

# The Supreme Court of Ohio

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## CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 23, 2025

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### MERIT DECISIONS WITHOUT OPINIONS

**2024-1756. Jabbar v. Kelley.**

In Mandamus and Prohibition. On respondents' motions to dismiss. Motions granted. Relator's motion for leave to amend petition, motion to strike peremptory writ in first instance, and motion to expedite termination of parental rights and adoption of minor child denied. Cause dismissed.

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

Fischer, J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would grant the motion for leave.

**2025-0528. State ex rel. Pinckney v. Harding.**

In Mandamus. On respondent Summit County Clerk of Courts Tavia Galonski's motion to dismiss. Motion denied as moot. Respondent Summit County Court of Common Pleas Judge Jennifer Towell's motion to dismiss denied as moot. Sua sponte, cause dismissed pursuant to Rule 12.04, including as to respondent Akron Police Chief Brian J. Harding.

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

Deters, J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would deny respondent Galonski's motion to dismiss and issue an alternative writ as to her and grant respondent Judge Towell's motion to dismiss.

Kennedy, C.J., dissents and would issue an alternative writ.

**2025-0555. State ex rel. Schaffer v. Whaley.**

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

DeWine, Deters, and Shanahan, JJ., concur.

Fischer, J., concurs and would sua sponte declare relator to be a vexatious litigator.

Kennedy, C.J., concurs but would sua sponte dismiss the cause and deny the motion as moot.

Brunner, J., dissents and would issue an alternative writ.

Hawkins, J., not participating.

**2025-0563. State ex rel. Schaffer v. Carpenter.**

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

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

Kennedy, C.J., concurs but would sua sponte dismiss the cause and deny the motion as moot.

Brunner, J., dissents and would issue an alternative writ.

Fischer, J., not participating.

**2025-0601. State ex rel. Schaffer v. Sheets.**

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

DeWine, Deters, and Shanahan, JJ., concur.

Fischer, J., concurs and would sua sponte declare relator to be a vexatious litigator.

Kennedy, C.J., concurs but would sua sponte dismiss the cause and deny the motion as moot.

Brunner, J., dissents and would issue an alternative writ.

Hawkins, J., not participating.

**2025-0627. State ex rel. Schaffer v. Ohio State Univ.**

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

Kennedy, C.J., concurs and would sua sponte dismiss the cause and deny the motion as moot.

Fischer, DeWine, and Shanahan, JJ., concur and would grant the motion.

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

Hawkins, J., not participating.

**2025-0641. State ex rel. Davis v. Reed.**

In Mandamus. On respondents' motions to dismiss. Motions granted. Cause dismissed.

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

**2025-0653. State ex rel. Mackey v. Franklin Cty. Court of Common Pleas, Criminal Div.**

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

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

**2025-0709. State ex rel. Schaffer v. McIntosh.**

In Mandamus. Cause dismissed pursuant to Rule 12.04.

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

Fischer, J., concurs and would sua sponte declare relator to be a vexatious litigator.

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

**2025-0722. State ex rel. Tolbert v. Dept. of Rehab. & Corr.**

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

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

Kennedy, C.J., dissents and would issue an alternative writ.

**2025-0729. State ex rel. Davies v. Osterud.**

In Mandamus. On respondents' request to declare relator a vexatious litigator. Request denied. Cause dismissed pursuant to Rule 12.04.

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

Fischer and DeWine, JJ., concur in part and dissent in part and would grant the request.

## MOTION AND PROCEDURAL RULINGS

**2023-1001. State v. Fips.**

Cuyahoga App. No. 111900, [2023-Ohio-2295](#). On appellee's motion to dismiss appeal as improvidently allowed. Motion denied.

**2024-0184. State ex rel. Clark v. Dept. of Rehab. & Corr.**

In Mandamus. On relator's motion for show-cause order. Motion denied.

**2025-0644. State ex rel. Schaffer v. Robe.**

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.

Kennedy, C.J., and DeWine, JJ., dissent and would sua sponte dismiss the cause.

Fischer, J., dissents and would sua sponte declare relator to be a vexatious litigator and dismiss the cause.