

The Supreme Court of Ohio

CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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MERIT DECISIONS WITH OPINIONS

2024-0034. Crozier v. Pipe Creek Conservancy, L.L.C., Slip Opinion No. 2025-Ohio-1291.

Belmont App. No. 22 BE 0052, [2023-Ohio-4297](#). Cause dismissed as having been improvidently accepted.

Brunner, Deters, and Hawkins, JJ., concur.

Fischer, J., concurs, with an opinion joined by DeWine and Shanahan, JJ.

Kennedy, C.J., dissents.

2024-0934. State ex rel. Tentman v. Sundermann, Slip Opinion No. 2025-Ohio-1284.

Hamilton App. No. C-240167. On appellant's motion to supplement the record and motion to strike appellee's brief and "for judgment on the pleadings." Motions denied. Sua sponte, supplement to appellant's brief stricken. Judgment affirmed.

Kennedy, C.J., and Fischer, DeWine, Brunner, Deters, Hawkins, and Shanahan, JJ., concur.

MERIT DECISIONS WITHOUT OPINIONS

2024-1633. State ex rel. Harper v. Perlatti.

In Mandamus. Sua sponte, cause dismissed without prejudice because the complaint was not filed in the name of the State on the relation of the person applying, in violation of R.C. 2731.04.

Fischer, DeWine, Deters, and Hawkins, JJ., concur.

Kennedy, C.J., and Brunner and Shanahan, JJ., dissent and would order relator to file an amended complaint or a motion for leave to proceed pseudonymously.

2024-1694. State ex rel. Barker v. Muskingum Cty. Clerk of Courts.

In Mandamus. On respondent's motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Relator's motion for in camera inspection, motion for appointment of counsel, and motion to consolidate denied. Cause dismissed.

Brunner, Hawkins, and Shanahan, JJ., concur.

Fischer, J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would grant the motion to consolidate.

Kennedy, C.J., and Deters, J., concur in part and dissent in part and would deny the motion to dismiss and issue an alternative writ.

DeWine, J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would deny the motion to dismiss, issue an alternative writ, and grant the motion to consolidate.

2024-1744. State ex rel. McGee v. May.

In Mandamus. On respondents' motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Cause dismissed.

Kennedy, C.J., and Fischer, DeWine, Brunner, Deters, Hawkins, and Shanahan, JJ., concur.

2025-0095. State ex rel. Mobley v. Talebi.

In Mandamus. On respondent's motion for judgment on the pleadings. Motion granted. Cause dismissed.

Fischer, Deters, Hawkins, and Shanahan, JJ., concur.

Kennedy, C.J., and DeWine and Brunner, JJ., dissent and would issue an alternative writ.

2025-0097. State ex rel. Mobley v. Davis.

In Mandamus. On respondent's motion for judgment on the pleadings. Motion granted. Respondent's motion to declare relator a vexatious litigator denied. Cause dismissed.

Deters, Hawkins, and Shanahan, JJ., concur.

Fischer, J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would grant the motion to declare relator to be a vexatious litigator.

Kennedy, C.J., and Brunner, J., concur in part and dissent in part and would deny the motion for judgment on the pleadings and issue an alternative writ.

DeWine, J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would deny the motion for judgment on the pleadings, issue an alternative writ, and defer ruling on the motion to declare relator a vexatious litigator.

2025-0105. State ex rel. Cunningham v. McIntosh.

In Procedendo. On respondent's motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Cause dismissed.

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

Hawkins, J., not participating.

2025-0127. State ex rel. Cardwell v. Dept. of Rehab. & Corr.

In Mandamus. Cause dismissed pursuant to Rule 12.04.

Kennedy, C.J., and Fischer, DeWine, Brunner, and Hawkins, JJ., concur.

Deters and Shanahan, JJ., dissent and would issue an alternative writ.

2025-0135. State ex rel. Stoutamire v. Ashtabula Coroner's Office.

In Mandamus. On respondent's motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Cause dismissed.

Fischer, DeWine, Brunner, Hawkins, and Shanahan, JJ., concur.

Kennedy, C.J., and Deters, J., dissent and would issue an alternative writ.

2025-0143. Sanders v. O'Brien.

In Prohibition. On respondent's motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Relator's emergency motion for immediate relief and stay of proceedings, motion to vacate all orders for lack of jurisdiction and sentence contrary to law, requests for immediate release, request for evidentiary hearing, request for oral argument, motions to compel production of extradition documents, motion to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction and to vacate conviction and sentence, motion for leave to proceed without certified inmate-trust-account statement, and motion to disqualify Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Jennifer Piatt denied. Cause dismissed.

