

# The Supreme Court of Ohio

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## CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 17, 2025

[Cite as *06/17/2025 Case Announcements*, 2025-Ohio-2120.]

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## MERIT DECISIONS WITH OPINIONS

**2024-0325. State ex rel. Platt v. Montgomery Cty. Bd. of Elections, Slip Opinion No. 2025-Ohio-2079.**

In Mandamus. Writ granted in part and denied in part. Relator awarded court costs, \$1,000 in statutory damages, and reasonable attorney fees. Relator shall file an itemized fee application within 20 days, and respondents may file a response within 14 days after the filing of relator's application.

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

Fischer, J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would not award statutory damages.

**2024-0730. State ex rel. Brown v. Sackett, Slip Opinion No. 2025-Ohio-2080.**

In Mandamus. On relator's emergency motion to amend the alternative-writ schedule and motion for an order determining the sufficiency of discovery answers. Motions denied. Writ granted in part and denied in part. Relator awarded \$1,000 in statutory damages. Relator's request for court costs denied.

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

Fischer, J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would not award statutory damages.

**2024-0858. State ex rel. Fenstermaker v. Phillips, Slip Opinion No. 2025-Ohio-2081.**

In Mandamus. Writ denied as moot. Relator awarded \$1,000 in statutory damages. Relator's request for prejudgment interest denied.

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

Fischer, J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would not award statutory damages.

**2024-1505. In re Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., Slip Opinion No. 2025-Ohio-2082.**

Public Utilities Commission, Nos. 22-507-GA-AIR, 22-508-GA-ALT, 22-509-GA-ATA, and 22-510-GA-AAM. On intervening appellee's motion to dismiss. Motion denied.

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

Brunner, J., dissents and would remand for the commission to substantively address in the first instance the merits of appellant's first rehearing application.

Deters, J., not participating.

## **MOTION AND PROCEDURAL RULINGS**

**2024-1548. In re Application of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.**

Public Utilities Commission, Nos. 21-637-GA-AIR, 21-638-GA-ALT, 21-639-GA-UNC, and 21-640-GA-AAM. On intervening appellee's motion to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction. Motion denied for the reasons stated in *In re Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.*, 2025-Ohio-2082.

Deters, J., not participating.

## **MISCELLANEOUS DISMISSALS**

**2025-0351. State v. Cruz.**

Summit App. No. 30930, 2024-Ohio-5672. Appellant has not filed a memorandum in support of jurisdiction, due June 12, 2025, in compliance with the Rules of Practice of the Supreme Court of Ohio and therefore has failed to prosecute this cause with the requisite diligence. Cause dismissed.

## **MEDIATION MATTERS**

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

In Mandamus. The court returns this case to the regular docket under Rule 19.01. Respondents shall file a brief within 20 days. Relator may file a reply brief within 7 days after the filing of respondents' brief.