

# The Supreme Court of Ohio

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## CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**August 26, 2016**

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## MOTION AND PROCEDURAL RULINGS

**2016-0440. State v. Mutter.**

Scioto App. No. 15CA3691, 2016-Ohio-512. This cause is pending before the court as a jurisdictional appeal.

Upon consideration of appellant's motion for appointment of counsel, it is ordered by the court that the motion is granted and the Ohio Public Defender is appointed to represent appellant.

## DISCIPLINARY CASES

**2015-2010. Columbus Bar Assn. v. LaFayette.**

On December 14, 2015, the Board of Professional Conduct filed a final report in the office of the clerk of this court pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(16), in which the board accepted the agreement entered into by relator, Columbus Bar Association, and respondent, Eric Lee LaFayette. The agreement set forth the misconduct and the agreed, recommended sanction of a one-year suspension from the practice of law, stayed in its entirety upon conditions. The board recommended that the agreement be accepted. The court, sua sponte, issued an order waiving the issuance of a show-cause order, and this matter was submitted to the court on the report and record filed by the board.

It is hereby ordered by the court, sua sponte, that the recommended sanction is rejected. It is further ordered that pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(17)(D), this cause is remanded to the Board of Professional Conduct for further proceedings, including consideration of a more severe sanction. Proceedings

before this court in this case are stayed until further order of this court. Costs to abide final determination of the case.

**2015-2053. Disciplinary Counsel v. Alo.**

This cause is pending before the court upon the filing of a certification of default by the Board of Professional Conduct.

Upon consideration of relator's motion to initiate default proceedings, it is ordered by the court that the motion is granted. This matter is remanded to the board for further proceedings under Gov.Bar R. V(14)(F).

The court further orders that the interim default-judgment suspension imposed against respondent on January 22, 2016, shall remain in place while this matter is pending before the board. Proceedings before this court in this case are stayed until further order of this court.

**2016-1030. In re Resignation of Stevens.**

On application for resignation of Bruce Berton Stevens, Attorney Registration No. 0071250, and on report filed under seal by disciplinary counsel. Resignation accepted with disciplinary action pending.