

The Supreme Court of Ohio

CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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MERIT DECISIONS WITH OPINIONS

2024-0906. State ex rel. King v. Lyons, Slip Opinion No. 2026-Ohio-3174.

In Mandamus. Writ denied.

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

Kennedy, C.J., concurs except as to Part II(B).

Brunner, J., concurs in part and dissents in part, with an opinion.

Fischer, J., dissents.

2025-1323. Disciplinary Counsel v. Ickes, Slip Opinion No. 2026-Ohio-3173.

On Certified Report of the Board of Professional Conduct, No. 2024-032. Respondent, Jon Marshal Ickes, of Fremont, Ohio, Attorney Registration No. 0059071, suspended from the practice of law for two years.

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

DeWine, J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would impose a one-year suspension with six months stayed on the condition that respondent commit no further misconduct.

Deters, J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would impose a two-year suspension, fully stayed on the conditions that respondent engage in no further misconduct and that respondent complete a course approved by relator on antiharassment training.

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

MERIT DECISIONS WITHOUT OPINIONS

2026-0321. Cotten v. Chambers-Smith.

In Quo Warranto. On relator's "motion for leave to file an interrogatories discovery," motion for leave to file an amended petition, "motion for leave to file Fed.R.Civ.P. 4(a)," "motion for leave to ask substantive federal constitutional questions," and "motion for leave to file judicial notice." Motions denied. Respondent's motion to dismiss 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.

2026-0439. Paige v. E. Cleveland Mun. Court.

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.

2026-0450. Burge v. Euclid Police Dept.

Miscellaneous case. On relator's "intentional tort claim jury demand." Demand denied. Motion to dismiss of respondent Eric M. Levy granted. Respondent Eric Levy's request to declare relator a vexatious litigator and to impose statewide filing restrictions denied. Relator's motion for default judgment denied. Motion to dismiss of respondents Eighth District Court of Appeals Judges Kathleen Ann Keough, Mary J. Boyle, Anita Laster Mays, and Eileen A. Gallagher granted. Motion to dismiss of respondents Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Judge Richard A. Bell, Morgan E. Austin, John D. R-R. Kirkland, Daryl T. Dennie, Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department, Cuyahoga County Correctional Center, and Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office "Crime Strategies Unit" granted. Motions to dismiss of respondents Euclid Police Department and Richland Correctional Institution granted. Relator's motions to strike and motion for inspection of all electronic video and audio recordings 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 request to declare relator a vexatious litigator and to impose statewide filing restrictions.

2026-0466. State ex rel. Engler v. LaRose.

In Mandamus. On respondents' motion to dismiss. Motion granted. American Civil Liberties Union's motion for leave to file brief of amicus curiae in support of motion to dismiss granted. Cause dismissed.

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

2026-0566. Shepov v. Saffold.

In Prohibition. On respondent's motion to dismiss amended petition. Motion granted. Relator's motion for alternative writ and motion for leave to file revised amended complaint denied. Cause dismissed.

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

2026-0580. State ex rel. Scott v. Ray.

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.

2026-0587. State ex rel. Link v. Ali.

In Mandamus. On motion to dismiss of respondents Jim Link and Tammie K. Hursh. Motion granted. Sua sponte, cause dismissed as to respondent Jennifer M. McBride. Cause dismissed.

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

2026-0598. State ex rel. Brewer v. LaRose.

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.

2026-0601. State ex rel. Brewer v. LaRose.

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.

2026-0617. State ex rel. Wasserman v. Phipps.

In Mandamus and Procedendo. On motion to dismiss of respondents Franklin County Court of Common Pleas Judge Karen Phipps and Treasurer Cheryl Brooks Sullivan. Motion denied. Motion to dismiss of respondent Robert Weir denied. Cause dismissed pursuant to Rule 12.04.

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

2026-0619. State ex rel. Wilson v. Huffman.

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.

2026-0630. State ex rel. Mathys v. Estes.

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

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

2026-0633. State ex rel. Smith v. Lakewood Mun. Court.

In Mandamus. On relator's request for peremptory writ or expedited alternative writ. Cause dismissed pursuant to Rule 12.04.

