

# The Supreme Court of Ohio

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## CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 29, 2023

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## MERIT DECISIONS WITH OPINIONS

**2022-1082. State v. Randolph, Slip Opinion No. 2023-Ohio-4753.**

Lucas App. No. L-21-1140, [2022-Ohio-2909](#). Judgment affirmed.

Kennedy, C.J., and Fischer, DeWine, Donnelly, Stewart, Brunner, and Deters, JJ., concur.

**2022-1515. Disciplinary Counsel v. Gaul, Slip Opinion No. 2023-Ohio-4751.**

On Certified Report by the Board of Professional Conduct, No. 2021-039. Daniel Gaul, Attorney Registration No. 0009721, last known business address in Cleveland, Ohio, suspended from the practice of law for one year and immediately suspended from judicial office without pay for the duration of his disciplinary suspension.

Kennedy, C.J., and DeWine, D’Apolito, Jamison, and Deters, JJ., concur.

Fischer, J., concurs in part and dissents in part, with an opinion.

David A. D’Apolito, J., of the Seventh District Court of Appeals, sitting for Donnelly, J.

Terri Jamison, J., of the Tenth District Court of Appeals, sitting for Stewart, J.

Brunner, J., not participating.

**2023-0471. Disciplinary Counsel v. Bennett, Slip Opinion No. [2023-Ohio-4752](#).**

On Certified Report by the Board of Professional Conduct, No. 2022-034. Mark Stewart Bennett, Attorney Registration No. 0069823, last known business address in Westlake, Ohio, suspended from the practice of law for two years, with the entire suspension conditionally stayed.

Fischer, DeWine, Donnelly, and Stewart, JJ., concur.

Kennedy, C.J., concurs in part and dissents in part, with an opinion joined by Deters, J.

Brunner, J., not participating.

### **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.

**23-AP-081. In re Disqualification of Clark, [2023-Ohio-4774](#) (decided Oct. 13, 2023).**

**23-AP-158. In re Disqualification of Leuthold, [2023-Ohio-4775](#) (decided Dec. 5, 2023).**

**23-AP-166. In re Disqualification of Leach, [2023-Ohio-4776](#) (decided Dec. 1, 2023).**