

The Supreme Court of Ohio

CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 22, 2026

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MERIT DECISIONS WITH OPINIONS

2025-0262. State ex rel. Boddy v. Xenia Community City School Dist. Bd. of Edn., Slip Opinion No. 2026-Ohio-164.

In Mandamus. On respondents' first motion for leave to resubmit evidence. Motion granted. Respondents' second motion for leave to resubmit evidence and motion to retrieve attorney-client-privileged materials denied. Writ granted. Relator awarded court costs, \$1,000 in statutory damages, and reasonable attorney fees. Relator shall submit an itemized fee application within 20 days, and respondents may file a response within 14 days after the filing of relator's application.

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

Fischer, J., concurs but would not award statutory damages.

2025-0788. Cincinnati Bar Assn. v. Eppley, Slip Opinion No. 2026-Ohio-160.

On Certified Report by the Board of Professional Conduct, No. 2024-028. Mark Carter Eppley, Attorney Registration No. 0079218, last known business address in Cincinnati, Ohio, suspended from the practice of law for two years, fully stayed on conditions.

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

Brunner, J., not participating.

2025-0801. State ex rel. Martre v. N. Cent. Corr. Complex, Slip Opinion No. 2026-Ohio-162.

Marion App. No. 9-24-49. Judgment affirmed.

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

2025-1000. Disciplinary Counsel v. Wilson, Slip Opinion No. 2026-Ohio-165.

On Certified Report by the Board of Professional Conduct, No. 2024-043. Darnell Maurice Wilson, Attorney Registration No. 0096352, last known business address in West Chester Township, Ohio, suspended from the practice of law for six months, fully stayed on conditions.

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

Kennedy, C.J., concurs in part and dissents in part, with an opinion joined by Fischer and Huffman, JJ.

Kristy S. Wilkin, J., of the Fourth District Court of Appeals, sitting for Brunner, J.

Mary Katherine Huffman, J., of the Second District Court of Appeals, sitting for Deters, J.

MOTION AND PROCEDURAL RULINGS

2025-0472. Moe v. Yost.

Franklin App. No. 24AP-483, [2025-Ohio-914](#). On motion for permission to appear pro hac vice of Alexander Bowdre. Motion granted. Pursuant to Gov.Bar R. XII(4), counsel shall file a notice of permission to appear pro hac vice with the Supreme Court's Office of Attorney Services within 30 days.

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

In Mandamus. On respondent's motion to strike relator's motion filed January 2, 2026, for failure to serve. Motion denied. Sua sponte, respondent permitted to file a response to relator's third "motion; excuse respondent counsel: conflict of interest" within ten days of the court's entry.

DISCIPLINARY CASES

2024-1723. Disciplinary Counsel v. Norton.

Sua sponte, Eric Edward Norton, Attorney Registration No. 0071563, last known business address in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, found in contempt for failure to file an affidavit of compliance on or before December 15, 2025.