creates a repeat offender classification and gun specification, increases the penalties for other firearm specifications and for repeat weapons under disability offenses, reduces the penalty for most first-time weapons under disability offenses from an F3 to an F4, broadens the scope of relief from firearms disability, and requires courts to provide notice of eligibility for record sealing to certain offenders. OPAA supports the provisions of the bill that increase penalties for weapons offenses. OPAA opposes the provisions of the bill that reduce first- time weapons under disability offenses to an F4.

8) House Bill 314 (Restrict Disruptive Records Requests). Empowers public offices and persons responsible for public records to seek a court order to limit or deny a public records request where (1) a requester submits multiple requests to the same office or person, and (2) based on the volume or repeated nature of the requests, the officer or person has reason to believe the requests are intended to harass the office or person or disrupt the essential functions of the office or person. OPAA supports this legislation.

9) Senate Bill 55 (OVI – Marijuana). The bill makes changes to the laws pertaining to operating a vehicle or watercraft while under the influence of marihuana and the admissibility of evidence for purposes of OVI statutes. Specifically, it repeals the per se marijuana OVI violations based on marijuana metabolites. It retains per se violations based on blood draws. OPAA is currently monitoring this legislation.

10) House Bill 1/Senate Bill 88 (Property Protection Act). The bills modifies a prohibition, enacted in 2023 by H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly, against certain foreign countries, businesses, individuals, and organizations from acquiring agricultural land in Ohio. It expands the prohibition to other "protected property" that is located within 25 miles of a military

installation or critical infrastructure facility; modifies the process by which the Ohio Secretary of State (SOS) compiles the registry of persons subject to the prohibition; applies the prohibition to certain individuals, businesses, and agents associated with listed countries (referred to by the bill as “foreign adversaries”); and shifts enforcement responsibilities from state to local officials. OPAA is opposed to the shift in enforcement responsibilities from the state to local officials. The shift is an unfunded mandate to counties to handle what will inevitably be time consuming, resource intense, complex real estate litigation.

House Bill 96 (Biennial Budget) – Recap of Key Provisions

The following is an abbreviated summary of key provisions of the budget bill. For a more detailed explanation, and additional changes, please see the June 25, 2025 memo to the membership.

Public Official Pay Adjustment (R.C. 325.18)

Increases and extends pay raises for justices and judges, county officials, township officials, and members of county boards of elections, from 1.75% per year through 2028 under current law to 5% per year through 2029.

Public Records (R.C. 149.43)

The bill made changes to public records law surrounding work product and trial preparation records in response to Supreme Court decisions in *State ex rel. Myers v. Meyers*, 169 Ohio St.3d 536 (2022) and *State ex rel. Caster v. City of Columbus*, 151 Ohio St.3d 425 (2016). Among other public records changes it also clarified that prosecutors may charge a requestor costs associated with preparing a video record for inspection up to a statutory maximum of \$75 per hour/\$750 total.

County Budget Commission (R.C. 5705.27)

Allows the county prosecutor to recuse from the three-member county budget commission, to be replaced by a county commissioner.

Abolishment of Ohio Elections Commission

Replaces the elections commission with a five-member Ohio Election Integrity Commission (OEIC), to be appointed by SOS and the leaders of the General Assembly. Sets the qualifications, terms of office, compensation of the members of the new Commission, and process for removing a member for cause.

Election Integrity Unit (R.C. 3501.05 and 3501.055) – PARTIALLY VETOED

Creates the Election Integrity Unit in the Office of the Secretary of State and requires the Unit to investigate alleged violations of the Election Law upon receiving complaints from the public or on its own initiative. Requires the Unit to submit annual reports of its activities to the Governor and the General Assembly. Requires a county prosecutor, within one year of receiving a referral, to either prosecute the violation, request additional evidence from the Unit, or decline to prosecute via a written statement.

Cybersecurity Programs – Political Subdivisions (R.C. 9.64)

Requires the legislative authority of a political subdivision to adopt a cybersecurity program that safeguards the political subdivision's data, information technology, and information technology resources to ensure availability, confidentiality, and integrity.

Dissemination of Fabricated Sexual Images (R.C. 2917.211)

Creates the offenses of nonconsensual dissemination and nonconsensual creation of fabricated sexual images with intent to distribute (with certain exceptions) and allows a victim of nonconsensual dissemination or nonconsensual creation of fabricated sexual images to commence a civil action against the offender.

Sealing Juvenile Court Records (R.C. 2151.356)

Addresses the Supreme Court of Ohio decision in *State ex rel. Cincinnati Enquirer v. Bloom*, 2024-Ohio-5029 (2024) in which the Court held that the automatic record sealing provision in R.C. 2151.356 was an unconstitutional violation of the open courts provision of the Ohio constitution.

Correctional Institution Inspection Commission (R.C. 109.39)

Abolishes CIIC and transfers their duties to AGO. Creates the Office of Correctional Facility Inspection Services within AGO to carry out the inspection duties. Requires the Office to publish an annual report on its inspection findings from the previous calendar year.

