

The Supreme Court of Ohio

CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 6, 2017

[Cite as *07/06/2017 Case Announcements*, 2017-Ohio-5723.]

MERIT DECISIONS WITH OPINIONS

2016-1056. *State ex rel. Sands v. Bunting*, Slip Opinion No. 2017-Ohio-5697.

Marion App. No. 9-16-16. Judgment affirmed.

O'Connor, C.J., and O'Donnell, Kennedy, French, O'Neill, Fischer, and DeWine, JJ., concur.

2016-1147. *Ashtabula Cty. Bar Assn. v. Brown*, Slip Opinion No. 2017-Ohio-5698.

On Certified Report by the Board of Professional Conduct, No. 2015-063. Thomas Christopher Brown, Attorney Registration No. 0024054, suspended from the practice of law for two years, all stayed on conditions.

Kennedy, French, McCormack, and DeWine, JJ., concur.

O'Donnell, J., dissents, with an opinion joined by O'Connor, C.J., and Fischer, J.

John Timothy McCormack, J., of the Eighth District Court of Appeals, sitting for O'Neill, J.

2017-0223. *Cleveland Metro. Bar Assn. v. Callahan*, Slip Opinion No. 2017-Ohio-5700.

On Certified Report by the Board of Professional Conduct, No. 2016-046. Michael William Callahan, Attorney Registration No. 0051964, publicly reprimanded.

O'Connor, C.J., and O'Donnell, Kennedy, French, O'Neill, Fischer, and DeWine, JJ., concur.

AFFIDAVITS OF DISQUALIFICATION

The chief justice has released the following judicial-disqualification opinions, which were previously issued as entries in response to affidavits of disqualification filed pursuant to R.C. 2701.03.

17-AP-021. In re Disqualification of Collier-Williams, Slip Opinion No. 2017-Ohio-5718 (decided May 2, 2017).

17-AP-032. In re Disqualification of Tyack, Slip Opinion No. 2017-Ohio-5719 (decided May 8, 2017).

MOTION AND PROCEDURAL RULINGS

2017-0417. State ex rel. Lopez v. Summit Cty. Clerk of Courts.

In Mandamus. Relator has not filed a merit brief, due June 29, 2017, in compliance with the Rules of Practice of the Supreme Court of Ohio and therefore has failed to prosecute this cause with the requisite diligence. Cause dismissed.

2017-0749. In re Application of Ohio Power Co.

Public Utilities Commission, Nos. 13-2385-EL-SSO and 13-2386-EL-AAM. On motion of Ohio Power Company for leave to intervene as appellee. Motion granted.

2017-0752. In re Application of Ohio Power Co.

Public Utilities Commission, Nos. 14-1693-EL-RDR and 14-1694-EL-AAM. On motion of Ohio Power Company for leave to intervene as appellee. Motion granted.

DISCIPLINARY CASES

2017-0881. In re Scudder.

On certified entry of felony conviction. Steven C. Scudder, Attorney Registration No. 0044134, suspended from the practice of law for an interim period.

MEDIATION MATTERS

2017-0494. State ex rel. Walker v. Yount.

In Mandamus. This case is returned to the regular docket under S.Ct.Prac.R. 19.01. Respondents shall file a response to the complaint within 21 days.