

U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

COMMUNITY OUTREACH NEWSLETTER

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U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE CELEBRATES THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, RECOGNIZES CHALLENGES REMAIN

The U.S. Attorney's Office Southern District of Ohio, The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law and Kirwan Institute hosted "The Civil Rights Act at 50: Celebrating Its Legacy, Recognizing the Challenges Ahead" on September 15 in Columbus.



Photo credit: Moritz College of Law

U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart joined experts from the law school and history department to talk about what the Civil Rights Act meant in 1964 and what it means today, including the civil rights challenges that still exist in America today.

In addition to the panel discussion, the U.S. Attorney's Office, the University Libraries, Moritz and Kirwan are co-sponsoring a university-wide event with U.S. Congressman John Lewis, Nate Powell and Andrew Aydin on November 15 at 7pm. They will discuss

the Civil Rights Movement and the experience of telling Congressman Lewis's story in the graphic memoir *March*. More information about the event is available at <http://cartoons.osu.edu/events/march-an-evening-with-congressman-john-lewis-nate-powell-and-andrew-aydin/>.



Photo credit: Moritz College of Law

The U.S. Attorney's Office, Moritz and Kirwan are also planning to host at least one event this spring commemorating the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

FEDERAL SEX TRAFFICKING ACT BECOMES LAW

On September 29, 2014, H.R. 4980—the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act—became law. The new federal law will encourage states to combat sex trafficking among youth in foster care, promote normalcy for foster youth, help move more children from foster care into adoptive homes or the homes of relatives, and increase the amount of child support provided to families in which one parent resides outside of the U.S.

The law includes a state plan requirement to report instances of sex trafficking to law enforcement and sex trafficking data in the adoption and foster care analysis and reporting system and adds a state plan requirement to locate and respond to children who have run away from foster care.

Read more about the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act [here](#).

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE LAUNCHES NATIONAL INITIATIVE FOR BUILDING COMMUNITY TRUST AND JUSTICE

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder announced last month that the Department of Justice is launching the National Initiative for Building Community Trust and Justice. The Initiative is a multi-faceted approach to enhance community trust and help repair and strengthen the relationship between law enforcement and the communities they serve.



Photo credit: National Network for Safe Communities

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder meets with Department of Justice officials and key partners to discuss the National Initiative for Building Community Trust and Justice.

The National Initiative will explore, advance, and disseminate information about strategies intended to enhance procedural justice, reduce implicit bias and support racial reconciliation.

The Department of Justice is partnering with John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Yale Law School, the Center for Policing Equity and the Urban Institute in what Holder called “a major step forward in resolving long standing tensions in many of America’s communities.”

Addressing procedural justice, implicit bias and racial reconciliation, the Department of Justice and partner organizations will establish pilot sites to implement and test strategies, establish an information clearinghouse, conduct research and promote the public discourse.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY SECRETARY JEH JOHNSON VISITS SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Charles Johnson visited Central Ohio on September 24 as part of a Countering Violent Extremism Engagement Day.

U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart and officials from federal and local law enforcement joined Secretary Johnson in a tabletop community resilience activity. The activity featured role playing and community action plan drafting with community leaders. The Noor Islamic Cultural Center hosted the event in coordination with the Department of Homeland Security Civil Rights Civil Liberties Section and the National Counterterrorism Center.

The exercise used an unfolding scenario of possible violent extremist activity revealed in several stages. Participants discussed potential responses and best practices for working together. The scenario was hypothetical, but based on the behaviors exhibited by past violent extremists prior to their arrest.

OUT AND ABOUT

- July 31: Criminal Chief Kenneth Parker taught at the Cincinnati Bar Association National Institute for Trial Advocacy Training in Cincinnati, OH.
- Aug. 8: Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew Hunt presented at the Safe Neighborhoods Initiative Call-In session in Hamilton, OH.
- Aug. 14: U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart provided remarks at the Restored Citizens Summit in Columbus, OH.
- Aug. 14-15: Criminal Chief Kenneth Parker presented at Cincinnati Initiative to Reduce Violence call-in sessions in Cincinnati, OH.
- Sept. 8: U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart delivered keynote remarks at the Dayton Rotary Club in Dayton, OH.
- Sept. 11: U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart presented at the Miami County Juvenile Truancy Summit in Troy, OH.
- Sept. 11: Assistant U.S. Attorney Kevin Kelley spoke at the PILF lunch event at the Moritz College of Law in Columbus, OH.

- Sept. 13: Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton was an exhibitor at the New American Festival in Columbus, OH.



