LIQUOR COMMISSION TO USE HEARING OFFICERS FOR COVID-19 CASES

The Ohio Liquor Control Commission (Commission) will begin utilizing contract hearing officers to conduct some of its hearings for COVID-19 related cases. During this on-going nationwide health crises, the addition of hearing officers will allow the Commission to continue adjudicating those cases that impact public health and safety in a prompt and timely manner and to bring resolution to these important cases quickly. The Commission will continue to conduct hearings, but will schedule additional cases before the hearing officers, beginning the week of October 13-16, 2020. The cases set before the hearing officers, who are experienced in conducting hearings involving Ohio’s liquor laws and rules, will proceed in the same manner as previous hearings conducted by the Commission.