

The Supreme Court of Ohio

CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 21, 2026

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MERIT DECISIONS WITH OPINIONS

2024-0749. State v. McAlpin, Slip Opinion No. 2026-Ohio-148.

Cuyahoga App. No. 110811, [2023-Ohio-4794](#). Judgment affirmed and cause remanded to trial court.

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

2025-0415. State ex rel. Prows v. Ohio Legislative Serv. Comm., Slip Opinion, No. 2026-Ohio-149.

In Mandamus. Writ denied.

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

2025-0438. In re McDonald v. Stuff, Slip Opinion No. 2026-Ohio-150.

Richland App. No. 2024 CA 0095, [2025-Ohio-448](#). Judgment affirmed.

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

MERIT DECISIONS WITHOUT OPINIONS

2025-0839. State ex rel. Vista Property Mgt., L.L.C. v. Bd. of Tax Appeals.

In Procedendo. On order to show cause. Cause dismissed as moot.

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

2025-1137. State ex rel. A.G. v. Osowik.

In Mandamus and Prohibition. On respondents' motions to dismiss amended petition. Motions granted. Motion of respondents Lucas County Court of Common Pleas Judge Gary Cook and Lucas County Court of Common Pleas Clerk to declare relator a vexatious litigator granted. Accordingly, Laron Gregory prohibited from continuing or instituting legal proceedings in this court without first obtaining leave except in [2025-1484, State ex rel. Gregory v. Kudela](#). Any request for leave shall be submitted to the clerk of this court for the court's review. Relator's request for leave to amend amended petition and motion for sanctions, costs, and damages denied. Motion of respondents Lucas County Court of Common Pleas Judge Gary Cook and Lucas County Court of Common Pleas Clerk to stay discovery denied as moot. Cause dismissed.

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

Kennedy, C.J., and Deters, J., concur in part and dissent in part and would deny the motion to declare relator a vexatious litigator.

2025-1213. State ex rel. Ford v. McMonagle.

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

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

2025-1337. Johnson v. Eklund.

In Procedendo. On respondents' motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Relator's motion for default judgment, motion for demand for judgment, and motion for leave to file amended motion for demand for judgment denied. Cause dismissed.

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

Brunner, J., concurs but would deny as moot relator's motion for leave.

2025-1342. State ex rel. Wood 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.

2025-1363. State ex rel. Gill v. Cottrill.

In Prohibition. On relator's emergency motion to stay trial-court proceedings pending resolution of amended petition. Motion denied as moot. Respondent's amended motion to dismiss amended petition granted. Cause dismissed.

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

2025-1375. State ex rel. Mays-El v. Sheehan.

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

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

2025-1381. State ex rel. Ames v. Parker.

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

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

2025-1397. State ex rel. Harrison v. Third Dist. Court of Appeals.

In Mandamus. On respondents' motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Relator's motion for leave to file an amended affidavit and amended complaint denied. Cause dismissed.

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

Brunner, J., concurs but would deny relator's motion as moot, deem the amended complaint filed, and grant respondents' amended motion to dismiss the amended complaint.

2025-1401. State ex rel. Norman v. Fuller.

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

Kennedy, C.J., and Epley, Hess, Brunner, Dorrian, Hawkins, and Leland, JJ., concur.

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

Michael D. Hess, J., of the Fourth District Court of Appeals, sitting for DeWine, J.

Julia L. Dorrian, J., of the Tenth District Court of Appeals, sitting for Deters, J.

David J. Leland, J., of the Tenth District Court of Appeals, sitting for Shanahan, J.

2025-1402. Ames v. Parker.

In Mandamus, Prohibition, Habeas Corpus, and Procedendo. Cause dismissed pursuant to Rule 12.04.

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

2025-1426. State ex rel. Shabazz v. O'Malley.

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.

2025-1432. State ex rel. Pamboukis v. Lanzinger.

In Mandamus, Prohibition, and Procedendo. On relator's motion to substitute exhibits and motion to seal motion to substitute exhibits. Motions granted. Relator's motion for leave to file second amended petition denied. Relator's emergency motion for leave to file affidavit of verity denied. Motion to dismiss of respondents Ninth District Court of Appeals Judges granted. Sua sponte, cause dismissed as to remaining respondents. Cause dismissed.

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

2025-1449. State ex rel. Ford v. Dressel.

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.

2025-1472. State ex rel. Chappell v. Blackburn-Dolan.