- Sept. 16: U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart participated in the Todd A. Bell National Resource Center on the African American Male Gathering of Men panel in Columbus, OH.
- Sept. 16: Senior Litigation Counsel Doug Squires conducted a legal update training for the HUD-OIG regional meeting of agents which included the topics of discovery and the recording of custodial interviews.
- Sept. 17: Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton participated in the Ohio Ex-Offender Reentry Coalition meeting in Dayton, OH.
- Sept. 23: Senior Litigation Counsel Doug Squires, Assistant U.S. Attorney Dana Peters and Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton hosted a federal law enforcement briefing for an international delegation in Columbus, OH.
- Sept. 23: Assistant U.S. Attorney Dana Peters and Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton attended the Somali Advisory Council in Columbus, OH.
- Sept. 25: U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart, Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney Bob Behlen and Deputy Civil Chief Matt Horwitz hosted a delegation of Chinese attorneys from the Beijing Bar Association in Cincinnati, OH.
- Sept. 28: U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart attended the 17th Annual Reception for First Year African American students from The Ohio State University and Capital University Law Schools in Gahanna, OH.
- Sept. 29-30: Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton participated in the Global Alliance Against Child Sexual Abuse Online Conference in Washington, D.C.

- Sept. 29-Oct. 9: Assistant U.S. Attorney J. Michael Marous presented to the U.S. Forest Service and U.S. EPA.
- Oct. 14-16: Assistant U.S. Attorney Heather Hill and Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Thornton participated in the Advanced Human Trafficking Investigations training in Columbus, OH.
- Oct. 16: U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart participated on a school-to-prison-pipeline panel at the Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections 28th Annual Conference in Columbus, OH.
- Oct. 22: Assistant U.S. Attorney Deborah Sanders presented on a Diversity Week panel at Moritz College of Law in Columbus, OH.
- Oct. 28: Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney Bob Behlen participated in the Building Communities of Trust event in Cincinnati, OH.
- Oct. 28: Dayton Branch Chief Laura Clemmens, Assistant U.S. Attorneys Vival Patel and Brandi Stewart attended the Dayton Bench Bar Media Forum in Dayton, OH.

To arrange a presentation for your group, contact Jennifer Thornton at jennifer.thornton@usdoj.gov or 614-255-1570.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

FREE GRANT WRITING SEMINARS

The Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) is hosting free Grant Writing seminars in 2014. OCJS's grant trainings provide an overview of identifying grant sources, analyzing program objectives, creating a budget, seeking letters of support, and writing proposals. Federal and state grants available to criminal justice professionals are discussed. Grant Writing 101 trainings take place on the following dates: **December 2**. All trainings are held from 9 a.m. to 2p.m. in the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Motorcycle Classroom, located at 1970 W. Broad St., Columbus, on the first floor. To register, please visit the [OCJS website](#).

WHAT'S _____ GOT TO DO WITH IT?

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY FOR WOMEN OF COLOR IN OHIO

Date: Monday, November 17th, 2014

Time: 1:00pm-2:30pm EST

Registration: <http://tinyurl.com/What-s-00000-Got-To-Do-With-It>

Host: Ohio Domestic Violence Network (ODVN)

National Center for on Trauma, Domestic Violence and Mental Health (NCTDVMH)

Speaker: Dr. Terri Pease, PhD

Facilitator: Un Jung Lim, MSW, LSW

Cost: FREE

A free webinar presentation with nationally renowned educator and clinician Dr. Terri Pease; former Director of the Training Institute at the National Center on Trauma, Domestic Violence and Mental Health. Connect and learn from Dr. Pease's experience and work to understand the process and benefits of medical health, spiritual well-being, and emotional safety of women of color who are survivors of domestic violence. This 90

minute training presentation will address the barriers and challenges that women of color face accessing services for mental health services and domestic violence programs.

According to the National Violence Against Women Survey (NVAWS) 23-41% of women of color experience physical, emotional, verbal, financial or spiritual intimate partner abuse and yet the majority of women of color report that their local domestic violence programs or mental health service providers are culturally inaccessible. The Ohio Domestic Violence Network (ODVN) and the National Center on Trauma, Domestic Violence, and Mental Health (NCTDVMH) invite you to a stimulating presentation on the prevalence, incidence and consequences of domestic violence, trauma and mental health concerns among women of color.

Please register by Friday November 14th, 2014

MUSHKARAH

On Wednesday, November 19th, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m (Eastern), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will conduct a national Arabic-language engagement (Musharakah) as part of our ongoing series of multilingual public engagements. Each Musharakah will focus on an immigration-related topic and include a presentation and Q&A session with USCIS officials.

During the event, USCIS spokespersons will provide explanations of the law, regulations, and forms, but do not offer legal advice or provide case specific information.

The first national Musharakah session will promote the Office of Citizenship's Initiative: The Naturalization process – Becoming a United States Citizen. The event will be held from the Arab American Museum in Dearborn, Michigan and stakeholders may participate:

- In person at the Arab American Museum located at: 13624 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn, MI 48126;
- Via live Web stream at www.uscis.gov/live/musharakah;
- By calling us toll-free on 1-888-769-9409 (password: Musharakah);
- By emailing us a question at OPE-Live@uscis.dhs.gov; or
- By sending us a question prior to the event via Twitter at @USCIS

For further information:

Please public.engagement@uscis.dhs.gov and reference “Arabic” in the subject line and include your full name, email address, and the organization you represent.

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If you have questions or suggestions regarding community outreach at the U.S. Attorney's Office Southern District of Ohio, contact Jennifer Thornton at jennifer.thornton@usdoj.gov or 614-255-1570.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

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