

# The Supreme Court of Ohio

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## CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## MERIT DECISIONS WITH OPINIONS

**2023-1242. State v. Turner, Slip Opinion No. 2026-Ohio-1996.**

Cuyahoga App. No. 111808, [2023-Ohio-2874](#). Judgment reversed, convictions reinstated, and cause remanded.

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

Fischer, J., dissents, with an opinion.

Brunner, J., dissents, with an opinion.

**2025-1077. State ex rel. Bates v. Jenkins, Slip Opinion No. 2026-Ohio-1994.**

In Mandamus. On relator's motion for leave to file revised evidence. Motion denied. Writ denied in part and denied as moot in part, and relator's request for statutory damages denied.

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

Kennedy, C.J., concurs in part and dissents in part, with an opinion.

Fischer, J., concurs in judgment only.

**2025-1273. State ex rel. Krug v. Stuff, Slip Opinion No. 2026-Ohio-1995.**

Richland App. No. 2025 CA 0042, [2025-Ohio-3039](#). Judgment affirmed.

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

## MERIT DECISIONS WITHOUT OPINIONS

### **2026-0081. State ex rel. Pryor v. Burkhart.**

In Mandamus. On respondent's motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Relator's request for appointment of counsel, motion for sanctions, and motion for oral argument denied. Cause dismissed.

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

### **2026-0145. State ex rel. Rhea v. Mowery.**

In Mandamus and Procedendo. On relator's motion to compel production of evidence. Motion denied. Relator's motion for peremptory writ of mandamus and motion for entry of final judgment denied. Motion to dismiss of respondent Scioto County Court of Common Pleas Judge Howard H. Harcha III granted. Motion for judgment on the pleadings of Portsmouth Municipal Court Judge Steven L. Mowery, Chris Gerard, and John Haas granted. Relator's motion to strike amended answer of Judge Steven Mowery, Chris Gerard, and John Haas denied. Relator's demand for aggregate final judgment denied. Respondents Arrowhead Sidney and Kimberly Potter's motion to dismiss granted. Respondents Arrowhead Sidney and Kimberly Potter's motion to declare action frivolous denied. Motion to dismiss of respondents Fourth District Court of Appeals Judges Peter B. Abele, Michael D. Hess, Kristy S. Wilkin, and Jason P. Smith granted. Relator's motion to vacate April 14, 2026 entry and second motion for final judgment denied. Cause dismissed.

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

Fischer, J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would grant the motion to declare action frivolous.

### **2026-0190. In re Application of Souare v. Eans.**

In Mandamus and Prohibition. On relator's request for expedited consideration. Motion denied as moot. Motions to dismiss of respondents Akron Police Department, Attorney General Dave Yost, Ravenna Police Department and Detective Duane Kaley, and Portage County Jail and Portage County Sheriff granted. Respondents Stow Municipal Court and Judge Cynthia K. Curtin's motion for judgment on the pleadings granted. Cause dismissed.

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

**2026-0219. Perales v. United States Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.**

Miscellaneous case. On respondent's request to declare relator a vexatious litigator. Request denied. Cause dismissed pursuant to Rule 12.04.

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

Fischer and Shanahan, JJ., concur in part and dissent in part and would grant the request.

**2026-0247. State ex rel. McGee v. May.**

In Mandamus. On motion to dismiss of respondent Harold May and interested party State of Ohio. Motion granted. Relator's objection to dismissal of respondent Annette Chambers-Smith as a party denied. Cause dismissed.

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

**2026-0262. State ex rel. Cowan v. Clerk of the Supreme Court of Ohio.**

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.

**2026-0277. State ex rel. Johnson v. Davis.**

In Mandamus. On motion to dismiss of respondents Cynthia Davis, Jeremy Oppy, Nicole Joseph, Lieutenant Crabtree, Sergeant Jones, Lieutenant Wellman, Sergeant Terry, Kevin Parker, B. Goodman, Connelly, Flenner, C.O. Dalton, and Brandi Trelka. Motion granted. Sua sponte, cause dismissed as to remaining respondents. Cause dismissed.

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

**2026-0280. Foster v. Shaughnessy.**

In Procedendo. On relator's request for emergency accelerated docket. Request denied. Respondent's motion to dismiss granted. Cause dismissed.

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

**2026-0281. State ex rel. Price v. McLaughlin.**

In Mandamus. On respondent's motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Relator's request for dismissal with prejudice denied. Cause dismissed.

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

**2026-0296. State ex rel. Haddix v. Hoffman.**

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.