Illegal Conveyance (R.C. 2921.36)

Makes the penalty for illegal conveyance of a communications device onto the grounds of a specified governmental facility a third degree felony if the offender is an employee or contractor of DRC or DYS and requires the court to impose a mandatory prison term.

Body Cavity Searches (R.C. 2933.32)

Prohibits a court or other person from ordering a medical practitioner, or a medical practitioner from otherwise being required, to perform any medical procedure that is inconsistent with the practitioner's expert medical opinion.

Legislation We are Following:

HB1 PROPERTY PROTECTION ACT (KING A, KLOPFENSTEIN R) To modify the law that prohibits certain governments, businesses, and individuals from acquiring certain real property and to name this act the Ohio Property Protection Act.

Position: Amend

State Bill <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-1>

HB3 SCHOOL BUS SAFETY ACT (WILLIS B, THOMAS C) To address school bus safety, to designate this act as the School Bus Safety Act, and to make an appropriation.

Position: Support

<p><i>State Bill</i> https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-3 <i>Page:</i></p>	<p>HB58 RECOVERY HOUSING-CERTIFICATES OF NEED (PIZZULLI J, JARRELLS D) To create a certificate of need program for recovery housing residences. <i>Position:</i> Support <i>State Bill</i> https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-58 <i>Page:</i></p>
<p>HB5 REPEAT OFFENSE CLASSIFICATION, PENALTIES (WILLIAMS J, WILLIS B) To enact the Repeat Offender Act to create a repeat offender classification, to create and modify certain firearm specifications, to increase the penalties for certain firearm offenses and specifications, to broaden the scope of relief from firearms disability, and to modify the Sealing and Expungement Law. <i>Position:</i> Amend <i>State Bill</i> https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-5 <i>Page:</i></p>	<p>HB68 CONCEALED CARRY, FIREARMS DISABILITY RELIEF (MATHEWS A, PIZZULLI J) To allow a concealed handgun licensee to carry a handgun in a building or structure that is not a courthouse but in which a courtroom is located in specified circumstances and to permit a nonresident of Ohio to obtain statutory relief from firearms disability based on an Ohio conviction, guilty plea, or delinquent child adjudication. <i>Position:</i> Monitor <i>State Bill</i> https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-68 <i>Page:</i></p>
<p>HB19 UNDERAGE ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION-CULPABILITY LEVEL (BIRD A, WILLIAMS J) To reduce the mental state, from knowingly to recklessly, that applies to the prohibition against allowing an underage person to possess or consume alcohol in a private or public place. <i>Position:</i> Oppose <i>State Bill</i> https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-19 <i>Page:</i></p>	<p>HB72 LETHAL INJECTION DRUG PROHIBITIONS (SCHMIDT J, MATHEWS A) To prohibit public funding for and insurance coverage of the use of lethal injection drugs in nontherapeutic abortions and assisting suicide, to abolish the death penalty, and to modify the number of jurors that may be challenged in cases where a defendant may be sentenced to life imprisonment. <i>Position:</i> Oppose <i>State Bill</i> https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-72 <i>Page:</i></p>
<p>HB20 PROHIBIT HARASSING EMERGENCY SERVICE RESPONDERS (HALL T, PLUMMER P) To increase the penalty for obstructing official business when the victim is an emergency service responder who is engaged in the lawful performance of a legal duty and to clarify that heightened penalties apply for menacing a probation officer. <i>Position:</i> Support <i>State Bill</i> https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-20 <i>Page:</i></p>	<p>HB79 INCREASED PENALTY-ASSAULTING SPORTS OFFICIALS (ROEMER B, MILLER J) To increase the penalties for assault if the victim is acting as a sports official or the assault is committed in retaliation for the victim's actions as a sports official. <i>Position:</i> Oppose <i>State Bill</i> https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-79 <i>Page:</i></p>
<p>HB36 EXECUTION METHODS-ADD NITROGEN HYPOXIA (STEWART B, PLUMMER P) To add nitrogen hypoxia as a method of execution and to prohibit the disclosure of execution identifying information. <i>Position:</i> Support <i>State Bill</i> https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-36 <i>Page:</i></p>	<p>HB86 LAW CHANGES-TAX FORECLOSURE, LAND REUTILIZATION (DEMETRIOU S) To make changes to the law relating to tax foreclosures and county land reutilization corporations, and to name this act the Gus Frangos Act. <i>Position:</i> Monitor <i>State Bill</i> https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-86 <i>Page:</i></p>
<p>HB47 INCREASE HUMAN TRAFFICKING PENALTIES (WILLIAMS J, SANTUCCI N) To enact the Human Trafficking Prevention Act to increase the penalty for human trafficking of a minor or person with a developmental disability, kidnapping, and abduction. <i>Position:</i> Support <i>State Bill</i> https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-47 <i>Page:</i></p>	<p>HB88 DRUG TRAFFICKING PENALTIES, FENTANYL AWARENESS (ABRAMS C, PLUMMER P) To increase penalties for drug trafficking above certain amounts, to prohibit organized trafficking of persons, to require schools and institutions of higher</p>

education to incorporate instruction and policies on fentanyl awareness and abuse prevention, and to designate the month of August as "Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Month."

