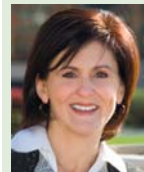


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## ANNIE'S LAW AIMS TO REDUCE DRUNK DRIVING IN OHIO

**A**pril is Distracted Driving Awareness Month and

the cost of drunk driving just went up. Penalties for OVI convictions were increased with Ohio's recent implementation of "Annie's Law." The law, which actually involves revision of nearly 20 existing laws and the addition of a new one, will result in stiffer sentences for individuals convicted of OVI.



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### OVI Convictions Now Carry Longer Driver's License Suspensions

A person convicted of OVI faces certain mandatory penalties, including a driver's license suspension. The length of the license suspension is selected from a range established by statute. The range was just increased for both first time and multiple offenders. For a first offender, the license suspension was previously a minimum of six months. Under the new law, that minimum suspension is increased to one year.



### OVI Offenders Are Incentivized to Use Ignition Interlock Devices

When a driver uses an ignition interlock device, the driver is required to blow into a tube, and the vehicle will not start if the driver's breath sample contains alcohol. If a first offender uses an ignition interlock during the driver's license suspension, the offender may be given 'unlimited driving

privileges' rather than the traditional 'limited driving privileges.' A first time offender who uses an ignition interlock may also have the suspension period cut in half, meaning the suspension could be as short as six months rather than one year. In addition, a first time offender granted unlimited driving privileges with ignition interlock gets any jail sentence suspended.

### OVI Sentences Will Be Enhanced Based on Prior Convictions

Ohio OVI sentences are enhanced if an offender has prior convictions within the 'lookback period.' For example, a first offense in the lookback period carries a minimum of three days in jail, while a second offense in the lookback period is punishable by a minimum of ten days in jail. Annie's law changed the lookback period from six years to ten years.

### Implementing Change is Challenging

As "Annie's Law" involves the interplay of several different statutes, interpreting the law may prove to be complicated. While some specifics regarding ignition interlock orders are particularly ambiguous, the ambiguities will require clarification to successfully meet the legislature's objective of decreasing drunk driving in Ohio. ■

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## LEAN SIX SIGMA AT YOUR FIRM: OVERPRODUCTION

**A**pplying the methodologies of Lean Six Sigma in your firm will help you focus on "Doing things right, and doing the right things." Previously, we introduced waste and defined it as anything that does not add value to the client. If your client is not willing to pay for it, it does not change their situation, or if it's not done right the first time, it is likely waste. Defects was the first waste we introduced, and we simply defined it as mistakes. The second waste is OVERPRODUCTION. The simplest



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way to look at overproduction is when you find yourself doing more than is required, or working harder than you need to in order to get something done. One of my favorite examples of overproduction is "reinventing the wheel." It typically occurs when you are creating documents from a prior document that is like what you need, but you cannot find the document you are looking for. So, you start from a less-than-ideal document, or from scratch. Another example we regularly see is excessive CC'ing of emails. Some lawyers copy everyone, "just in case," which results

in an email chain that creates extra work for them. Doing more research than required, making too many copies of a document, double and triple checking something and maintaining electronic and paper files are other examples of overproduction. How do you find overproduction? Well, once you start looking, it should become obvious. Identifying waste is all about changing the way you think about getting your work done. Start asking yourself if there is a better, more efficient way to accomplish the task at hand, and that will get you started on the path to finding and eliminating overproduction. **Next up, WAITING...** ■

## EDUCATION AND EVENTS

**Saturday, May 6 • 9 – 11 a.m.**  
Notary Public Seminar & Test

**Wednesday, May 10 • 1:30 – 4:45 p.m.**  
Secrets of Successful Cross Examination  
3.0 CLE Hours

**Thursday, May 11 • 1:15 – 2:15 p.m.**  
Constitutional Conversations: First Amendment • 3.0 CLE Hours

**Friday, May 12 • 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**  
To Appeal or Not to Appeal? • 3.0 CLE Hours

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