

The Supreme Court of Ohio

CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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MERIT DECISIONS WITH OPINIONS

2024-1781. State ex rel. Rankin v. State, Slip Opinion No. 2025-Ohio-4483.

Adams App. No. 24CA1203. On appellant's motion to strike appellees' merit brief. Motion denied. Judgment affirmed.

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

2025-0361. State ex rel. T.B. v. Brown, Slip Opinion No. 2025-Ohio-4484.

In Prohibition and Mandamus. On respondents' motion to file evidence under seal. Motion granted. Writs denied.

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

MERIT DECISIONS WITHOUT OPINIONS

2024-0668. Bhamidipati v. Sylvania Twp. Police.

Miscellaneous case. On relator's response to order to show cause why this cause should not be dismissed. Cause dismissed.

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

2025-0754. State ex rel. LifeWise, Inc. v. Ohio Civ. Rights Comm.

In Mandamus and Prohibition. On respondent's suggestion of mootness. Cause dismissed as moot.

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

2025-0782. State ex rel. Peeples v. Chambers-Smith.

In Mandamus. On relator's motion for appointment of counsel, motion for order to compel respondent to provide means to make and file documents in court, and "motion for order habeas corpus ad testificandum." Motions denied. Respondent's motion to dismiss granted. Cause dismissed.

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

2025-0831. State ex rel. Robinson v. Burnside.

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.

2025-0837. State ex rel. Ramilla v. Beggs.

In Mandamus. On respondents Lori Beggs and L. Mason's motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Sua sponte, cause granted as to the remaining respondents. Cause dismissed.

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

Kennedy, C.J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would order respondents to file an answer and would issue an alternative writ as to public-records request Nos. 1 and 2.

2025-0851. State ex rel. Souare v. Hightower.

In Mandamus. On respondents' motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Relator's motion for leave to file revised memorandum in opposition to motion to dismiss denied. Cause dismissed.

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

2025-0853. State ex rel. Atakpu v. Commissary Supervisor.

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

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

Kennedy, C.J., dissents and would order respondents to file an answer and would issue an alternative writ for the reasons set forth in her dissenting opinion in *State ex rel. Jordan v. Dept. of Rehab. & Corr*, [2025-Ohio-3051](#).

2025-0854. State ex rel. Atakpu v. Fairfield Cty. Aud.

In Mandamus. On respondents' motion for judgment on the pleadings. Motion granted. Respondents' request to find the action frivolous denied. Cause dismissed.

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

Brunner, J., concurs but would grant the motion for judgment on the pleadings only to the extent that it seeks dismissal due to lack of required written affirmation and would deny the motion to find the action frivolous as moot.

Deters, J., concurs but would deny the motion for judgment on the pleadings and sua sponte dismiss the cause.

Kennedy, C.J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would deny the motion for judgment on the pleadings and issue an alternative writ for the reasons set forth in her dissenting opinion in *State ex rel. Jordan v. Dept. of Rehab. & Corr*, [2025-Ohio-3051](#).

Fischer, J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would grant the request to find the action frivolous.

2025-0855. State ex rel. Atakpu v. Commissary Supervisor.

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

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

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

Kennedy, C.J., dissents and would order respondent to file an answer and would issue an alternative writ for the reasons set forth in her dissenting opinion in *State ex rel. Jordan v. Dept. of Rehab. & Corr*, [2025-Ohio-3051](#).

2025-0859. Lahti v. Harris.

Board of Tax Appeals, No. 2025-221. On appellee's motion to dismiss. Motion granted under R.C. 5717.04. Sua sponte, Sarah Lahti's name stricken from all documents filed in the case except for the case caption, all documents filed by Lahti stricken except for notice of appeal, and Lahti prohibited from filing any

other documents in this court on behalf of another. The clerk of this court shall refer the matter to the Board on the Unauthorized Practice of Law for investigation and review as it deems appropriate. Cause dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.

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

2025-0869. State ex rel. Crawford v. Bloom.

In Mandamus and Procedendo. On motion to dismiss of respondents Hamilton County Juvenile Court Judge Kari Bloom, Hamilton County Juvenile Court, Hamilton County Child Support Enforcement Agency, Donald Clancy III, Matt Miller-Novak, Dmitriy Bikmayev, Scott Heenan, Katie Peters, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, Hamilton County Clerk of Courts, Shannon Jackson, Liz Igoe, Hamilton County Magistrate Mary Schulcz, Gregory White, Andrew Kernan Hamilton County Juvenile Court Clerk, and Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas. Motion granted. Motion to dismiss of respondents First District Court of Appeals and Clerk of the First District Court of Appeals granted. Relator's motion for clarification of emergency stay and request for Americans with Disabilities Act accommodations, amended emergency motion for a rule to show cause and for contempt sanctions, final motion for judgment on the pleadings, default, refund, and emergency relief, and motion for status conference denied. Sua sponte, cause dismissed as to the remaining respondents. Cause dismissed.