Position: Support

State Bill <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-88>

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HB90 SET LEGAL ANTI-SEMITISM DEFINITION (SCHMIDT J, PIZZULLI J) To define antisemitism for the purpose of investigations and proceedings in courts and state agencies and for state employee anti-bias training.

Position: Monitor

State Bill <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-90>

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HB102 SEX OFFENDER RESIDENCY LIMITS (KLOPFENSTEIN R, WILLIAMS J) To prohibit a sex offender or a child-victim offender from residing within 2,000 feet of the residence of the victim and from loitering within 1,000 feet of the residence of the victim.

Position: Amend

State Bill <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-102>

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HB108 SELF-DEFENSE PRETRIAL PROCEDURE (WILLIAMS J) To enact the Self-Defense Protection Act to create a pretrial procedure for a person asserting self-defense, defense of another, or defense of that person's property.

Position: Oppose

State Bill <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-108>

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HB110 INCREASED PENALTY-REPEAT VOYEURISM (THOMAS C, WILLIAMS J) To increase the penalty for repeat voyeurism.

Position: Support

State Bill <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-110>

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HB132 MOVE OVER DUTY-STATIONARY VEHICLES (CRAIG M, MILLER M) To increase penalties for failing to slow down or change lanes when approaching specified stationary vehicles, to increase penalties for vehicular homicide and vehicular assault resulting from that offense, and to name this act Philip Wigal's Law.

Position: Monitor

State Bill <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-132>

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HB160 REVISE LIQUOR CONTROL, HEMP, MARIJUANA LAWS (STEWART B) To revise specified provisions of the liquor control, hemp, and adult-use marijuana laws and to levy taxes on marijuana.

Position: Amend

State Bill <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-160>

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HB168 OFFENSE REQUIREMENTS-CRIMINAL CHILD ENTICEMENT (WILLIAMS J, BRENNAN S) To require that a person act with a sexual motivation or an unlawful purpose to commit the offense of criminal child enticement.

Position: Support

State Bill <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-168>

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HB177 COURT PROCESSES-NEW EVIDENCE (WILLIAMS J, TIMS D) To allow a person to file a motion for a new trial or a petition for postconviction relief if the person produces new evidence that would establish a strong probability of a different result at trial.

Position: Oppose

State Bill <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-177>

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HB185 PROHIBIT UNAUTHORIZED DEEPPFAKE RECORDINGS (MATHEWS A, MATHEWS T) To make changes to the law relating to the unauthorized use of an individual's persona and to prohibit certain unauthorized deepfake recordings.

Position: Support

State Bill <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-185>

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HB198 INHALABLE, INGESTIBLE HEMP REGULATIONS (FISCHER T, MATHEWS T) To regulate the manufacture, distribution, and sale of inhalable and ingestible hemp products.

Position: Monitor

State Bill <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-198>

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HB200 IMMIGRATION PROHIBITIONS, REQUIRE ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION (CLICK G, SANTUCCI N) To enact the America First Act to prohibit a person who is unlawfully present in the United States from entering or being present in Ohio, to require law enforcement agencies and detention facilities to cooperate in the enforcement of federal immigration laws, and to withhold state local government funds from a subdivision that does not abide by the act.

Position: Monitor

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-200>

HB203 INCREASED PENALTIES-SCHOOL ZONES (HALL T, WILLIAMS J) To increase penalties for vehicular assault and vehicular homicide that occur in an active school zone, to require doubled fines for specified traffic violations in an active school zone, and to name this act Aspen Runnels' Law.

Position: Amend

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-203>

HB208 INCREASED PENALTY-ASSAULT ON COURT EMPLOYEES (LORENZ B) To increase the penalty for assault when the victim is a judge, magistrate, prosecutor, or court official or employee.

Position: Monitor

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-208>

HB210 REGARDING USED CATALYTIC CONVERTER SALES (ROEMER B, PLUMMER P) Regarding the sale of used catalytic converters.

Position: Support

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-210>

HB211 SENTENCING CONSIDERATION-PRIMARY CARETAKERS (HUMPHREY L, WILLIAMS J) To require a court to consider an offender's status as a primary caretaker of a child in determining whether the offender is amenable to a community control sanction or to intervention in lieu of conviction.

Position: Oppose

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-211>

HB217 MISSING PERSONS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS (COCKLEY C, RITTER K) To enact Andy Chapman's Act to require law enforcement agencies to enter information relating to a report of a missing person in the national missing and unidentified persons system (NamUs).

Position: Monitor

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-217>

HB232 LAW CHANGES-PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINTS (MATHEWS A, THOMAS D) To modify the law governing certain property tax complaints.

