

The Supreme Court of Ohio

CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 15, 2026

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MERIT DECISIONS WITH OPINIONS

2024-1669 and 2025-0071. Wells Fargo Bank, Natl. Assn. v. Doberdruk, Slip Opinion No. 2026-Ohio-2674.

Cuyahoga App. No. 113637, [2024-Ohio-5007](#). Judgment reversed and cause remanded.

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

2025-0791. Dayton Bar Assn. v. Baker, Slip Opinion No. 2026-Ohio-2673.

On Certified Report of the Board of Professional Conduct, No. 2024-029. Christine Marie Baker of Dayton, Ohio, Attorney Registration No. 0088634, suspended from the practice of law for two years with one year conditionally stayed.

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

DeWine, J., concurs, with an opinion.

Deters, J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would impose a one-year suspension with six months conditionally stayed as recommended by the board.

Eileen T. Gallagher, J., of the Eighth District Court of Appeals, sitting for Brunner, J.

MERIT DECISIONS WITHOUT OPINIONS

2026-0169. State ex rel. Durst v. Dept. of Rehab. & Corr.

In Mandamus. Cause dismissed pursuant to Rule 12.04.

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

Kennedy, C.J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would order respondent to file an answer and would grant an alternative writ except as to the public-records request submitted on October 24, 2024, for the reasons set forth in her dissenting opinion in *State ex rel. Jordan v. Dept. of Rehab. & Corr.*, [2025-Ohio-3051](#).

2026-0379. State ex rel. Brooks v. Adult Parole Auth.

In Mandamus. On respondent's motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Relator's motion for leave to file revised petition denied. Cause dismissed.

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

2026-0461. State ex rel. Durst v. Dept. of Rehab. & Corr.

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

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

Kennedy, C.J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would order respondent to file an answer and would grant an alternative writ except as to the public-records request submitted on October 24, 2024, for the reasons set forth in her dissenting opinion in *State ex rel. Jordan v. Dept. of Rehab. & Corr.*, [2025-Ohio-3051](#).

2026-0498. State ex rel. Harrison v. Third Dist. Court of Appeals.

In Mandamus. On respondents' motions to dismiss. Motions granted. Relator's motion for default judgment against respondent Logan County Prosecuting Attorney Eric Stewart denied. Cause dismissed.

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

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

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

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

2026-0511. State ex rel. Huffman v. Ninth Dist. Court of Appeals Judges.

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

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

2026-0517. Chukwuani v. Cuyahoga Cty. Domestic Relations Court.

In Procedendo. On respondent's motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Relator's emergency motion for expedited timeline denied. Cause dismissed.

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

2026-0540. State ex rel. Hillman v. Phipps.

In Procedendo. On respondent's motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Relator's request to strike motion to dismiss denied. Cause dismissed.

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

2026-0546. State ex rel. Moore v. Ninth Dist. Court of Appeals.

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.

2026-0551. State ex rel. Cook v. Akron Mun. Court.

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

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

2026-0589. State ex rel. Osborne v. Branch.

In Mandamus and Prohibition. On respondents' motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Relator's emergency motion for stay of trial-court proceedings and emergency motion to enforce stay and to vacate trial-court entries denied. Cause dismissed.

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

MOTION AND PROCEDURAL RULINGS

2025-1461. Whirlpool Corp. v. Harris.

Board of Tax Appeals, No. 2021-2765. On appellant's motion for the full court to hear oral argument. Motion granted. Oral argument to be scheduled at a later date.

2025-1695. Grange Indemn. Ins. Co. v. Harden.

Mahoning App. Nos. 25 MA 0018 and 25 MA 0019, [2025-Ohio-5212](#). On appellant's motion to supplement the record with the digital audio recording of the Seventh Appellate District oral arguments conducted on September 24, 2025. Motion denied.

Brunner, Deters, and Shanahan, JJ., dissent.

2026-0184. State ex rel. Giesige v. Bur. of Sentencing Computation.

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

2026-0193. Thomas v. State.

In Habeas Corpus. On petitioner's motion to vacate sua sponte. Motion denied.

2026-0364. State ex rel. Gray v. Unknown Pub. Officials of the State.

In Habeas Corpus. On petitioner's motion for instructions. Motion denied. Petitioner's motion to seal the charter of the Fellowship of Zion College and all other documents denied.

2026-0368. State ex rel. Campbell v. McNamara.

In Habeas Corpus. On petitioner's "notification reference official document relator motion." Request denied as moot.

2026-0499. State ex rel. Steinhelfer v. Sullivan.

In Mandamus. On relator's motion to file exhibit under seal. Motion denied.

2026-0750. State v. Boyer.

Pike App. No. 25CA944. On appellant's motion for immediate interim relief based on subsequent procedural development and for record-preservation direction. Motion denied. Appellant's emergency motion for stay / interim relief denied. Appellant's motion to enforce the June 25, 2026 entry, to disregard appellee's request for additional time, to discharge appointed appellate counsel, and for immediate corrective relief denied.

APPEALS NOT ACCEPTED FOR REVIEW

2026-0322. E.S. v. L.J.

Summit App. No. 31614, [2026-Ohio-900](#). Appellant's "motion for mandatory jurisdiction pursuant to Article IV, Section 3(B)(4) of the Ohio Constitution based on conflict between Ohio Appellate Districts" denied. Appellant's revised motion for expedited consideration of the merits denied.