

The Supreme Court of Ohio

CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 14, 2017

[Cite as *12/14/2017 Case Announcements*, 2017-Ohio-9004.]

MERIT DECISIONS WITH OPINIONS

2016-1115 and 2016-1153. *State ex rel. Cincinnati Enquirer v. Pike Cty. Coroner's Office*, Slip Opinion No. 2017-Ohio-8988.

In Mandamus. Writ and motions denied.

O'Connor, C.J., and Celebrezze, O'Neill, and Piper, JJ., concur.

Kennedy, J., dissents, with an opinion joined by O'Donnell, J.

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

Frank D. Celebrezze Jr., J., of the Eighth Appellate District, sitting for French, J.

Robin N. Piper, J., of the Twelfth Appellate District, sitting for DeWine, J.

DISCIPLINARY CASES

2017-1496. *Disciplinary Counsel v. Oviatt*.

On relator's October 24, 2017 motion for an order to appear and show cause. On November 8, 2017, this court ordered respondent to show cause why he should not be held in contempt. Respondent filed a response, and this cause was considered by the court.

Motion granted. Respondent, Richard Ahlman Oviatt, found in contempt and ordered to produce his responses to relator's discovery requests and to comply with the orders issued by the Board of Professional Conduct.

O'Neill, J., not participating.

2017-1659. In re Resignation of Leonard.

On application for resignation of Robert Kolter Leonard, Attorney Registration No. 0010537, and on report filed under seal by disciplinary counsel. Resignation accepted with disciplinary action pending.

O'Neill, J., not participating.