Position: Amend

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-232>

HB236 PROHIBIT MASKED HARASSMENT, TRESPASSING (WILLIAMS J) To prohibit masked harassment and masked trespassing, to modify the offense of aggravated riot when the offender is wearing a mask or disguise or is otherwise concealing or attempting to conceal the offender's face, and to require an additional prison term of one year for an offender who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a felony if the offender is convicted of or pleads guilty to a specification that the offender wore a mask or disguise or otherwise concealed or attempted to conceal the offender's face in commission of the offense.

Position: Undetermined

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-236>

HB247 LAW CHANGES-DANGEROUS DOGS (MILLER K) To make changes to the laws governing dogs, including dangerous and vicious dogs, and to name this act Avery's Law.

Position: Support

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-247>

HB249 LAW CHANGES-INDECENT EXPOSURE (KING A, WILLIAMS J) To enact the Indecent Exposure Modernization Act.

Position: Oppose

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-249>

HB252 OFFENSE MODIFICATIONS-BURGLARY, TRESPASS (CLICK G, BIRD A) To modify the offenses of burglary, aggravated burglary, breaking and entering, and trespass in a habitation when a person is present or likely to be present.

Position: Support

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-252>

HB295 ENABLE EXPEDITED REMOVAL-UNAUTHORIZED PROPERTY OCCUPANTS (YOUNG T) To provide for the expedited removal of unauthorized occupants of residential property, to prohibit the use and sale of fraudulent deeds, and to declare an emergency.

Position: Amend

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-295>

HB296 DELAY FINANCIAL SANCTIONS AFTER RELEASE (MILLER M) To delay financial sanctions for one hundred eighty days after an offender's release from prison or completion of transitional control.

Position: Undetermined

State Bill <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-296>

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HB305 SET PENALTIES-PRESSED PILL FENTANYL TRAFFICKING (DEETER K, WILLIAMS J) To establish penalties for trafficking in pressed pill fentanyl, to require a death certificate to indicate if a death is caused by fentanyl poisoning, and to name this act Logan's Law.

Position: Support

State Bill <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-305>

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HB306 HATE CRIMES-CRIMINAL, CIVIL PENALTIES (JARRELLS D, WILLIAMS J) To enact the Hate Crime Act to prohibit hate crimes and to create a civil remedy for a person who is terrorized by another because of specific characteristics or beliefs.

Position: Amend

State Bill <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-306>

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HB309 LAW CHANGES-COUNTY FUNDING (THOMAS D) To modify the law governing county budget commissions, property taxation, and alternative apportionment formulas for local government and public library funds.

Position: Amend

State Bill <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-309>

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HB314 RESTRICT DISRUPTIVE RECORD REQUESTS (ISAACSOHN D, RAY S) To restrict harassing or disruptive public records requests and permit private contractors to respond to voluminous public records requests.

Position: Support

State Bill <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-314>

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HB331 RECLASSIFICATION-FIREARM MUFFLERS, SUPPRESSORS (DEETER K, FISCHER T) To remove firearm mufflers and suppressors from the classification of dangerous ordnance.

Position: Undetermined

State Bill <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-331>

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HB335 LAW CHANGES-COUNTY FUNDING (THOMAS D) To modify the law governing property taxation, county budget commissions, county sales taxation, and alternative apportionment formulas for local government and public library funds.

Position: Oppose

State Bill <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-335>

Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-335>

HB336 OVI AGGRAVATED VEHICULAR HOMICIDE PAYMENTS (YOUNG T) To require a felony offender of an OVI-caused aggravated vehicular homicide to pay child maintenance when the victim is a parent, legal guardian, or custodian of a minor child, to allow child maintenance to be awarded in a wrongful death action when the offender is deceased, and to name this act the Sam Knisley Family Support Act.

Position: Undetermined

State Bill <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-336>

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HB338 INCREASED PENALTIES-CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION ASSAULTS (JOHNSON M, PLUMMER P) To enact Andy's Law to increase the penalty for assaulting or causing the death of specified victims at state or local correctional institutions and to make changes to department of rehabilitation and correction policies and procedures.

Position: Support

State Bill <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-338>

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HB343 MANDATORY DISPOSITIONS-YOUTH DELINQUENCY (LORENZ B) To require mandatory dispositions for youths adjudicated delinquent for committing acts that would be felony theft or vandalism if committed by an adult.

Position: Amend

State Bill <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-343>

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HB345 INCREASED PENALTIES-VOYEURISM (LARE J) To increase the penalties for voyeurism.

Position: Undetermined

State Bill <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-345>

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HB346 CHILD ABUSE MANDATORY REPORTING (KISHMAN M, WILLIAMS J) To enact V.J.'s Law to require mandatory reporters of child abuse or neglect to report to both a peace officer and the public children services agency.