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

Kennedy, C.J., concurs but would deny relator's motion for status conference as moot.

Fischer, J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would deny the motion to dismiss of respondents Judge Kari Bloom et al., order those respondents to file an answer, and issue an alternative writ as to them.

2025-0876. Holloman v. Schuck.

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

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

2025-0883. State ex rel. Gray v. Cuyahoga Cty. Executives Office.

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.

2025-0886. Jacobs v. Kilbane.

In Mandamus and Prohibition. On relator's emergency motion to reopen judgment, vacate summary judgment, and strike evidence. Motion denied. Relator's motion to strike affidavit of Roderici Johnson and cremation-authorization form denied. Respondents' motions to dismiss granted. Relator's "motion re judicial misconduct, fraud on the court, procedural irregularities, Judge Kilbane, and Eighth District Court," motion to strike lower-court findings, "motion regarding judicial misconduct, fraud upon the court, unsigned missed defense deadlines, and vacatur, disqualification and other relief," motion for independent oversight and investigation, motion to disqualify the Ohio Attorney General and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Poore as counsel for respondents, and request to strike filings denied. Cause dismissed.

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

2025-0888. McDougald v. Bur. of Sentence Computation.

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

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

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

2025-0889. State ex rel. Spencer v. Reynolds.

In Mandamus and Prohibition. On respondent's motion for leave to file amended answer. Motion granted. Respondent's motion for judgment on pleadings granted. Cause dismissed.

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

Fischer and Hawkins, JJ., concur in part and dissent in part and would deny relator's motion.

Brunner, J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would deny respondent's motion, issue an alternative writ as to the request for a writ of mandamus, and sua sponte dismiss the request for a writ of prohibition.

Shanahan, J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would deny respondent's motion and issue an alternative writ.

2025-0891. State ex rel. Crenshaw v. Eighth Dist. Court of Appeals.

In Procedendo and Prohibition. On respondents' motions to dismiss. Motions granted. Cause dismissed.

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

2025-0892. State ex rel. Davis v. Brudzinski.

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.

2025-0900. State v. Bishop.

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.

2025-0901. State ex rel. Souare v. Daughtery.

In Mandamus and Prohibition. On respondents' motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Respondents' request to declare relator a vexatious litigator denied. Relator's motion to strike respondents' request to declare relator a vexatious litigator denied. Relator's amended motion for leave to file revised memorandum in opposition to respondents' motion to dismiss and request to declare relator a vexatious litigator denied. Cause dismissed.

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

Fischer, J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would grant respondents' request to declare relator a vexatious litigator.

Brunner, J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would grant relator's amended motion for leave.

2025-0914. State ex rel. Gobbell v. State.

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.

2025-0915. State ex rel. Blair v. Wendy's.

In Mandamus. On motion to dismiss of respondent Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas. Motion granted. Relator's motion for default judgment, "motion

of attention,” “motion for ruling on default,” and “motion of default” denied. Sua sponte, cause dismissed as to respondent Wendy’s. Cause dismissed.

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

2025-0919. State ex rel. Boyd v. Sixth Dist. Court of Appeals.

In Mandamus. On respondents’ motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Erie County Courthouse’s motion to dismiss granted. Cause dismissed.

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

2025-0924. State ex rel. Cook v. Summit Cty. Clerk of Courts.

In Mandamus. On respondent’s amended motion to dismiss and notice of mootness. Amended motion granted. Cause dismissed.

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

2025-0935. State ex rel. Bishop v. Cross Creek Twp. Police Dept.

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.

2025-0936. State ex rel. Williams v. Meyer.

In Mandamus and Prohibition. On relator’s amended emergency motion to restrain enforcement of contempt orders and anticipated collateral action against relator and her husband pending final disposition. Amended emergency motion denied. Respondent’s motion to dismiss granted. Cause dismissed.

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

2025-0939. State ex rel. Saunders v. Cuyahoga Cty. Mun. Court.

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.

2025-0943. State ex rel. Blacker v. Tenth Dist. Court of Appeals.

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.

2025-0944. State ex rel. Clay v. Schaefer.

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 order respondents to file an answer and would issue an alternative writ for the reasons set forth in her dissenting opinion in *State ex rel. Jordan v. Dept. of Rehab. & Corr*, [2025-Ohio-3051](#).

