

The Supreme Court of Ohio

CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 8, 2020

[Cite as *12/08/2020 Case Announcements*, 2020-Ohio-5580.]

MERIT DECISIONS WITH OPINIONS

2019-0284 and 2019-0453. *Evans v. Akron Gen. Med. Ctr.*, Slip Opinion No. 2020-Ohio-5535.

Summit App. No. 28340, 2018-Ohio-3031. Judgment affirmed and cause remanded. O'Connor, C.J., and Kennedy, French, Fischer, DeWine, Donnelly, and Stewart, JJ., concur.

2019-0864. *State ex rel. Williams-Byers v. S. Euclid*, Slip Opinion No. 2020-Ohio-5534.

In Mandamus. Writ denied.

O'Connor, C.J., and Kennedy, French, Fischer, and DeWine, JJ., concur. Donnelly and Stewart, JJ., not participating.

MOTION AND PROCEDURAL RULINGS

2020-1096. *State v. Jordan*.

Adams App. No. 19CA1105, 2020-Ohio-3928. On appellee's motion to appoint Brian T. Goldberg as counsel. Motion granted. Brian T. Goldberg appointed to represent appellee.

2020-1242. *State v. Toles*.

Madison App. No. CA2019-07-018, 2020-Ohio-4267. On appellant's motion for appointment of the Office of the Ohio Public Defender as counsel. Motion granted. Office of the Ohio Public Defender appointed to represent appellant.

2020-1380. State v. Ramirez.

Lucas App. No. L-17-1076, 2020-Ohio-3905. On joint motion to extend the stay and temporary remand to the trial court. Motion granted. Stay extended to February 1, 2021.

MISCELLANEOUS ORDERS

In re Sittenfeld, Member of the Cincinnati City Council.

On November 23, 2020, the state of Ohio presented a request that the chief justice establish a special commission of three retired judges pursuant to R.C. 3.16(C). Pursuant to R.C. 3.16, the special commission shall be established by the chief justice, not sooner than 14 days after receipt of the request, to consider the suspension from public office of Alexander Sittenfeld, member of the Cincinnati City Council, in relation to felony charges pertaining to official conduct in office.

Accordingly, the following three retired judges are hereby appointed and directed to proceed as provided by R.C. 3.16:

Retired Judge David C. Faulkner

Retired Judge L. Alan Goldsberry

Retired Judge Richard J. McMonagle

Pursuant to R.C. 3.16(C)(1), at least one member of the special commission is of the same party as the public official and all members of the special commission shall receive compensation for their services and reimbursement for expenses incurred in connection with special-commission functions, from funds appropriated by the attorney general's office.

It is further ordered that Michel Jendretzky, legal counsel in the Office of the Chief Legal Counsel, shall serve as secretary to the special commission, with authority to contact the parties, schedule hearings, and sign orders on behalf of and at the direction of the special commission.

All documents in this matter shall be filed with the secretary to the special commission either by mail or in another manner directed by the secretary. The original and five copies of all documents shall be filed. All documents filed with the special commission shall also be served on all other parties to this matter on the day of filing with the secretary.

Pursuant to R.C. 3.16(C)(2), all meetings of the special commission shall be closed to the public and the records shall not be made available to the public for

inspection or copying until the special commission issues its written report or otherwise concludes its proceedings.

MEDIATION MATTERS

The court refers the following case to mediation under S.Ct.Prac.R. 19.01 and stays all filing deadlines for this case until further order of this court. The court will not issue any decision on the merits of this case until mediation has concluded.

2020-0957. State ex rel. Peregrine Health Servs. of Columbus, L.L.C. v. Corcoran.

Franklin App. No. 18AP-16, 2020-Ohio-3426. On joint motion to stay briefing. Motion granted.