Position: Undetermined

<p><i>State Bill Page:</i> https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-346</p>	<p>SB55 CHANGE OVI LAWS-MARIHUANA (MANNING N) To change the laws pertaining to operating a vehicle or watercraft while under the influence of marihuana and the admissibility of evidence for purposes of OVI statutes. <i>Position:</i> Monitor <i>State Bill Page:</i> https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-SB-55</p>
<p>HB357 LAW CHANGES-VEHICULAR MANSLAUGHTER, ASSAULT (LORENZ B) To alter the law governing vehicular manslaughter and vehicular assault. <i>Position:</i> Undetermined <i>State Bill Page:</i> https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-357</p>	<p>SB56 LAW CHANGES-MARIJUANA, LIQUOR, HEMP (HUFFMAN S) To revise specified provisions of the liquor control, hemp, and adult-use marijuana laws and to levy taxes on marijuana. <i>Position:</i> Amend <i>State Bill Page:</i> https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-SB-56</p>
<p>HB371 MANDATORY REPORTING-ELECTED OFFICIALS (PLUMMER P, YOUNG T) To make elected officials mandatory reporters of child abuse and neglect. <i>Position:</i> Undetermined <i>State Bill Page:</i> https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-371</p>	<p>SB62 SCHOOL BUS SAFETY-PENALTIES, MONTH DESIGNATION (GAVARONE T) To authorize a civil penalty system related to drivers who illegally pass a school bus but cannot be identified, to designate the month of August as "School Bus Safety Awareness Month," and to designate this act as the School Bus Safety Act. <i>Position:</i> Amend <i>State Bill Page:</i> https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-SB-62</p>
<p>HB372 INCREASED PENALTY-MURDER OF FIRST RESPONDERS, MILITARY (ABRAMS C, PLUMMER P) To enact the Larry Henderson Act to specify that the penalty for aggravated murder for an adult offender is death or life without the possibility of parole if the victim is a peace officer, prosecutor, first responder, or military member. <i>Position:</i> Support <i>State Bill Page:</i> https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-372</p>	<p>SB86 REGULATE HEMP, CANNABINOID PRODUCTS (HUFFMAN S, WILKIN S) To generally prohibit the sale of intoxicating hemp products, except for sales at licensed dispensaries; to regulate drinkable cannabinoid products, and to levy taxes on drinkable cannabinoid products and other intoxicating hemp products that may be sold. <i>Position:</i> Support <i>State Bill Page:</i> https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-SB-86</p>
<p>HB382 SAFEGUARD FIREARM RIGHTS (FISCHER T) To enact the Second Amendment Protection Act to safeguard the right to keep and bear arms. <i>Position:</i> Oppose <i>State Bill Page:</i> https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-382</p>	<p>SB88 OHIO PROPERTY PROTECTION ACT (JOHNSON T) To modify the law that prohibits certain governments, businesses, and individuals from acquiring certain real property and to name this act the Ohio Property Protection Act. <i>Position:</i> Amend <i>State Bill Page:</i> https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-SB-88</p>
<p>SB5 EXPEDITE REMOVAL-UNAUTHORIZED RESIDENTIAL OCCUPANTS (BRENNER A, HUFFMAN S) To provide for the expedited removal of unauthorized occupants from residential property and to prohibit the use and sale of fraudulent deeds. <i>Position:</i> Oppose <i>State Bill Page:</i> https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-SB-5</p>	<p>SB102 GUS FRANGOS ACT (PATTON T) To make changes to the law relating to tax foreclosures and county land reutilization corporations, and to name this act the Gus Frangos Act. <i>Position:</i> Monitor</p>
<p>SB53 REGARDING CIVIL ACTIONS-VANDALISM, RIOTS (SCHAFFER T) Regarding civil actions by persons who suffer injury or loss due to vandalism or riot activity. <i>Position:</i> Oppose <i>State Bill Page:</i> https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation-summary?id=GA136-SB-53</p>	

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SB124 PENALTIES-TRANSIT SYSTEMS (CRAIG H, PATTON T) To increase the penalty for assault when the victim is an operator of an Ohio transit system bus or rail car; to authorize Ohio transit systems to post a sign regarding abuse or assault of staff; and to increase the penalty for evading payment of the known fares of a public transportation system.

Position: Monitor

State Bill <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-SB-124>
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SB133 ABOLISH DEATH PENALTY, COURT CHANGES (ANTONIO N, HUFFMAN S) To abolish the death penalty and to modify the number of jurors that may be challenged in cases where a defendant may be sentenced to life imprisonment.

Position: Oppose

State Bill <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-SB-133>
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SB134 ABOLISH DEATH PENALTY, PROHIBIT LETHAL INJECTION DRUGS (ANTONIO N, HUFFMAN S) To abolish the death penalty, to modify the number of jurors that may be challenged in cases where a defendant may be sentenced to life imprisonment, and to prohibit public funding for the use of lethal injection drugs in nontherapeutic abortions, assisting suicide, and executing a death sentence.

Position: Oppose

State Bill <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-SB-134>
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SB163 VARIOUS REGULATIONS-ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (BLESSING III L, JOHNSON T) To require AI-generated products have a watermark, to prohibit simulated child pornography, and to prohibit identity fraud using a replica of a person.

