

# The Supreme Court of Ohio

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## CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### MERIT DECISIONS WITHOUT OPINIONS

**2026-0446. State ex rel. Johnson v. Davis.**

In Habeas Corpus. Sua sponte, cause dismissed.

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

**2026-0462. State ex rel. Vincent v. Warden, London Corr. Inst.**

In Habeas Corpus. Sua sponte, cause dismissed.

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

### MOTION AND PROCEDURAL RULINGS

**2026-0232. State ex rel. McClendon v. Dept. of Rehab. & Corr.**

In Mandamus. On relator's motion for leave to file amended complaint. Motion granted. 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.

Kennedy, C.J., dissents in part and would deny the motion.

Fischer, J., dissents in part and would sua sponte dismiss the cause.

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

**2026-0344. State v. Buchanan.**

Cuyahoga App. No. 114948, [2025-Ohio-5348](#). On motion for leave to file delayed appeal. Motion granted. Appellant shall file a memorandum in support of jurisdiction within 30 days.

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

**2026-0346. State v. Mitchell.**

Hamilton App. No. C-260037. On motion for leave to file delayed appeal. Motion denied.

Fischer and Brunner, JJ., dissent.

Deters, J., not participating.

**2026-0351. State v. Harris.**

Hamilton App. No. C-170125. On motion for leave to file delayed appeal. Motion denied.

Deters, J., not participating.

**2026-0352. State v. Sims.**

Wood App. No. WD-24-075, [2025-Ohio-5827](#). On motion for leave to file delayed appeal. Motion granted. Appellant shall file a memorandum in support of jurisdiction within 30 days.

Hawkins, J., dissents.

**2026-0367. State v. Crabtree.**

Fairfield App. No. 2025 CA 0018, [2025-Ohio-5674](#). On motion for leave to file delayed appeal. Motion granted. Appellant shall file a memorandum in support of jurisdiction within 30 days.

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

**2026-0407. State v. Patterson.**

Ottawa App. No. OT-24-044, [2025-Ohio-5671](#). On motion for leave to file delayed appeal. Motion denied.

Fischer, J., dissents.

**2026-0487. Lorain Cty. Pros. Atty. v. Williams.**

Lorain App. No. 26CA000016. On appellant's emergency motion to accept jurisdiction and for immediate relief. Motion denied.

**2026-0497. Grace v. Jack Thistledown Racino.**

Cuyahoga App. No. 115574, [2026-Ohio-941](#). On appellant's motion for a stay pending appeal. Motion denied.

**2026-0508. State ex rel. Thompson v. Swenski.**

In Prohibition. On relator's emergency motion for immediate relief and memorandum in support. Motion denied.

Fischer, J., dissents.

**APPEALS ACCEPTED FOR REVIEW**

**2026-0357. State v. Krouse.**

Union App. No. 14-25-33, [2026-Ohio-409](#).

Fischer and Brunner, JJ., dissent.

**2026-0456. State v. Dejournett.**

Summit App. No. 31316, [2026-Ohio-640](#).

Kennedy, C.J., and Hawkins, J., dissent.

**APPEALS NOT ACCEPTED FOR REVIEW**

**2025-1596. State v. Martinez.**

Madison App. No. CA2024-11-021.

**2025-1609. State v. Mixon.**

Muskingum App. No. CT2025-0021, [2025-Ohio-2970](#).

**2025-1626. State v. Mitchell.**

Cuyahoga App. No. 114545, [2025-Ohio-2772](#).

**2026-0005. Scott v. Green.**

Summit App. No. 31412.

**2026-0095. State v. Bickerstaff.**

Lucas App. No. L-25-00057, [2025-Ohio-4567](#).

**2026-0197. State v. Tilton.**

Lake App. Nos. 2025-L-016 and 2025-L-017, [2025-Ohio-5471](#).

**2026-0250. State v. Day.**

Cuyahoga App. No. 114582, [2025-Ohio-5625](#).

**2026-0260. State v. Perry.**

Montgomery App. No. 30753.

**2026-0261. State v. Grant.**

Trumbull App. No. 2024-T-0095, [2025-Ohio-5095](#).

**2026-0263. Reilly v. Rastegar.**

Montgomery App. No. 30464, [2026-Ohio-208](#).

Fischer, J., dissents.

**2026-0265. State v. Bell.**

Montgomery App. No. 30545, [2026-Ohio-202](#).

**2026-0266. Bruner Holdings, L.L.C. v. Sleeper.**

Franklin App. No. 25AP-710.

**2026-0267. State v. Haynik.**

Cuyahoga App. No. 111769, [2025-Ohio-1363](#).

**2026-0271. Albers v. Lyon.**

Hamilton App. No. C-250017, [2026-Ohio-209](#).

Fischer and Deters, JJ., not participating.

**2026-0272. State v. Frazier.**

Franklin App. No. 24AP-49, [2025-Ohio-2992](#).

**2026-0273. State v. Crenshaw.**

Cuyahoga App. No. 115006, [2026-Ohio-186](#).

Kennedy, C.J., dissents and would hold the cause for the decision in [2025-0670](#), *State v. Holliman*.

Hawkins, J., dissents and would accept the appeal on proposition of law No. I and would hold the cause for the decision in *Holliman*.

**2026-0274. Boggs v. Durrani.**

Hamilton App. Nos. C-250068, C-250072, and C-250275, [2026-Ohio-210](#).

Kennedy, C.J., dissents.

Fischer and Deters, JJ., not participating.

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

Lucas App. No. L-26-00001.

**2026-0284. State v. Clemons.**

Cuyahoga App. No. 115030, [2026-Ohio-257](#).

**2026-0288. State v. Toler.**

Butler App. No. CA2025-06-063, [2026-Ohio-222](#).

