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Introduction to the 2026 Edition

Ohio Juvenile Law, 2026 ed. (Baldwin's Ohio Handbook Series) covers major aspects of juvenile law including abuse and neglect, dependence, delinquency, and unruliness. This title guides you through the steps in the juvenile court process and presents expert analysis of recent statutory and rule amendment and new case law.

This 2026 Edition of *Ohio Juvenile Law (Baldwin's Handbook Series)* replaces the 2025 Edition of this work in its entirety.

Highlights

Recent developments in this edition include:

- Marsey's Law (*In re K.J.*, § 22:13)
- Adjudication of a child for child endangering (*In re K.C.*, § 4:4)
- A parent's brief hospitalization for a mental health evaluation does not constitute abandonment (*In re C/W Children*, § 29:5)
- Rebuttable presumption of abandonment (*In re W.R.*, § 46:6 and *In re E.J.*, § 45:10)
- Kinship Caregiver Act (*In re K.C.*, § 46:7)
- Grant of Permanent Custody pursuant to R.C. 2151.353(G) was not required where there was a pending ICPC (*In re T.S.*, § 45:6)
- Continuing jurisdiction of Juvenile Court when a Petition for Adoption is filed in Probate Court (*State ex rel. T.B. v. Brown*, § 2:3)
- Declassification (*In re T.C.*, § 6:4)
- Prior delinquency conviction cannot be used to enhance sentencing (*State v. Hand* and *State v. E.T.*, § 5:12)

Thank you for subscribing to Ohio Juvenile Law. We hope you find this book an invaluable tool for your practice.

THE PUBLISHER

Dedication

To my parents,

To my mentor

Richard T. Graham, and

To my husband

P.Y.S.

To my parents,

To my children, and

To my mentor, Patricia Yeomans Salvador

J.T.P.

Preface

This handbook is designed to provide a concise treatise on Ohio juvenile law. It is also intended as a single convenient source for legal materials most often used in juvenile court proceedings: Revised Code Chapters 2151 and 2152, “Juvenile Courts” the Rules of Juvenile Procedure (annotated); and the Ohio Rules of Evidence. Through an analysis of reported and unreported cases and the pertinent statutes and rules, all steps in the juvenile court process are traced—from the assumption of jurisdiction over a child to the termination of that jurisdiction.

Part II focuses on delinquency, unruly, and juvenile traffic offender proceedings. In short, those cases in which juvenile court jurisdiction arises due to alleged conduct by a child. In contrast, Part III examines abuse, neglect, and dependency cases--i.e., where juvenile court jurisdiction is based on conduct that was done to the child. This organization requires two chapters on a number of topics, e.g. on adjudicatory hearings, one in Part II and another in Part III. Other jurisdictional bases (e.g., parental notification of abortion, tobacco, and removal actions) are now found in Part IV. Part V covers miscellaneous topics, including the powers of magistrates, appeals and habeas corpus actions, juvenile court records, and the interstate compact.

This 2026 Edition includes authored discussion of cases, Ohio Revised Code provisions and Ohio Court Rules. Significant contributions to this edition have been made by Former Magistrate Mary Bush.

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Patricia Yeomans Salvador was a Magistrate at the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division from 1990 until 2012. She was previously Administrator of the Guardian Ad Litem project of the (then) Cuyahoga County Bar Association from 1986 through 1989. She taught juvenile law at both Case Western Reserve University School of Law and Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

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