Position: Support

State Bill <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-SB-163>
Page:

SB185 LAW CHANGES-DANGEROUS DOGS (BLESSING III L) To make changes to the laws governing dogs, including dangerous and vicious dogs.

Position: Amend

State Bill <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-SB-185>
Page:

SB188 EXPANDED OFFENSE-FAILURE TO COMPLY (PATTON T) To expand the offense of failure to

comply with an order or signal of a law enforcement officer.

Position: Amend

State Bill <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-SB-188>
Page:

SB214 REMOVE DANGEROUS CLASSIFICATION-FIREARM MUFFLERS, SUPPRESSORS (KOEHLER K) To remove firearm mufflers and suppressors from the classification of dangerous ordnance.

Position: Undetermined

State Bill <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-SB-214>
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SB225 EXPAND ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM (MANCHESTER S) To expand the Address Confidentiality Program.

Position: Undetermined

State Bill <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-SB-225>
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New and Noteworthy



Merit Decisions of Interest Since 5/1/25

State v. Dian, 2025-Ohio-2323. The Court (7-0) agreed with the prosecution that the defendant had no reasonable expectation of privacy in the single location-data point that was disclosed by the operators of the third-party Letgo app pursuant to the police investigative subpoena. (Decided 7-2-25; Franklin County)

State v. Logan, 2025-Ohio-1772. The Court (6-1) held that R.C. 2929.13(F)(8) requires a mandatory prison term on the underlying

felony and precludes the imposition of community-control sanctions thereon when the defendant is receiving a firearm-specification term on that count under R.C. 2929.14(B)(1)(a). (Decided 5-21-25; State's appeals; Cuyahoga County)

Newly-Accepted Criminal Law Cases Since 5/1/25

25-643 *State v. Lebron-Novas* (1) Whether the trial court's decision upholding the traffic stop and denying the motion to suppress must be affirmed when the dash cam video provided sufficient evidence to show the follow-too-close traffic violation, even despite the supposed inconsistencies in the trooper's testimony as to what the video showed; (2) Whether the trial court's error in relying on the trooper's supposed inconsistencies should have resulted in a limited remand for the trial court to deliberate again on whether there was reasonable suspicion to support the stop, instead of a remand requiring the outright granting of the motion to suppress. (State's appeal; Erie County)

25-322 *State v. Wilson* Whether the trial court should have granted the defense motion to dismiss based on preindictment delay. (Clermont County)

Upcoming Oral Arguments

23-891 *State v. Brinkman* Death Penalty case (Cuyahoga County) (Argument on 8-19-25)

24-930 *State v. Khalif* (1) on State's appeal: Whether a guilty verdict "as charged" is sufficient to comply with R.C. 2945.75(A)(2) and to thereby constitute a guilty verdict for the charged offense (instead of the least degree of the offense); (2) on defendant's cross-appeal: Whether the "Stand Your Ground" statutory amendment as to self-defense effective on 4-6-21, which removed the duty to retreat for most situations, applies to post-effective-date trials of offenses that occurred before the amendment's effective date. (Franklin County) (Argument on 8-20-25)

24-965 *State v. Hikec* (1) Whether a limiting instruction rendered harmless the admission of cell-phone evidence that should have been suppressed altogether; (2) Whether other-acts evidence related to texts occurring two weeks before the incident on trial should have been excluded. (Fairfield County) (Argument on 8-20-25)

24-1187/1301 *State v. Simmons* Whether evidence of force in the nature of manipulating a sleeping victim's clothing to facilitate sexual conduct with the victim is sufficient by itself to establish forcible rape in violation of R.C. 2907.02(A)(2), or whether said evidence is insufficient because the force did not compel the victim to submit to the sexual conduct in question. (State's discretionary and certified-conflict appeals; Montgomery County) (Argument on 9-16-25)

24-1304 *State v. Heffley* Whether a person is ineligible to have their firearm rights restored by a trial court pursuant to R.C. 2923.14

because the person is "otherwise prohibited by law from acquiring, having, or using firearms" when the person has a federal firearms disability pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 922(g). (State's appeal; Allen County) (Argument on 9-17-25)

24-312 *State v. Polizzi* Whether trial courts and appellate courts must consider the overall number of consecutive sentences and the aggregate sentence when imposing or reviewing consecutive sentences. (Lake County) (Argument on 10-7-25)

24-1050 *State v. Striblin* Whether the Fifth District erred in sustaining the defendant's facial constitutional challenge on Second Amendment grounds after the defendant's no contest plea to a charge under R.C. 2923.121(A) for illegal possession of a firearm on a liquor permit premises. (State's appeal; Muskingum County) (Argument on 10-8-25)

24-1184 *State v. Kincaid* Whether the traffic stop investigation of the marked-lanes violation had been completed so that the officer's decision to delay the K-9 sniff for 5-10 minutes amounted to an unlawful extension of the stop, thereby rendering the eventual K-9 sniff unlawful and warranting suppression of the drugs found as a result of the sniff. (Meigs County) (Argument on 10-8-25)

