



Resources for the Bench

Your Comprehensive Guide to Ohio Court Resources

Bench Cards, Guides & Toolkits

The Ohio Supreme Court is proud to offer an array of bench cards, guides, and toolkits designed to support judges, lawyers, and the general public. These documents synthesize Ohio statutes and court decisions, serving as valuable references to aid in courtroom decision-making and legal processes.

Key Resources Available Online

Access to Justice

- *A Judicial Guide to Conducting Remote Hearings* (2022): Practical tips for effective and fair virtual court proceedings.
- *Ensuring the Right to be Heard* (2025): Promoting procedural fairness for self-represented litigants.

Domestic Violence & Victim Rights

- *Non-Fatal Strangulation/Suffocation – What Every Judge Should Know* (2025): Critical insights into this often-overlooked area of domestic violence law.
- *Understanding Marsy's Law* (2024): Tools for safeguarding victims' rights.

Court Management

- *Judicial Assignment Program Overview* (2025): Best practices and policies for efficient assignment management.
- *Strategies for Addressing a Backlog of Hearings* (2025): Tips for efficiently managing growing caseloads.

Specialized Toolkits

- *Intervention in Lieu of Conviction Toolkit* (2025): Guide to alternative sentencing for eligible cases.
- *Custody Evaluations Toolkit for Judicial Use* (2023): A resource for handling family law evaluations.

- *Neutral Evaluation Toolkit* (2024): Methods for resolving disputes effectively through neutral assessments.

Additional Highlights

- *Understanding BCI Reporting* (2024): This guide provides an overview of the reporting process in Ohio.
- *Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) in Ohio Courts* (2022): Ensuring accessibility through VRI services.
- *Bench Cards: Domestic Relations, Probate, Juvenile Justice, and Dependency Docket Bench Cards.*
- *Appointment & Credentialing of Foreign Language Interpreters* (2022): This guide outlines requirements for appointing foreign language interpreters.
- *Collection of Court Costs & Fines in Adult Trial Courts* (2021). This publication provides guidance on how and when to impose fines, costs, and other financial sanctions.

Explore the Full Collection

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