Kennedy, C.J., and Fischer, DeWine, Brunner, Deters, Hawkins, and Shanahan, JJ., concur.

2025-0169. State ex rel. Kirks v. McGinty.

In Procedendo. On respondent's motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Cause dismissed.

Kennedy, C.J., and Fischer, DeWine, Brunner, Deters, Hawkins, and Shanahan, JJ., concur.

2025-0211. State ex rel. Rice v. Campbell.

In Procedendo. On respondent's motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Cause dismissed.

Kennedy, C.J., and Fischer, DeWine, Brunner, Deters, Hawkins, and Shanahan, JJ., concur.

2025-0249. State ex rel. Mason v. Noble Cty. Court of Common Pleas.

In Procedendo. On respondent's motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Cause dismissed.

Kennedy, C.J., and Fischer, DeWine, Brunner, Deters, Hawkins, and Shanahan, JJ., concur.

MOTION AND PROCEDURAL RULINGS

2024-1670. State ex rel. Barker v. Muskingum Cty. Prosecutor's Office.

In Mandamus. On respondent's amended motion to dismiss. Motion denied. Relator's motion to consolidate denied. Sua sponte, respondent ordered to file an answer to the complaint within 14 days. Sua sponte, alternative writ granted. The following schedule is set for the presentation of evidence and filing of briefs pursuant to Rule 12.05: The parties shall file any evidence they intend to present within 20 days of the court's entry, relator shall file a brief within 30 days of the

court's entry, respondent shall file a brief within 20 days after the filing of relator's brief, and relator may file a reply brief within 7 days after the filing of respondent's brief.

DeWine and Hawkins, JJ., dissent in part and would grant relator's motion.

Shanahan, J., dissents in part and would grant respondent's amended motion.

Fischer, J., dissents.

2024-1714. State ex rel. Barker v. Muskingum Cty. Sheriff's Office.

In Mandamus. On respondent's motion to dismiss. Motion denied. Relator's motion to consolidate denied. Sua sponte, respondent ordered to file an answer to the complaint within 14 days. Sua sponte, alternative writ granted. The following schedule is set for the presentation of evidence and filing of briefs pursuant to Rule 12.05: The parties shall file any evidence they intend to present within 20 days of the court's entry, relator shall file a brief within 30 days of the court's entry, respondent shall file a brief within 20 days after the filing of relator's brief, and relator may file a reply brief within 7 days after the filing of respondent's brief.

DeWine and Hawkins, JJ., dissent in part and would grant relator's motion.

Shanahan, J., dissents in part and would grant respondent's motion.

Fischer, J., dissents.

2024-1745. State ex rel. Conomy v. Fuller.

Delaware App. No. 24 CAD 08 0056. On appellant's motion to disqualify counsel. Motion denied.

2025-0060. State ex rel. Cleavenger v. Melton.

In Mandamus. On relator's motion for leave to conduct limited discovery. Motion denied. Relator's request for preliminary order to be issued against parties for filing frivolous arguments, request for order to instruct respondents to permit relator to file electronic documents through Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction law library, motion to strike, motion to strike respondents' motion to consolidate, and motion to strike respondents' letter informing the court that the summons accepted for respondent was accepted in error denied. Respondents' amended motion to consolidate granted. Cause consolidated with [2025-0102](#), *State ex rel. Cleavenger v. Mason*; [2025-0103](#), *State ex rel. Cleavenger v. Mason*; [2025-0166](#), *State ex rel. Cleavenger v. Mason*; [2025-0170](#), *State ex rel. Cleavenger v. Mason*; [2025-0182](#), *State ex rel. Cleavenger v. Mason*; and [2025-0239](#), *State ex rel. Cleavenger v. Mason*. Sua sponte, alternative writ granted. The following schedule is set for the presentation of evidence and filing of briefs pursuant to Rule 12.05: The parties shall file any evidence they intend to present within 20 days of the court's entry, relator shall file a brief within 30 days of the court's entry,

respondents shall file a brief within 20 days after the filing of relator's brief, and relator may file a reply brief within 7 days after the filing of respondents' brief.

Kennedy, C.J., and Shanahan, J., dissent in part and would grant the motion for leave to conduct limited discovery.

2025-0085. State ex rel. Castellon v. Swallow.

In Mandamus. Sua sponte, alternative writ granted. The following schedule is set for the presentation of evidence and filing of briefs pursuant to Rule 12.05: The parties shall file any evidence they intend to present within 20 days of the court's entry, relator shall file a brief within 30 days of the court's entry, respondents shall file a brief within 20 days after the filing of relator's brief, and relator may file a reply brief within 7 days after the filing of respondents' brief.

2025-0090. State ex rel. Fenstermaker v. McConville.