24-1276 *State v. D.T.* Whether a voluntary guilty plea in adult court waives issues of competency and amenability related to the preceding discretionary bindover from juvenile court. (State's appeal; Cuyahoga County) (Argument on 10-8-25)

24-1608 *State v. King* Whether the State can appeal from a trial court's judgment of acquittal entered pursuant to Crim. R. 29(B) following a jury's guilty verdict, when the judgment of acquittal should not be considered a "final verdict" under R.C. 2945.67(A) and when a State's appeal from a post-verdict judgment of acquittal does not violate double jeopardy. (State's appeal; Cuyahoga County) (Argument on 10-28-25)

24-352 *State v. Hill* Whether a capital defendant's motion for Civ.R. 60(B) relief seeking the vacating of an earlier order denying post-conviction relief on a claim of intellectual disability should be treated as a successive post-conviction petition that is barred by R.C. 2953.23(A). (State's appeal; Trumbull County) (Argument on 10-29-25)

24-1464 *State v. Fontanez* Whether a trial court completely fails to comply with Crim.R. 11(C)(2) so as to render a guilty plea invalid when it fails to explicitly state that a guilty plea constitutes a complete admission of guilt but when the court otherwise complies with the requirements of Crim.R. 11(C)(2), the admission of guilt is obvious from the context of the plea colloquy, and the defendant does not assert actual innocence. (Certified-conflict appeal) (Cuyahoga County) (Argument on 10-29-25)

24-1768 *State v. Jones* (1) Whether a reviewing court on appeal is limited to the evidence admitted into the record by the trial court; (2) Whether a court of appeals is allowed to use a lower standard for ineffectiveness than that set forth in *Strickland v. Washington*;

(3) Whether the inevitable-discovery doctrine requires officers to have taken steps toward obtaining a search warrant when the officers had a good-faith belief that a valid exception to the warrant requirement allowed the warrantless search. (State's appeal; Hamilton County) (Argument on 10-29-25)

Keep an Eye Out for These Cases Awaiting Decision

23-1531 *In re P.M.S.* Whether a rape by force occurs when the only evidence of force is the physical exertion inherent in the sexual act itself. (Warren County) (Argument on 2-11-25)

23-1614 *State v. Morris* (1) Whether the appellate court erred in rejecting *Montejo v. Louisiana*, 556 U.S. 778 (2009), for purposes of the Ohio Constitution by holding that a request for counsel at a first appearance amounts to an invocation of counsel and therefore cuts off the ability of police to initiate an interrogation of the defendant outside of court; (2) Whether the right to counsel attaches on the filing of a criminal complaint; (3) Whether the defendant unequivocally invoked the right to counsel when he asked during the interrogation "I can't see a lawyer?" (State's appeal; Hamilton County) (Argument on 2-12-25)

23-772 *State v. Jones* Whether an appellate court abuses its discretion by denying leave to appeal the granting of a new trial in a 26-year-old capital case where the State complies with App.R. 5(C)'s requirements, timely sets forth errors for review, and shows it has evidentiary support for the claimed errors. (State's appeal; Hamilton County) (Argument on 2-13-25)

24-458 *State v. Bostick* When evidence that the defendant was not the perpetrator of the crime is withheld from the defense and not discovered until after conviction, and when the exculpatory value of the evidence is dependent upon its credibility, whether a trial court must conduct an evidentiary hearing prior to ruling on a motion for new trial prompted by that evidence. (Cuyahoga County) (Argument on 4-2-25)

24-669 *State v. Balmert* (1) For purposes of the aggravated vehicular assault (AVA) charge, whether the State provided sufficient evidence that the defendant's OVI-metabolite violation was a proximate cause of the injuries; (2) After a bench trial, whether the trial court's acquittal of the defendant on the OVI-impaired count created a double jeopardy bar that should have prevented the appellate court from relying on evidence of impairment in upholding the guilty finding on the AVA charge. (Lorain County) (Argument on 4-23-25)

24-540/541 *State v. Musarra* (1) Whether the non-element of venue is a proper basis for a mid-trial Crim.R. 29(A) "judgment of acquittal"; (2) Whether a purported "acquittal" based on venue under Crim.R. 29(A) constitutes a "final verdict" that bars the State from pursuing an appeal by leave under R.C. 2945.67(A). (State's appeal; Cuyahoga County) (Argument on 5-13-25)

24-474 *State v. Brown* Whether the evidence of venue in Henry County was insufficient on the corrupt-activity charge when the connection of the enterprise to the drug sales in Henry County was solely as a supplier of the drugs on credit to the offender who then took the drugs to Henry County and sold them there. (Henry County) (Argument on 5-14-25)