2025-0953. Norman v. Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.

In Mandamus. On relator's motion for temporary injunctive relief. Motion denied. Respondents' motions to dismiss granted. Cause dismissed.

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

Deters, J., not participating.

2025-0959. State ex rel. Kolvek v. Oldfield.

In Procedendo. On respondent's motion to dismiss and notice of mootness. Motion granted. Cause dismissed.

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

2025-0961. State ex rel. Belcher v. Hoying.

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

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

2025-0989. State ex rel. Johnson v. Myers.

In Mandamus. On respondents Tad Palmer and Thomas Horton's motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Sua sponte, cause dismissed as to respondent Ellen Myers. Cause dismissed.

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

Kennedy, C.J., dissents and would order respondents to file an answer and would issue an alternative writ for the reasons set forth in her dissenting opinion in *State ex rel. Jordan v. Dept. of Rehab. & Corr*, [2025-Ohio-3051](#).

2025-0992. State ex rel. Wilson v. Solle.

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

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

2025-1009. State ex rel. Whatley v. Johnson.

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.

2025-1017. Pettway v. Cuyahoga Cty. Court of Common Pleas.

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.

MOTION AND PROCEDURAL RULINGS

2021-0492. Schaible v. Schaible.

Clermont App. No. CA2021-01-001. On appellee's motion to seal memoranda. Motion denied.

Deters, Hawkins, and Shanahan, JJ., dissent.

2024-1669 and 2025-0071. Wells Fargo Bank, Natl. Assn. v. Doberdruk.

Cuyahoga App. No. 113637, [2024-Ohio-5007](#). On appellee's motion to supplement the record. Motion denied. Appellant's motion to strike appellee's motion to supplement the record denied.

DeWine, Brunner, and Shanahan, JJ., dissent in part and would grant appellee's motion.

2025-0234. OM SRP, L.L.C. v. Harris.

Stark App. No. 2024CA00109, [2024-Ohio-6124](#). On appellant's motion for clarification. Motion denied.

2025-0458. N. Canton Dept. of Dev. Servs. v. CF Homes, L.L.C.

Stark App. No. 2024CA00108, [2025-Ohio-522](#). On appellee's motion to strike appellant's merit brief. Motion granted. Appellant shall refile its brief in accordance with the Rules of Practice without any substantive changes within 14 days of the court's entry. The briefing deadlines will not be extended by the filing of appellant's amended merit brief.

2025-0625. Howard v. Frederick.

In Habeas Corpus. On petitioner's "motion under Rule 4.01 and Civ.R. 52." Motion denied.

2025-0691. OCLC, Inc. v. Anna's Archive.

Certified Questions of State Law, United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, No. 2:24-cv-144. On review pursuant to Rule 9.05(B). The court declines to answer the certified questions.

Fischer and Brunner, JJ., dissent.

2025-0759. Schaible v. Schaible.

Clermont App. No. CA2024-10-073, [2025-Ohio-1404](#). On appellee's motion to seal memoranda. Motion denied.

Deters, Hawkins, and Shanahan, JJ., dissent.

2025-0898. State ex rel. Combs v. Synenberg.

In Mandamus and Prohibition. On relator's second motion to stay proceedings pending resolution of writ. Motion denied.

2025-0960. State ex rel. Sandy v. Spatny.

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.

2025-0962. State v. Burrell.

Muskingum App. No. CT2025-0022. On review of order certifying a conflict. The court determines that a conflict exists. The parties are to brief the issue as stated on page 2 of the court of appeals' July 7, 2025 entry: "When the prosecution wants to challenge in an immediate appeal a trial court's pretrial order striking from a criminal complaint or from an indictment or a bill of information a prior conviction or other allegation that would have elevated the offense level of the underlying criminal charge, may the prosecution file an appeal of right under R.C. 2945.67 or must the prosecution seek permission to appeal under App.R. 5?" The conflict case is *State v. Skala*, [2002-Ohio-2962](#) (8th Dist.). Sua sponte, cause consolidated with case No. [2025-0952](#).

2025-0965. State ex rel. Quinn v. Rastatter.

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.

2025-1107. Hitchcock v. Hitchcock.

Tuscarawas App. No. 2025 AP 04 0015, [2025-Ohio-2668](#). On appellant's motion for stay. Motion denied.

2025-1111. Knowlton v. Donnell.

Franklin App. No. 25AP-247. On appellant's motion for stay. Motion denied.

APPEALS ACCEPTED FOR REVIEW

2025-0952. State v. Burrell.

Muskingum App. No. CT2025-0022. Sua sponte, cause consolidated with case No. [2025-0962](#).