**2026-0307. State ex rel. Harris v. May.**

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

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

**2026-0313. State ex rel. Lomax v. Bedford Mun. Court.**

In Mandamus. On relator's emergency motion for immediate stay. Motion denied. Relator's motion to enforce stay and restore possession denied. Relator's motion for order to show cause and supplemental enforcement denied. Relator's emergency "motion for immediate relief pending show cause and final determination" denied. Respondent's motion to dismiss granted. Relator's motion for writ of procedendo, motion to compel, request for expedited consideration, and "motion regarding wanton misconduct, burden-shifting, conscious nonperformance of identifiable duties, and order compelling identifiable procedural and jurisdictional clarification" denied. Cause dismissed.

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

**2026-0330. State ex rel. Wells v. Hanlin.**

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

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

**2026-0392. State ex rel. Harris v. Murphy.**

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

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

**2026-0397. State ex rel. Wilson v. Second Dist. Court of Appeals.**

In Mandamus. On respondent's motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Relator's motion for stay denied. Cause dismissed.

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

**2026-0400. Picard v. Richland Cty. Court of Common Pleas.**

In Mandamus and Procedendo. On respondents' motion to dismiss procedendo action as moot. Motion granted. Relator's motion to compel response denied. Cause dismissed as to request for writ of mandamus pursuant to Rule 12.04. Cause dismissed.

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

**2026-0414. Whitt v. State.**

In Procedendo. 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**

**2006-1502. State v. Fry.**

Summit C.P. No. 2005-08-3007. On appellee's motion to set execution date. Motion granted. Sentence to be carried into execution by the warden of the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility or, in his absence, by the deputy warden on Wednesday, November 14, 2029, in accordance with the statutes so provided.

**2025-0572. State ex rel. Union Twp. Bd. of Trustees v. Hebron.**

In Mandamus. On relators' motion to strike respondents' evidence. Motion denied. Sua sponte, parties ordered to file supplemental briefs addressing the following issues: (1) Was unincorporated territory annexed to the Village of Hebron in September 2022? (2) Was unincorporated territory excluded from Union Township in September 2022? (3) Does R.C. 709.19 apply under the facts of this mandamus action? Amicus curiae permitted to file a brief addressing these issues. All briefs shall be filed within 20 days and shall not exceed 15 numbered pages. No responsive briefs permitted. Sua sponte, oral argument to be scheduled at a later date.

**2025-1102. Davenport v. Progressive Direct Ins. Co.**

Cuyahoga App. No. 114306, [2025-Ohio-2449](#). On appellees' motion for leave to file appellees' merit brief under seal. Motion granted in part. Appellees ordered to redact only those parts of their merit brief that the trial court sealed and to file an unredacted version for in camera review.

**2025-1235. State ex rel. Wright v. Clerk of Mun. Court.**

Franklin App. No. 24AP-746, [2025-Ohio-3242](#). On appellant's "motion for finality of determination." Motion denied as moot.

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

In Procedendo. On relator's motion for rehearing. Motion denied.

**2025-1451. Republic Servs. of Ohio Transp., L.L.C. v. Harris.**

Board of Tax Appeals, Nos. 2022-494 and 2022-1390. On appellant's motion for full court to hear oral argument. Motion granted. Oral argument to be scheduled at a later date.

**2025-1567. State ex rel. Clemens v. Boldt.**

In Mandamus. On relator's objection to style and manner of court's decision dated February 25, 2026. Objection denied.

Brunner, J., would treat the objection as a motion for reconsideration.

**2026-0027. Egan v. Conneaut Mun. Court Clerk of Court.**

In Mandamus and Prohibition. On relator's amended request for declaratory judgment and supplemental mandatory relief. Request denied.

**2026-0029. State ex rel. Bagner v. Dept. of Job & Family Servs.**

In Mandamus. On respondent's motion to dismiss. Motion denied. Sua sponte, respondent ordered to file an answer to the 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, 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.

**2026-0115. Harris v. State.**

In Habeas Corpus. On petitioner's "motion notice of inquire." Motion denied as moot.

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

Miscellaneous case. On relator’s motion for default judgment. Motion denied.

**2026-0225. State ex rel. Daly v. Forest Hills Local School Dist. Bd. of Edn.**

In Mandamus. On respondents’ motion to dismiss. Motion denied. Sua sponte, respondents ordered to file an answer to the 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. Sua sponte, respondents ordered to file under seal an unredacted copy of the record at issue for in camera inspection.

Fischer, J., dissents and would grant the motion.

**2026-0290. Isley v. Driscoll.**

In Habeas Corpus. On petitioner’s “motion on habeas corpus entry.” Motion denied.

**APPEALS ACCEPTED FOR REVIEW**

**2026-0294. State v. Thompson.**

Portage App. No. 2024-P-0074, [2026-Ohio-398](#).

Fischer, J., dissents because appellant failed to comply with Rule 3.11(B)(3) by failing to serve the notice of appeal on the Ohio Public Defender.

Hawkins and Shanahan, JJ., dissent.