

# OHIO'S SENTENCING POLICIES AND PRACTICES, COSTS AND CONSEQUENCES

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- 8:15 – 8:45 a.m. **REGISTRATION**
- 8:45 – 8:50 a.m. **OPENING REMARKS**
- 8:50 – 9 a.m. **INTRODUCTION TO THE ISSUE**  
Hon. James G. Carr, Senior Judge, Northern District of Ohio
- 9 – 10:15 a.m. **PANEL 1: OVERVIEW: WHERE WE ARE & HOW WE GOT HERE**  
**Moderator & Panelist:** Douglas Berman, Professor of Law,  
Moritz College of Law, The Ohio State University  
**Panelists:** Margaret Colgate Love, Attorney & Former Director, ABA Commission  
on Effective Criminal Sanctions  
Cecelia Klingele, Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, University of Wisconsin  
Jelani Jefferson Exum, Visiting Associate Professor of Law, University of Michigan
- 10:15 – 10:30 a.m. **BREAK**
- 10:30 a.m. – Noon **PANEL 2: FISCAL CONSEQUENCES**  
**Moderator:** Michael Beazley, City Administrator, Oregon, Ohio  
**Panelists:** Hon. Ted Barrows, Municipal Court Judge, Franklin County, Ohio  
John Leutz, Senior Policy Analyst & Attorney, County Commissioners' Association  
of Ohio  
Kent Markus, General Counsel to former Ohio Governor Ted Strickland  
Dennis Murray, Representative, Ohio State Legislature  
Gregory Trout, Chief Counsel, Ohio Dept. of Rehabilitation & Corrections
- Noon – 12:30 p.m. **KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** Marc A. Levin, Director,  
Center for Effective Justice, Texas Public Policy Foundation
- 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. **LUNCH**
- 1:30 – 3 p.m. **PANEL 3: ALTERNATIVES FOR CHANGE**  
**Moderator:** Stephen JohnsonGrove, Staff Attorney, Ohio Justice & Policy Center  
**Panelists:** Marshall Clement, Project Director, Justice Center,  
Council of State Governments  
John Murphy, Executive Director, Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association  
Gary Daniels, Associate Director, American Civil Liberties  
Union of Ohio  
Catherine Harper Lee, Executive Director, The Justice League of Ohio
- 3 – 4 p.m. **Panel 4: LEGISLATIVE CONSEQUENCES—WHAT LIES AHEAD**  
**Moderator:** Hon. James G. Carr, Senior Judge, Northern District of Ohio  
**Panelists:** William Batchelder, Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives  
Tim Grendell, Senator, Chair of Senate Judiciary Committee, Ohio State Legislature  
Bill Seitz, Senator, Ohio State Legislature



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Ohio has more than 50,000 inmates confined in more than 30 penal institutions. The average annual cost per inmate is more than \$25,000. In times of economic distress and unprecedented scarcity of fiscal resources, it is imperative to ask whether Ohio's taxpayers can continue indefinitely to bear the costs and consequences of incarceration of so many inmates—especially those who have committed non-violent offenses and are demonstrably low-risk. The 2011 Toledo Law Review Symposium will address this and related questions, including what alternatives may exist to provide safety to Ohio's citizens while making more resources available for other crucial public needs.

The program will consist of four interrelated segments. It will begin with an overview of how and why we are where we are in terms of sentencing and incarceration. The second segment—with speakers familiar with trying to manage the fiscal consequences at the state, county and municipal levels—will examine the direct and indirect budgetary impact of the financial costs of keeping more than 50,000 people in prison.

The third segment will examine options for reform. Are there feasible and fiscally responsible alternatives that we can implement while keeping our communities safe? What have other states and governmental entities tried, and how well have they worked? What other options might work, how well might they work, and at what reduction in costs? This panel will include the Council of State Governments presenting their recommendations based on their recent thorough review of the sources of Ohio's prison overcrowding. It will also include perspectives from civil-rights advocates, prosecutors and crime-victims groups.

The final segment will include state legislators directly involved in making the decisions that will seek to respond to the fiscal and other consequences of imprisoning so many, often for lengthy periods. What lies ahead in the General Assembly? What is politically possible and what must become politically possible in light of current and anticipated budgetary constraints?

In sum, the 2011 Toledo Law Review Symposium will seek to address—and answer—some fundamentally crucial questions: What have Ohioans gained from our state's past and current sentencing policies and practices; what are we losing? Most importantly, can we gain as much, or more, in terms of community safety, while spending less, and, if so, how can we do so?

This day-long symposium will be held at The University of Toledo College of Law and should be of particular interest to legislators and other elected and public officials at all levels of government. Continuing Legal Education credits for Ohio Bar members will also be requested.

## **REGISTRATION INFORMATION & FEES**

Fees:  
\$75 for 5.25 Hours of CLE  
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