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

Kennedy, C.J., and Brunner, J., dissent and would issue an alternative writ and deny the request.

Deters, J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would issue an alternative writ as to respondents John Daley, Caitlin Magner, and Maria Russo and would deny the request.

2026-0635. State ex rel. Crump v. Franklin Cty. Mun. Court.

In Prohibition. On relator's emergency motion for stay of execution of writ of restitution. Motion denied. Respondents' motions to dismiss granted. Cause dismissed.

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

2026-0637. State ex rel. Williams v. Lorain Cty. Clerk of Courts.

In Mandamus and Procedendo. On respondents motions to dismiss. Motions granted. Motion of respondents' Lorain County Court of Common Pleas, General

Division, and Clerk of Courts to declare relator a vexatious litigator granted. Accordingly, Michael A. Williams Sr. prohibited from continuing or instituting legal proceedings in this court without first obtaining leave. Any request for leave shall be submitted to the clerk of this court for the court's review. Cause dismissed.

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

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

2026-0639. State ex rel. Allah-U-Akbar v. Schroeder.

In Mandamus and Prohibition. On respondent's application to appoint special prosecutor. Application denied. Respondent's motion to dismiss granted. Relator's "motion for judgment," motion for judicial notice, and motion to vacate order denied. Cause dismissed.

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

2026-0661. State ex rel. Harvey v. Finnegan.

In Prohibition. On respondents' motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Relator's motion to strike motion to dismiss denied. Cause dismissed.

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

2026-0686. State ex rel. Martin v. Eighth Dist. Court of Appeals Judges.

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

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

2026-0688. State ex rel. Carpenter v. Tiffin-Fostoria Mun. Court.

In Mandamus. Cause dismissed pursuant to Rule 12.04.

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

2026-0695. State ex rel. Martin v. Ohio Court of Claims.

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.

2026-0697. State ex rel. Lomax v. Day.

In Mandamus and Procedendo. On relator's motion for adjudication under Rule 12.04(C) and request for a peremptory writ or, alternatively, an alternative writ. Motion and request denied. Cause dismissed pursuant to Rule 12.04.

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

2026-0704. State ex rel. Carpenter v. Alt.

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.

2026-0705. State ex rel. Williams v. Lorain Cty. Clerk of Courts.

In Mandamus. On relator's request for immediate intervention. Request denied. Motion to dismiss of respondents Lorain County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division, and Clerk of Courts granted. Motion of respondents Lorain County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division, and Clerk of Courts to declare relator a vexatious litigator granted. Accordingly, Michael A. Williams Sr. prohibited from continuing or instituting legal proceedings in this court without first obtaining leave. Any request for leave shall be submitted to the clerk of this court for the court's review. Motion to dismiss of respondent Ninth District Court of Appeals granted. Cause dismissed.

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

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

2026-0730. State ex rel. Meros v. Shaughnessy.

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.

2026-0732. State ex rel. Jones v. Doherty.

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.

2026-0761. State ex rel. Russell v. Clark Cty. Court of Common Pleas Clerk.

In Mandamus and Procedendo. On respondents’ motions for judgment on the pleadings. Motions granted. Cause dismissed.

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

2026-0767. State ex rel. Hummons v. Hamilton Cty. Court of Common Pleas.

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

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

Fischer, DeWine, and Deters, JJ., not participating.

MOTION AND PROCEDURAL RULINGS

2023-1286. In re Application of Kingwood Solar I, L.L.C.

Public Utilities Commission, No. 21-117-EL-BGN. On appellee/cross-appellee’s motion to dismiss appeal on mootness grounds. Motion denied.

DeWine, J., not participating.

2026-0034. State ex rel. Potelicki v. Zoar.

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.

2026-0294. State v. Thompson.

Portage App. No. 2024-P-0074, [2026-Ohio-398](#). On appellee’s “motion to the Supreme Court of Ohio.” Motion denied.

Kennedy, C.J., would sua sponte dismiss the cause.

Fischer, J., would also sua sponte dismiss the cause.

2026-0604. Bahorek v. Franklin Cty. Bd. of Revision.

