

# The Supreme Court of Ohio

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## CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## MERIT DECISIONS WITH OPINIONS

**2019-0500. Columbus Bar Assn. v. Armengau, Slip Opinion No. 2026-Ohio-1230.**

Board of Professional Conduct, No. 2014-087. Javier Horacio Armengau of Columbus, Ohio, Attorney Registration No. 0069776, permanently disbarred.

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

Betty S. Sutton, J., of the Ninth District Court of Appeals, sitting for Brunner, J.

Christopher B. Epley, J., of the Second District Court of Appeals, sitting for Hawkins, J.

**2023-1344. Hoskins v. Cleveland, Slip Opinion No. 2026-Ohio-1225.**

Cuyahoga App. No. 112095, [2023-Ohio-3149](#). Judgment reversed and cause remanded to the trial court.

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

Kennedy, C.J., concurs, with an opinion.

Fischer, J., concurs in judgment only.

Brunner, J., dissents, with an opinion.

**2025-0974. McIntyre v. May, Slip Opinion No. 2026-Ohio-1231.**

Richland App. No. 2025 CA 0040. Judgment affirmed.

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

## MERIT DECISIONS WITHOUT OPINIONS

### **2025-1536. State ex rel. Bergsma v. Union Cty. Court of Common Pleas.**

In Mandamus. On relator's motions to excuse respondent's counsel. Motions denied. Relator's motion to seal and motion to seal court record from public view and provide respondent's counsel with copies denied. Respondent's motion to dismiss granted. Relator's "motion to prohibit illegal correspondence in the courts of Ohio" denied. Respondent's renewed motions to strike denied. Relator's motion for a court hearing denied as moot. Cause dismissed.

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

DeWine and Hawkins, JJ., concur but would deny relator's motion for a court hearing on the merits.

Shanahan, J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would grant relator's motion to seal and motion to seal court record from public view and provide respondent's counsel with copies would deny relator's motion for a court hearing on the merits.

### **2025-1573. State ex rel. Hill v. Warren.**

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

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

Fischer and Hawkins, JJ., concur but would sua sponte dismiss the cause for lack of a clear legal right.

### **2025-1574. Koeberer v. Brown.**

In Prohibition. On motion to dismiss of respondents Franklin County Court of Common Pleas Judge Chris M. Brown and Magistrate Megan Jewett. Motion granted. Relator's motion to consolidate cases denied as moot. Sua sponte, cause dismissed as to remaining respondents. Cause dismissed.

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

### **2025-1612. State ex rel. Smith 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.

**2025-1646. State ex rel. Snyder v. Perry Cty. Court of Common Pleas.**

In Mandamus. On respondent's motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Relator's "follow up to mandamus" denied as moot. Cause dismissed.

Kennedy, C.J., and Fischer, Brunner, Deters, and Shanahan, JJ., concur.  
DeWine and Hawkins, JJ., would deny relator's motion on the merits.

**2025-1657. State ex rel. Griffin v. Hill.**

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.

**2025-1699. State ex rel. Spencer v. Cline.**

In Mandamus. On motion to dismiss of respondent Vinton County Municipal Court Clerk Sabrina Cline. Motion granted. Respondent Sabrina Cline's motion to declare relator a vexatious litigator denied. Sua sponte, cause dismissed as to respondent Vinton County Court Judge Jeffrey Griffith. Cause dismissed.

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

Brunner, J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would deny the motion to dismiss and issue an alternative writ as to respondent Sabrina Cline.

Fischer, Deters, and Shanahan, JJ., concur in part and dissent in part and would grant the motion to declare relator a vexatious litigator.

**2025-1700. State ex rel. Williams v. Goering.**

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

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

Shanahan, J., concurs but would sua sponte dismiss the cause as moot.

Deters, J., not participating.

**2025-1707. State ex rel. Hagens v. Tepe.**

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.

**2025-1712. State ex rel. Fuller v. Fifth Dist. Court of Appeals.**

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.

**2026-0002. State ex rel. Schnitker v. Abraham.**

In Mandamus and Prohibition. Cause dismissed pursuant to Rule 12.04.

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

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

**2026-0007. State ex rel. Railey v. Shanahan.**

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

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

Shanahan, J., not participating.

**2026-0008. State ex rel. Taylor v. Ballard.**

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

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

**2026-0020. Khamisi v. Hamilton Cty. Court of Common Pleas.**

In Mandamus and Prohibition. Cause dismissed pursuant to Rule 12.04.

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

Fischer and Shanahan, JJ., not participating.

**2026-0021. State ex rel. Dunaway v. Wallace.**

In Prohibition. On relator's requests for service. Motions denied as moot. Respondent's motion to dismiss granted. Cause dismissed.

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

**2026-0033. State ex rel. Johnson v. Meyers.**

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.

**2026-0035. State ex rel. Townsend v. Mazzone.**

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

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

**2026-0047. State ex rel. Amir v. Cuyahoga Cty. Court of Common Pleas.**

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

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

**2026-0050. State ex rel. Redman v. Dept. of Rehab. & Corr.**

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.

**2026-0055. State ex rel. Smith v. Smith.**

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.

**2026-0058. State ex rel. Green v. Harcha.**

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.

**2026-0061. State ex rel. Ship v. Matthews.**

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.

**2026-0074. State ex rel. Nealey v. Ackerman Group.**

In Mandamus. On motions to dismiss of respondents Franklin County Probate Court and Franklin County Municipal Court, Housing Division. Motions granted. Relator's motion for relief denied. Sua sponte, cause dismissed as to remaining respondents. Cause dismissed.