In Mandamus. On relator's motion for clarification. Motion denied. Relator's combined motion for proof of mailed summons with verification of tracking number / notice of procedural history denied. Respondent's motion to dismiss granted. Relator's motion for ruling and preservation of rights denied. Cause dismissed.

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

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

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.

2025-1480. State ex rel. Tingler v. Crites.

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

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

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

2025-1485. Shank v. Medina Cty. Court of Common Pleas.

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

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

2025-1499. State ex rel. Keith v. Howard.

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.

2025-1500. State ex rel. Keith v. Springdale Police Dept.

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

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

2025-1501. State ex rel. Keith v. Favor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2025-1518. State ex rel. Henderson v. New Holland.

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

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

2025-1520. Richards v. Mazzone.

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

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

2025-1530. State ex rel. Spikes v. Winkler.

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.

2025-1531. State ex rel. Gibson v. Montgomery.

In Mandamus. On relator's motion for the appointment of counsel and funds to pay for counsel and expert witness. Motion denied. Respondent's motion to dismiss granted. Relator's motion to strike motion to dismiss denied. Cause dismissed.

Kennedy, C.J., and DeWine, Deters, Hawkins, and Shanahan, JJ., concur. Fischer and Brunner, JJ., concur but would deny relator's motion as moot.

2025-1534. State ex rel. Jackson v. Adkins.

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.

2025-1538. State ex rel. Muhammad v. Holbrook.

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.

2025-1552. State ex rel. Spikes v. Mallory.

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.

2025-1565. Ames v. Montgomery Cty. Courts.

Miscellaneous case. On respondent's motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Relator's motion for dismissal of all charges in Montgomery County denied. Cause dismissed.

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

Brunner, J., concurs but would deny relator's motion as moot.

2025-1572. State ex rel. Fritzsche v. Summit Cty. Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Div.

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

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

2025-1602. State ex rel. Matveeva v. Cuyahoga Cty. Common Pleas Court Clerk.

In Mandamus. On relator's motion for leave to file corrected brief. Motion granted. Respondent's motion for judgment on the pleadings denied. Cause dismissed pursuant to Rule 12.04.

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

Brunner, J., concurs but would deny the motions as moot.

Shanahan, J., concurs but would deny the writ on the merits.

MOTION AND PROCEDURAL RULINGS

2018-0901. State v. Hundley.

Mahoning C.P. No. 2015 CR 1132. On appellant's motion for court to set execution date. Motion denied.

2024-0279. State ex rel. Staple v. State Emp. Relations Bd.

Franklin App. No. 22AP-78, [2024-Ohio-140](#). On appellee's motion for award of attorney fees and expenses. Motion denied. Appellee's request under R.C. 2335.39 is denied because R.C. 2335.39 is inapplicable to mandamus actions. *State ex rel. Whitehead v. Sandusky Cty. Bd. of Commrs.*, [2012-Ohio-4837](#), ¶ 46; *State ex rel. Ohio Liberty Council v. Brunner*, [2010-Ohio-3331](#). Appellee's request under R.C. 2323.51 is denied because the actions appellants State Employment Relations Board and City of Ravenna took on appeal were not frivolous.

2024-1569. Checkfree Servs. Corp. v. Harris.

Board of Tax Appeals, No. 2019-43. On appellant's motion for the full court to hear oral argument. Motion granted. Oral argument will be scheduled at a later date. Appellant's motion for leave to file amended reply brief granted. The amended reply brief is accepted as timely filed.

2025-0849. State ex rel. Bloodworth v. Corr. Receptions Ctr.

In Mandamus. On relator's amended motion for relief from judgment or order. Motion denied.

2025-0951. Deditch v. Uber Technologies, Inc.

Certified Question of State Law, United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, No. 1:24-cv-1488. On review pursuant to Rule 9.05(B).

The court declines to answer the certified question. Motion of respondents Uber Technologies, Inc., Raiser, L.L.C., and Portier, L.L.C., requesting copies of the district-court record denied.

Fischer, J., dissents in part and would answer the certified question.

Hawkins and Shanahan, JJ., dissent.

2025-1101. *In re Complaint of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. v. Nationwide Energy Partners, L.L.C.*

Public Utilities Commission, No. 22-279-EL-CSS. On intervening appellee's motion to dismiss the appeal. Motion granted as to assignment of error No. 3 and denied as to assignment of error Nos. 1 and 2.

Deters, J., not participating.