In Mandamus. Sua sponte, respondent ordered to file an answer to the complaint within 14 days. Sua sponte, alternative writ granted. The following schedule is set for the presentation of evidence and filing of briefs pursuant to Rule 12.05: The parties shall file any evidence they intend to present within 20 days of the court's entry, relator shall file a brief within 30 days of the court's entry, respondent shall file a brief within 20 days after the filing of relator's brief, and relator may file a reply brief within 7 days after the filing of respondent's brief.

Fischer and Shanahan, JJ., dissent and would grant the writ.

2025-0098. State ex rel. Mobley v. Lavender.

In Mandamus. Sua sponte, respondent ordered to file an answer to the complaint within 14 days. Sua sponte, alternative writ granted. The following schedule is set for the presentation of evidence and filing of briefs pursuant to Rule 12.05: The parties shall file any evidence they intend to present within 20 days of the court's entry, relator shall file a brief within 30 days of the court's entry, respondent shall file a brief within 20 days after the filing of relator's brief, and relator may file a reply brief within 7 days after the filing of respondent's brief.

Fischer and Shanahan, JJ., dissent and would grant the writ.

2025-0102. State ex rel. Cleavenger v. Mason.

In Mandamus. On respondents' motion to consolidate. Motion granted. Cause consolidated with [2025-0060](#), *State ex rel. Cleavenger v. Melton*, and case Nos. [2025-0103](#), [2025-0166](#), [2025-0170](#), [2025-0182](#), and [2025-0239](#). Relator's motion for order directing respondents to show cause why they should not be held in contempt, motion for leave to conduct limited discovery, request for order to require respondents to facilitate electronic filing of documents, request for

preliminary order to be issued against parties for filing frivolous arguments, motion to strike respondents' motion to consolidate, and request for certification of compliance denied. Sua sponte, alternative writ granted. The following schedule is set for the presentation of evidence and filing of briefs pursuant to Rule 12.05: The parties shall file any evidence they intend to present within 20 days of the court's entry, relators shall file a brief within 30 days of the court's entry, respondents shall file a brief within 20 days after the filing of relator's brief, and relator may file a reply brief within 7 days after the filing of respondents' brief.

Kennedy, C.J., and Shanahan, J., dissent in part and would grant the motion for leave to conduct limited discovery.

2025-0103. State ex rel. Cleavenger v. Mason.

In Mandamus. On respondents' motion to consolidate. Motion granted. Cause consolidated with [2025-0060](#), *State ex rel. Cleavenger v. Melton*, and case Nos. [2025-0102](#), [2025-0166](#), [2025-0170](#), [2025-0182](#), and [2025-0239](#). Relator's motion for leave to conduct limited discovery, request for preliminary order to be issued against parties for filing frivolous arguments, request for order to require respondents to facilitate electronic filing of documents, motion to strike respondents' motion to consolidate, and request for certification of compliance denied. Sua sponte, alternative writ granted. The following schedule is set for the presentation of evidence and filing of briefs pursuant to Rule 12.05: The parties shall file any evidence they intend to present within 20 days of the court's entry, relator shall file a brief within 30 days of the court's entry, respondents shall file a brief within 20 days after the filing of relator's brief, and relator may file a reply brief within 7 days after the filing of respondents' brief.

Kennedy, C.J., and Shanahan, J., dissent in part and would grant the motion for leave to conduct limited discovery.

2025-0114. State ex rel. Whitfield v. Burkhart.

In Mandamus. Sua sponte, alternative writ granted. The following schedule is set for the presentation of evidence and filing of briefs pursuant to Rule 12.05: The parties shall file any evidence they intend to present within 20 days of the court's entry, relator shall file a brief within 30 days of the court's entry, respondent shall file a brief within 20 days after the filing of relator's brief, and relator may file a reply brief within 7 days after the filing of respondent's brief.

Fischer and DeWine, JJ., dissent and would sua sponte dismiss the cause.

Deters, J., dissents and would sua sponte dismiss the cause for insufficient affidavit.

2025-0126. State ex rel. Redman v. Dept. of Rehab. & Corr.

In Mandamus. Sua sponte, alternative writ granted. The following schedule is set for the presentation of evidence and filing of briefs pursuant to Rule 12.05: The parties shall file any evidence they intend to present within 20 days of the court's entry, relator shall file a brief within 30 days of the court's entry, respondent shall file a brief within 20 days after the filing of relator's brief, and relator may file a reply brief within 7 days after the filing of respondent's brief.

Fischer and Hawkins, JJ., dissent and would sua sponte dismiss the cause.

2025-0166. State ex rel. Cleavenger v. Mason.