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

**2026-0117. Foster v. McGinty.**

Miscellaneous case. On respondent's motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Relator's motion to strike motion to dismiss denied. Relator's motion for certification of complaint as class action and "motion to freeze defendant's assets and the appointing of a receiver" denied. Cause dismissed.

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

Kennedy, C.J., concurs but would deny as moot the motion for certification of complaint as class action and "motion to freeze defendant's assets and the appointing of a receiver."

**2026-0123. State ex rel. Lewis v. Winkler.**

In Mandamus. On motion to dismiss of respondents Hamilton County Probate Judge Ralph E. Winkler and Magistrate Kendal M. Coes. Motion granted. Sua sponte, cause dismissed as to respondent Melissa English. Cause dismissed.

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

**2026-0124. State ex rel. Taylor v. Anderson.**

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.

**2026-0140. Ames v. Montgomery Cty. Courts.**

Miscellaneous case. On respondent's motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Cause dismissed.

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

**2026-0150. State ex rel. Springs v. Rastatter.**

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**

**2019-0319. State ex rel. Evans v. State.**

In Mandamus. On relator's motion for findings of facts and conclusions of law. Motion denied.

**2025-0475. State ex rel. Bozsik v. Dept. of Rehab. & Corr.**

In Mandamus. On relator's affidavit for a new judge assignment. Affidavit denied.

**2025-1147. State ex rel. Anderson v. Reiman.**

In Mandamus. On respondents' motion to dismiss amended complaint. Motion denied. Sua sponte, respondents ordered to file an answer to the amended 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, 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.

Fischer, J., dissents.

**2025-1352. McBroom v. Ohio Aud.**

In Procedendo. On relator's motion to alter or amend a judgment. Motion denied.

**2025-1478. State ex rel. Railey v. Hamilton Cty. Court of Common Pleas.**

In Mandamus. On relator's motion to strike from the record and dismiss motion to dismiss. Motion denied.

DeWine and Deters, JJ., would deny the motion as moot.  
Shanahan, J., not participating.

**2025-1517. State ex rel. Moore v. Frericks.**

In Mandamus. On relator's procedural-default motion against dismissal. Motion denied.

**2025-1556. Taylor v. Camera Sec. Dept.**

In Habeas Corpus. On petitioner's "motion to proceed investigation." Motion denied as moot.

**2025-1557. Taylor v. Davis.**

In Habeas Corpus. On petitioner's "motion to proceed investigation." Motion denied as moot.

**2026-0126. St. Leonard v. Agengo.**

Montgomery App. No. 30648. 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 7 of the court of appeals' January 20, 2026 entry: "Whether a foreclosure decree that does not determine the validity, priority, or amount of a junior lien, but rather transfers such a lien to the proceeds of a judicial sale of the subject property, is a final, appealable order under R.C. 2505.02." The conflict case is *Tax Ease Ohio, L.L.C. v. Miller*, [2019-Ohio-3433](#) (5th Dist.).

DeWine, J., dissents.

**2026-0131. McNalley v. Keiser.**

Lucas App. No. L-25-00106, [2025-Ohio-5561](#). On review of order certifying a conflict. The court determines that a conflict exists. The conflict case is *Paganini v. Cataract Eye Ctr. of Cleveland*, [2025-Ohio-275](#) (8th Dist.). Sua sponte, cause consolidated with case No. 2026-0106 and held for the decision in [2025-0386](#), *Paganini v. Cataract Eye Ctr. of Cleveland*.

Fischer, J., would not hold the cause.

DeWine, J., dissents.

**2026-0134. State ex rel. Bradford v. Bur. of Sentence Computation.**

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

**2026-0137. State v. Matosky.**

Montgomery App. No. 30447, [2025-Ohio-5658](#). On review of order certifying a conflict. The court determines that a conflict exists. The conflict cases are *State v. Reed*, [2025-Ohio-4708](#) (1st Dist.), and *State v. Stonewall*, [2025-Ohio-4574](#) (1st Dist.). Sua sponte, cause consolidated with case No. 2026-0084 and held for the decision in [2024-1050](#), *State v. Striblin*.

Kennedy, C.J., and Fischer and Deters, JJ., would not hold the cause.

**2026-0278. State ex rel. Johnson v. Swartz.**

Lucas App. No. L-26-00001. On appellant's motion for stay. Motion denied.

### APPEALS ACCEPTED FOR REVIEW

**2026-0084. State v. Matosky.**

Montgomery App. No. 30447, [2025-Ohio-5658](#). Sua sponte, cause consolidated with case No. 2026-0137 and held for the decision in [2024-1050](#), *State v. Striblin*.

Kennedy, C.J., and Fischer and Deters, JJ., would not hold the cause.

**2026-0106. McNalley v. Keiser.**

Lucas App. No. L-25-00106, [2025-Ohio-5561](#). Sua sponte, cause consolidated with case No. 2026-0131 and held for the decision in [2025-0386](#), *Paganini v. Cataract Eye Ctr. of Cleveland*.

Fischer, J., would not hold the cause.

Brunner, J., would accept the appeal on proposition of law No. I only.

DeWine, J., dissents.

### APPEALS NOT ACCEPTED FOR REVIEW

**2026-0235. State v. Simmons.**

Columbiana App. No. 25 CO 0015, [2026-Ohio-849](#). Appellant's motion to stay execution of judgment denied.