**2026-0291. Henderson & Weatherly Co., L.P.A. v. Mokhtari.**

Cuyahoga App. No. 115854.

**2026-0295. State v. Lee.**

Tuscarawas App. No. 2025 AP 04 0016, [2026-Ohio-299](#).

**2026-0298. State v. Johnson.**

Hamilton App. No. C-250220, [2026-Ohio-727](#).

Kennedy, C.J., dissents.

Fischer, J., dissents and would hold the cause for the decision in [2024-1050](#), *State v. Striblin*.

Deters, J., dissents and would hold the cause for the decisions in [2025-0504](#), *State v. Barber*, and [2025-0950](#), *State v. Hall*.

**2026-0302. Whitney v. J.M. Smucker Co.**

Summit App. Nos. 30713 and 30714

**2026-0303. L.G. v. R.G.**

Cuyahoga App. No. 115041, [2026-Ohio-258](#).

Fischer, J., dissents and would accept the appeal on proposition of law No. II.

**2026-0304. Eagle Ridge Subdivision, Inc. v. Ott & Assoc. Co., L.P.A.**

Cuyahoga App. No. 114907, [2026-Ohio-256](#).

**2026-0305. Howard Hanna v. Ford.**

Cuyahoga App. No. 115086, [2025-Ohio-5524](#).

**2026-0306. State v. Smith.**

Belmont App. No. 24 BE 0058, [2026-Ohio-387](#).

DeWine, J., dissents and would accept the appeal on proposition of law No. I.

Deters, J., dissents and would summarily reverse the court of appeals' judgment and remand the cause for reopening of the appeal because no signed waiver is included in the record, *see State v. Pless*, [1996-Ohio-102](#).

**2026-0308. In re B.D.**

Wayne App. No. 25AP0043, [2026-Ohio-306](#).

**2026-0309. In re S.D.**

Wayne App. No. 25AP0044, [2026-Ohio-306](#).

**2026-0310. In re D.L.**

Richland App. No. 2025 CA 00068, [2026-Ohio-295](#).

**2026-0311. In re D.L.**

Richland App. No. 2025 CA 00069, [2026-Ohio-296](#).

**2026-0312. In re K.L.**

Cuyahoga App. No. 115381, [2026-Ohio-266](#).

**2026-0316. State v. Tucker.**

Lorain App. No. 25CA012390.

**2026-0317. State v. Kodger.**

Huron App. No. H-24-036, [2026-Ohio-327](#).

**2026-0320. In re Estate of Alibrando v. Minor.**

Licking App. No. 2025 CA 00051, [2026-Ohio-133](#).

**2026-0325. State v. George.**

Columbiana App. No. 25 CO 0018, [2026-Ohio-324](#).

**2026-0326. State v. Clavin.**

Columbiana App. No. 25 CO 0019, [2026-Ohio-325](#).

**2026-0340. State v. Vicario.**

Delaware App. No. 25-CAA-030021, [2025-Ohio-5406](#).

**2026-0342. State v. Davis.**

Cuyahoga App. No. 114914, [2026-Ohio-345](#).

**2026-0343. Paeonian Ents., L.L.C. v. Fitworks Holding, L.L.C.**

Hamilton App. No. C-250058, [2026-Ohio-379](#).

**2026-0362. Euclid v. R.C.**

Cuyahoga App. No. 115182, [2026-Ohio-457](#).

Kennedy, C.J., and Deters and Shanahan, JJ., dissent.

**2026-0369. Highland Hills v. Safford.**

Cuyahoga App. No. 115179, [2026-Ohio-456](#).

Fischer, J., dissents.

**2026-0374. Rue v. Dir., Dept. of Job & Family Servs.**

Butler App. No. CA2024-12-143.

**2026-0388. W.A. Smith Fin., L.L.C. v. Doe.**

Cuyahoga App. No. 114884, [2026-Ohio-184](#).

**2026-0395. Wood v. Energex Power, Inc.**

Muskingum App. No. CT2025-0111, [2026-Ohio-729](#).

**2026-0423. State v. Gudino.**

Summit App. No. 31353, [2026-Ohio-641](#).

## RECONSIDERATION OF PRIOR DECISIONS

**2024-1711. State ex rel. Zimmerman v. Avon Lake.**

In Mandamus. Reported at [2026-Ohio-1090](#). On motion for reconsideration. Motion denied. Relators' motion for attorney fees denied.

**2025-1694. Souare v. Guzzo.**

Summit App. No. 31505, [2025-Ohio-5491](#). Reported at [2026-Ohio-1092](#). On motion for reconsideration. Motion denied. Appellant's motion to convert to

mandatory jurisdiction and to vacate entry declining jurisdiction denied. Appellant's request for filing guidance denied.

Brunner, J., dissents in part and would grant the request for filing guidance.

**2026-0091. State v. Robertson.**

Lawrence App. No. 25CA10, [2025-Ohio-5039](#). Reported at [2026-Ohio-846](#). On motion for reconsideration. Motion denied.

Brunner, J., dissents.

## DISCIPLINARY CASES

**2026-0454. Disciplinary Counsel v. Dawson.**

Board of Professional Conduct, No. 2025-018. James Matthew Dawson, Attorney Registration No. 0077359, last known business address in Newark, Ohio, suspended from the practice of law for one year, conditionally stayed.

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

Fischer, J., concurs but would add one year of monitoring as a condition.

Brunner, J., not participating.

**2026-0458. Butler Cty. Bar Assn. v. Rolcik.**

Board of Professional Conduct, No. 2025-031. Karen Ann Rolcik, Attorney Registration No. 0034641, last known business address in West Chester, Ohio, publicly reprimanded.

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

Fischer, J., dissents and would remand the cause to the board.

Brunner, J., not participating.