

# The Supreme Court of Ohio

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## CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 17, 2021

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## MERIT DECISIONS WITH OPINIONS

**2020-1533. Ohio State Bar Assn. v. Bruner, Slip Opinion No. 2021-Ohio-4048.**

On Certified Report by the Board of Professional Conduct, No. 2019-048. Harvey Bruce Bruner, Attorney Registration No. 0004829, last known business address in Cleveland, Ohio, suspended from the practice of law for two years and ordered to make restitution of \$1,250 to Carlos Oretga Sr. and \$1,500 to Mary Walton within 90 days.

O'Connor, C.J., and Kennedy, Fischer, Mayle, and Stewart, JJ., concur.

Brunner, J., dissents, with an opinion joined by DeWine, J.

Christine E. Mayle, J., of the Sixth District Court of Appeals, sitting for Donnelly, J.

**2021-0416. State ex rel. Slaughter v. Foley, Slip Opinion No. 2021-Ohio-4049.**

Lorain App. No. 20CA011659, 2021-Ohio-545. Judgment affirmed.

O'Connor, C.J., and Kennedy, Fischer, DeWine, Donnelly, Stewart, and Brunner, JJ., concur.

**2021-0978. Columbus Bar Assn. v. Family, Slip Opinion No. 2021-Ohio-4054.**

On Certified Report by the Board of Professional Conduct, No. 2020-076. Christian Manning Family, Attorney Registration No. 0074728, last known business address in Columbus, Ohio, suspended from the practice of law for 18 months, with the final 12 months stayed on conditions.

O'Connor, C.J., and Kennedy, Fischer, DeWine, Donnelly, Stewart, and Brunner, JJ., concur.

## MOTION AND PROCEDURAL RULINGS

**2020-1429. State v. Nicholas.**

Champaign App. No. 2018-CA-25, 2020-Ohio-3478. On motion of amicus curiae Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost for divided oral-argument time. Motion granted. Amicus curiae Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost shall share time allotted to appellee.

**2021-0497. Brandt v. Pompa.**

Cuyahoga App. No. 109517, 2021-Ohio-845. On motions for admission pro hac vice of Cary Silverman and Mark A. Behrens. Motions granted. Pursuant to Gov.Bar R. XII(4), counsel shall file a notice of permission to appear pro hac vice with the Supreme Court's Office of Attorney Services within 30 days.

**2021-0864. Maple Hts. v. Netflix, Inc.**

Certified Question of State Law, United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, No. 1:20-CV-01872. On motions for admission pro hac vice of Mary Rose Alexander, Robert C. Collins III, Jean A. Pawlow, John Rafael Perez, Matthew R. Friedman, Pantelis Michalopoulos, and Jared R. Butcher. Motions granted. Pursuant to Gov.Bar R. XII(4), counsel shall file a notice of permission to appear pro hac vice with the Supreme Court's Office of Attorney Services within 30 days.

**2021-1276. State ex rel. Hutchison v. DeWine.**

In Mandamus. On respondents' notice of filing a notice of removal in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, Eastern Division. Cause stayed pending the federal court's determination. The parties shall notify this court immediately upon conclusion of the federal-court proceedings.

**DISCIPLINARY CASES**

**2021-1106. Akron Bar Assn. v. Fannin.**

Sua sponte, Steven Scott Fannin, Attorney Registration No. 0085907, last known business address in Fairlawn, Ohio, found in contempt for failure to file an affidavit of compliance on or before October 14, 2021.

**MEDIATION MATTERS**

The following cases have been returned to the regular docket under S.Ct.Prac.R. 19.01.

**2021-0961. State ex rel. Waste Mgt. of Ohio, Inc. v. Indus. Comm.**

Franklin App. No. 19AP-453, 2021-Ohio-2478. Appellant shall file a brief within 40 days, and the parties shall otherwise proceed in accordance with S.Ct.Prac.R. 16.02 through 16.07. As provided in S.Ct.Prac.R. 16.07, the court may dismiss the case or take other action if the parties fail to timely file merit briefs.

**2021-1159. State ex rel. Grendell v. Geauga Cty. Bd. of Commrs.**

In Mandamus. On relator's motion to lift mediation stay. Motion granted. Respondents shall file a response to the complaint within 21 days.

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

**2021-1322. State ex rel. Brinkman v. Cincinnati.**

In Mandamus.

**2021-1349. Patituce & Assocs., L.L.C. v. Summit Cty. Prosecutor's Office.**

In Mandamus.