

The Supreme Court of Ohio

CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 10, 2026

[Cite as *04/10/2026 Case Announcements*, 2026-Ohio-1299.]

MERIT DECISIONS WITH OPINIONS

2025-1267. State ex rel. Bates v. Copley, Slip Opinion No. 2026-Ohio-1270.

Lucas App. No. L2025-00197. On appellant's motion for reversal of judgment. Motion denied. Judgment affirmed.

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

2025-1359. State ex rel. Hicks v. Adams Cty. Bd. of Elections, Slip Opinion No. 2026-Ohio-1274.

In Mandamus. On relator's motion for leave to file rebuttal evidence. Motion granted as to attachments M and N and denied as to the remaining attachments. Writ granted. Respondents' request for sanctions denied. Costs assessed in accordance with Rule 18.05.

Fischer, Acting C.J., and Zmuda, Lucci, Brunner, Waite, Miller, and Shanahan, JJ., concur.

Gene A. Zmuda, J., of the Sixth District Court of Appeals, sitting for Kennedy, C.J.

Eugene A. Lucci, J., of the Eleventh District Court of Appeals, sitting for DeWine, J.

Cheryl L. Waite, J., of the Seventh District Court of Appeals, sitting for Deters, J.

Mark C. Miller, J., of the Third District Court of Appeals, sitting for Hawkins, J.

2025-1640. Disciplinary Counsel v. VanBibber, Slip Opinion No. 2026-Ohio-1271.

On Certified Report by the Board of Professional Conduct, No. 2024-038. Jack Herchel VanBibber, Attorney Registration No. 0097242, last known business address in Marion, Ohio, suspended from the practice of law for two years.

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

Brunner, J., not participating.

MOTION AND PROCEDURAL RULINGS

2026-0086. State v. Gibson.

Wood App. Nos. WD-24-049 and WD-24-050, [2025-Ohio-5073](#). Appellant's memorandum in support of jurisdiction fails to comply with Rule 7.02(B)(1) (a memorandum "shall not exceed fifteen numbered pages, exclusive of the table of contents, the signature block, and the certificate of service"). Sua sponte, pages 20 through 32 of the memorandum in support of jurisdiction, exclusive of the signature block, are stricken.

2026-0350. State ex rel. Bates v. Dept. of Rehab. & Corr.

In Mandamus and Prohibition. Sua sponte, it is ordered that within 14 days, relator shall submit a request for issuance of an additional summons at an alternative address or show cause why this case should not be dismissed as to respondent Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Correction et al. for failure to perfect service.