In Mandamus. On relator's request for order to require respondents to facilitate electronic filing of documents. Request denied. Relator's request for preliminary order to be issued against parties for filing frivolous arguments, motion for leave to conduct limited discovery, and motion to strike respondents' motion to consolidate denied. Respondents' motion to consolidate granted. Cause consolidated with [2025-0060](#), *State ex rel. Cleavenger v. Melton*, and case Nos. [2025-0102](#), [2025-0103](#), [2025-0170](#), [2025-0182](#), and [2025-0239](#). Sua sponte, alternative writ granted. The following schedule is set for the presentation of evidence and filing of briefs pursuant to Rule 12.05: The parties shall file any evidence they intend to present within 20 days of the court's entry, relator shall file a brief within 30 days of the court's entry, respondents shall file a brief within 20 days after the filing of relator's brief, and relator may file a reply brief within 7 days after the filing of respondents' brief.

Kennedy, C.J., and Shanahan, J., dissent in part and would grant the motion for leave to conduct limited discovery.

2025-0170. State ex rel. Cleavenger v. Mason.

In Mandamus. On respondents' motion to consolidate. Motion granted. Cause consolidated with [2025-0060](#), *State ex rel. Cleavenger v. Melton*, and case Nos. [2025-0102](#), [2025-0103](#), [2025-0166](#), [2025-0182](#), and [2025-0239](#). Relator's request for preliminary order to be issued against parties for filing frivolous arguments, request for order to require respondents to facilitate electronic filing of documents, motion for leave to conduct limited discovery, and motion to strike respondents' motion to consolidate denied. Sua sponte, alternative writ granted. The following schedule is set for the presentation of evidence and filing of briefs pursuant to Rule 12.05: The parties shall file any evidence they intend to present within 20 days of the court's entry, relator shall file a brief within 30 days of the court's entry, respondents shall file a brief within 20 days after the filing of relator's brief, and relator may file a reply brief within 7 days after the filing of respondents' brief.

Kennedy, C.J., and Shanahan, J., dissent in part and would grant the motion for leave to conduct limited discovery.

2025-0182. State ex rel. Cleavenger v. Mason.

In Mandamus. On respondents' motion to consolidate. Motion granted. Cause consolidated with [2025-0060](#), *State ex rel. Cleavenger v. Melton*, and case Nos. [2025-0102](#), [2025-0103](#), [2025-0166](#), [2025-0170](#), and [2025-0239](#). Relator's motions for leave to conduct limited discovery, request for order to require respondents to facilitate electronic filing of documents, amended request for preliminary order to be issued against parties for filing frivolous arguments, and motion to strike respondents' motion to consolidate denied. Sua sponte, alternative writ granted. The following schedule is set for the presentation of evidence and filing of briefs pursuant to Rule 12.05: The parties shall file any evidence they intend to present within 20 days of the court's entry, relator shall file a brief within 30 days of the court's entry, respondents shall file a brief within 20 days after the filing of relator's brief, and relator may file a reply brief within 7 days after the filing of respondents' brief.

Kennedy, C.J., and Shanahan, J., dissent in part and would grant the motions for leave to conduct limited discovery.

2025-0208. State ex rel. Clark v. Dept. of Rehab. & Corr.

In Mandamus. Sua sponte, alternative writ granted. The following schedule is set for the presentation of evidence and filing of briefs pursuant to Rule 12.05: The parties shall file any evidence they intend to present within 20 days of the court's entry, relator shall file a brief within 30 days of the court's entry, respondent shall file a brief within 20 days after the filing of relator's brief, and relator may file a reply brief within 7 days after the filing of respondent's brief.

Fischer, J., dissents and would sua sponte dismiss the cause.

2025-0239. State ex rel. Cleavenger v. Mason.

In Mandamus. On relator's request for preliminary order to be issued against parties for filing frivolous arguments. Request denied. Relator's request for order to require respondents to facilitate electronic filing of documents, motion for leave to conduct limited discovery, and motion to strike respondents' motion to consolidate denied. Respondents' motion to consolidate granted. Cause consolidated with [2025-0060](#), *State ex rel. Cleavenger v. Melton*, and case Nos. [2025-0102](#), [2025-0103](#), [2025-0166](#), [2025-0170](#), and [2025-0182](#). Sua sponte, alternative writ granted. The following schedule is set for the presentation of evidence and filing of briefs pursuant to Rule 12.05: The parties shall file any evidence they intend to present within 20 days of the court's entry, relator shall file a brief within 30 days of the court's entry, respondents shall file a brief within 20 days after the filing of relator's brief, and relator may file a reply brief within 7 days after the filing of respondents' brief.

Kennedy, C.J., and Shanahan, J., dissent in part and would grant the motions for leave to conduct limited discovery.