2025-1148. *State ex rel. Utz v. Cincinnati.*

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 relators may file a reply brief within 7 days after the filing of respondents' brief.

2025-1160. *Minton v. Spencer.*

Miscellaneous case. On relator's "motion that all judicial officers admit in 1933 the United States declared bankruptcy and under bankruptcy required restructuring went from a constitutional to a 'for profit' corporate government which exists in violation of the U.S. Constitution." Motion denied.

2025-1212. *State v. Ford.*

Summit C.P. No. CR-[2013-04](#)-1008-A. On appellant's suggestion of a lack of a final, appealable order. Suggestion denied.

2025-1427. *State v. Thomas.*

Trumbull App. No. 2025-T-0006, [2025-Ohio-4534](#). On review of order certifying a conflict. The court determines that a conflict exists. The conflict cases are *State v. Brown*, [2016-Ohio-310](#) (1st Dist.), and *State v. Toennisson*, [2011-Ohio-5869](#) (12th Dist.). Sua sponte, cause consolidated with case No. 2025-1434 and held for the decision in 2025-1348 and [2025-1370](#), *State v. Talbert*.

DeWine and Brunner, JJ., dissent.

2025-1484. State ex rel. Gregory v. Kudela.

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

2025-1506. State ex rel. Schaffer v. Trumbull Cty. Auditor's Office.

In Mandamus. On motion to dismiss of respondents Aaron Michael Glasgow and Isaac Wiles Burkholder & Miller, L.L.C. Motion granted. Sua sponte, alternative writ granted as to respondents Trumbull County Auditor Martha C. Yoder and Trumbull County Auditor's Office. 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 Trumbull County Auditor Martha C. Yoder and Trumbull County Auditor's Office shall file a brief within 20 days after the filing of relator's brief, and relators may file a reply brief within 7 days after the filing of respondents' brief.

Brunner, J., dissents in part and would issue an alternative writ as to all respondents.

Hawkins, J., not participating.

2025-1563. A.A. v. S.P.

Franklin App. No. 24AP-639, [2025-Ohio-3081](#). On review of order certifying a conflict. The court determines that a conflict exists. The parties are to brief the issue as stated on the court of appeals' October 21, 2025 entry: "When a party fails to comply with the objection requirement in Civ.R. 65.1(G), does an appellate court lack jurisdiction over the party's appeal?" The conflict cases are *Hill v. Ferguson*, [2022-Ohio-13](#) (1st Dist.), and *Danison v. Blinco*, [2019-Ohio-2767](#) (3d Dist.). Sua sponte, cause consolidated with case No. [2025-1374](#).

Deters, J., dissents.

2025-1629. Slodov v. Eagle Ridge Subdivision Property Owners Assn., Inc.

Geauga App. No. 2025-G-0015, [2025-Ohio-5282](#). On appellant's motion for immediate stay. Motion denied.

Fischer, J., would deny the motion as moot.

2025-1656. In re Estate of S.E.D.

Franklin App. No. 25AP-884. On appellant's emergency motion to stay probate-court proceedings. Motion denied.

Fischer and Brunner, JJ., would deny the motion as moot.

APPEALS ACCEPTED FOR REVIEW

2025-1374. A.A. v. S.P.

Franklin App. No. 24AP-639, [2025-Ohio-3081](#). Sua sponte, cause consolidated with case No. [2025-1563](#).

Fischer, Brunner, and Deters, JJ., dissent.

2025-1434. State v. Thomas.

Trumbull App. No. 2025-T-0006, [2025-Ohio-4534](#). Sua sponte, cause consolidated with case No. 2025-1427 and held for the decision in 2025-1348 and [2025-1370, State v. Talbert](#).

Fischer, Brunner and Deters, JJ., dissent.

APPEALS NOT ACCEPTED FOR REVIEW

2025-1639. Lupton v. Ohio State Racing Comm.

Franklin App. No. 24AP-687, [2025-Ohio-4984](#). Appellant's motion to stay denied. Brunner, J., would deny the motion as moot.

2025-1650. Matyas v. Matyas.

Trumbull App. No. 2025-T-0007, [2025-Ohio-5100](#). Appellant's motion to stay execution of judgment denied.

MISCELLANEOUS DISMISSALS

2025-1446. State ex rel. Fligel v. Medina Mun. Court Clerk's Office.

In Mandamus. On respondent's motion to dismiss. Motion granted without prejudice for failure to comply with Rule 12.02(B). Cause dismissed.