

# The Supreme Court of Ohio

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## CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 22, 2017

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## MERIT DECISIONS WITH OPINIONS

**2017-0604. State ex rel. Richland Cty. Children Servs. v. Richland Cty. Court of Common Pleas, Slip Opinion No. 2017-Ohio-9160.**

In Prohibition and Mandamus. Motion to dismiss denied, writ of prohibition granted, and writ of mandamus denied.

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

Kennedy, J., concurs in judgment only.

## MISCELLANEOUS ORDERS

**2016-1913. Ohio State Bar Assn. v. Pro-Net Fin., Inc.**

On final report by the Board on the Unauthorized Practice of Law on December 30, 2016, recommending that the court issue an order finding that respondents, Pro-Net Financial, Inc., Andrew J. Bloom, and Nationwide Support Services, Inc., have engaged in the unauthorized practice of law, prohibiting respondents from engaging in the unauthorized practice of law in the future, and imposing civil penalties against them. Sua sponte, cause remanded to the board for supplementation of the record in accordance with the evidentiary standard set forth in Gov.Bar R. VII(7)(B)(2). *See also* Gov.Bar R. VII(14) (directing the board to follow the Rules of Civil Procedure and the Rules of Evidence, whenever practicable, unless a provision of Gov.Bar R. VII or board hearing procedures and guidelines provides otherwise). On remand, the board may conduct any additional proceedings that it deems necessary to ensure that the record satisfies this evidentiary standard. In addition, the board shall follow Gov.Bar R. VII(8)(B),

which provides that the board may recommend and the court may impose civil penalties “in an amount up to ten thousand dollars per offense.” Proceedings before this court are stayed until further order of the court. Costs to abide final determination of the case.

Fischer, J., not participating.