Franklin App. No. 25AP-164, [2026-Ohio-1523](#). On review of order certifying a conflict. The court determines that a conflict exists. The conflict case is *Gillis v. Delaware Cty. Bd. of Revision*, [2024-Ohio-5669](#) (5th Dist.). Sua sponte, cause

consolidated with case No. 2026-0606 and held for the decision in case Nos. 2026-0607 and [2026-0608](#).

[2026-0607](#). *Bahorek v. Franklin Cty. Bd. of Revision*.

Franklin App. Nos. 25AP-10 through 25AP-64, 25AP-66 through 25AP-72, 25AP-76 through 25AP-81, 25AP-101 through 25AP-105, and 25AP-107 through 25AP-126, [2026-Ohio-1526](#). On review of order certifying a conflict. The court determines that a conflict exists. The parties are to brief the issue as stated in *Bahorek v. Franklin Cty. Bd. of Revision*, [2026-Ohio-1526](#), ¶ 41 (10th Dist.): “Does R.C. 5715.19(A)(6)(a) as adopted by Am.Sub.H.B. No. 126 violate the uniform rule requirement of Article XII, Section 2 of the Ohio Constitution?” The conflict case is *Gillis v. Delaware Cty. Bd. of Revision*, [2024-Ohio-5669](#) (5th Dist.). Sua sponte, cause consolidated with case No. [2026-0608](#).

[2026-0625](#). *State v. Jones*.

Ashtabula App. No. 2026-A-0019, [2026-Ohio-1448](#). On appellant’s motion for judicial notice. Motion denied.

Fischer, J., would sua sponte declare appellant to be a vexatious litigator.

[2026-0659](#). *Bahorek v. Franklin Cty. Bd. of Revision*.

Franklin App. No. 25AP-165, [2026-Ohio-1524](#). On review of order certifying a conflict. The court determines that a conflict exists. The conflict case is *Gillis v. Delaware Cty. Bd. of Revision*, [2024-Ohio-5669](#) (5th Dist.). Sua sponte, cause consolidated with case No. 2026-0660 and held for the decision in case Nos. 2026-0607 and [2026-0608](#).

[2026-0680](#). *State v. Mundt*.

Noble App. No. 25 NO 0525, [2026-Ohio-1413](#). On appellant/cross-appellee’s motion to strike notice of cross-appeal. Motion denied.

[2026-0857](#). *State ex rel. Voice-Kleinberg v. Jones*.

In Mandamus and Procedendo. On relator’s motion for expedited consideration. Motion denied.

[2026-0921](#). *In re A.K.*

Highland App. No. 26CA3, [2026-Ohio-2460](#). On appellant J.K. (Father’s) motion for stay pending appeal. Motion denied.

APPEALS ACCEPTED FOR REVIEW

2026-0570. State v. Armstead.

Franklin App. No. 25AP-475, [2026-Ohio-999](#).

Brunner, J., would also sua sponte reverse the court of appeals' judgment on the authority of *State v. Logan*, [2025-Ohio-1772](#) (requiring a trial court to impose a prison sentence on an offender convicted of a felony offense that has a corresponding firearm specification).

2026-0606. Bahorek v. Franklin Cty. Bd. of Revision.

Franklin App. No. 25AP-164, [2026-Ohio-1523](#). Sua sponte, cause consolidated with case No. 2026-0604 and held for the decision in case Nos. 2026-0607 and [2026-0608](#).

2026-0608. Bahorek v. Franklin Cty. Bd. of Revision.

Franklin App. Nos. 25AP-10 through 25AP-64, 25AP-66 through 25AP-72, 25AP-76 through 25AP-81, 25AP-101 through 25AP-105, and 25AP-107 through 25AP-126, [2026-Ohio-1526](#). Sua sponte, cause consolidated with case No. [2026-0607](#).

2026-0660. Bahorek v. Franklin Cty. Bd. of Revision.

Franklin App. No. 25AP-165, [2026-Ohio-1524](#). Sua sponte, cause consolidated with case No. 2026-0659 and held for the decision in case Nos. 2026-0607 and [2026-0608](#).