24-882 *State v. Gowdy* Whether the trial court's statements vitiated the validity of the defendant's guilty plea when the court had reviewed a surveillance video of the incident and indicated before the plea that the court would not instruct on self-defense. (Hamilton County) (Argument on 6-24-25)

24-899 *State v. Ballish* Whether the test from *State v. Jones*, 49 Ohio St.3d 51 (1990), is applicable to a community-control condition that is specifically authorized by statute. (State's appeal; Geauga County) (Argument on 6-25-25)

24-1038 *State v. Fraley* Whether the 365-day time period for filing a post-conviction petition after the filing of the transcript in the court of appeals in the direct appeal will be considered to start running when the transcript is not filed during the direct appeal but, instead, is only filed during a reopened appeal. (Butler County) (Argument on 6-25-25)

Ohio Attorney General Opinions

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2025-012

Requested by: Champaign County Prosecuting Attorney

A county agricultural society organized under R.C. Chapter 1711 is a political subdivision for purposes of R.C. 9.68.

2025-011

Requested by: Geauga County Prosecuting Attorney

A township has no obligation to contribute toward the maintenance, construction, or reconstruction of a road outside of its boundaries. R.C. 5573.15 permits boards of township trustees to jointly improve a township road if the road is less than the "legal assessment distance" from the township line, which is the distance within which properties may be statutorily assessed for a township road improvement. A township may also assist another township in an emergency or pursuant to a mutual aid agreement. Generally, township joint road improvements may be paid from the same sources as the funding for roads within a township's boundaries.

2025-010

Requested by: Greene County Prosecuting Attorney

A political subdivision may use tax revenue generated from its levies for the purposes described in R.C. 5705.19(I) and (J) to pay a portion of its allocated cost for a countywide public safety answering point that provides access to firefighting, police

protection, ambulance, or emergency medical services within the political subdivision. The portion of allocated costs paid with tax revenue from each such levy must be rationally related to the expenses incurred by the public safety answering point for providing such access and must be consistent with the political subdivision's authorizing resolution and ballot language for the particular tax levy.

2025-009

Requested by: Summit County Prosecuting Attorney

Neither R.C. 307.07 nor R.C. 307.85(A) provide an Ohio county or a multi-county joint office of economic development the authority to apply for and accept a grant of authority from the Foreign-Trade Zones Board to be a foreign trade zone grantee under 15 C.F.R. 400.12. A foreign trade zone grantee may be either a port authority or a corporation organized and chartered for the purpose of establishing, operating, and maintaining a foreign trade zone.



OPAA Training

Pictures from OPAA events can always be viewed on our social accounts by clicking the icons on the first page.

OPAA Southeast Regional Training

Athens County Prosecutor and OPAA President Keller Blackburn was gracious enough to host a one day regional training at their new 911/EMS center. Attendance was limited to the 17 southeast counties in the state. We had 25 attendees from 7 counties join us for this child sexual assault prosecution focused agenda.



OPAA Summer Workshop

The 2025 OPAA Summer Workshop was held June 20th and 21st and was attended by 159 prosecutors and assistant prosecutors from 55 counties along with a couple from the Ohio Attorney General's office. The training was once again held at the Breakers Cedar Point. We had great speakers, topics, attendees and weather!



2025 Training Dates

Trial Advocacy Boot Camp – August 6-8
(training is full)

Fall Training - September 18-19 – Crowne Plaza Cleveland
at Playhouse Square.

Juvenile Prosecutor Training – October 16th - Marriot
Columbus Northwest.

Annual Meeting - December 4-5, Hilton Columbus at
Easton

2025 On-Demand CLE

OPAA members have access to 21.5 online self-study
hours, including 5.5 hours professional conduct hours,
geared specifically toward Ohio county prosecutors!

All have been approved by the Supreme Court of Ohio
Commission on Continuing Legal Education through
12/31/2025.

Most trainings are \$60 each. 2 hour trainings are \$79 and 3
hour presentations are \$119 each. All are available at
<https://opaaclewebinars.ce21.com/>



OPAA Outreach

OPAA will once again have a table at the annual Capital Law School Community Event. This event will feature free food, games, prizes, and opportunities for students to learn about student organizations, professional associations, and bar prep companies. This outdoor event offers a casual networking opportunity for us to talk about being a prosecutor. We were joined by Capital Law grads Steve Barnett (Carroll County) and Chip McConville (Knox County) last year. Also helping was “Cool Ryan” Barnett.



The event is Saturday, August 23rd, 11:00-1:00. If you would like to join us, please stop by! It is located behind Capital Law School at 303 E Broad St, Columbus, OH 43215. Feel free to park at the OPAA office just a short walk away!

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2025 OPAA Executive and Legislative Committee Meeting Dates

August – Thursday, August 21- Delaware Golf Course
September – Wednesday, September 17 – Crowne Plaza Cleveland (Fall Training)
October – Thursday, October 23 – Granville Inn
November – No Meeting
December – Wednesday, December 3 – Hilton Easton (Annual Meeting)

More pictures from the Southeast Regional and Summer Workshop trainings:

