

The Supreme Court of Ohio

CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 26, 2026

[Cite as *08/26/2026 Case Announcements*, 2026-Ohio-3282.]

MERIT DECISIONS WITH OPINIONS

2024-1464. State v. Fontanez, Slip Opinion No. 2026-Ohio-3281.

Cuyahoga App. No. 113105, [2024-Ohio-4579](#). Judgment affirmed.

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

Brunner, J., dissents, with an opinion.

2025-1442. State ex rel. Ames v. Revere Local School Dist. Bd. of Edn., Slip Opinion No. 2026-Ohio-3280.

Summit App. No. 31181, [2025-Ohio-4818](#). Judgment affirmed.

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

MERIT DECISIONS WITHOUT OPINIONS

2026-0748. State ex rel. Smith v. State.

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

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

2026-0798. Boyer v. Supreme Court of Ohio Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

Miscellaneous case. On relator's request for direct constitutional review and motion for record preservation / limited interim relief. Request and motion denied.

Relator's motions for sealed supervisory review, identification of the complete decisional record, and preservation of related candor issues denied. Relator's motion to unseal in part, to authorize a public redacted version of the June 29, 2026 motion, and to clarify the basis and scope of restricted access denied. Relator's motion for immediate public docketing of the nonconfidential portions of the June 29, 2026 filing and for acceptance of public redacted counterpart denied. Motion to dismiss of D. Dale Seif Jr. granted. Relator's alternative request for limited, party-specific relief denied. Motion to dismiss of respondents Office of Disciplinary Counsel and Board of Professional Conduct granted. Motion to dismiss of respondent Ohio State Bar Association Certified Grievance Committee granted. Relator's motion for leave to file amended verification affidavit denied. Relator's request for accessible court-facilitated administration of oath denied. Cause dismissed.

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

DeWine, J., concurs but would deny as moot relator's motion for leave to file amended verification affidavit and relator's request for accessible court-facilitated administration of oath.

Fischer, J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would grant relator's motion for leave to file amended verification affidavit and relator's request for accessible court-facilitated administration of oath.

Brunner, J., not participating.

2026-0819. State ex rel. Weber v. Foley.

In Mandamus. On relator's request for hearing. Request denied. Respondents' motion to dismiss granted. Relator's objection to and motion to strike motion to dismiss denied. Relator's motion for leave to amend petition granted. Cause dismissed.

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

Kennedy, C.J., and DeWine and Brunner, JJ., concur in part and dissent in part and would deny respondents' motion and allow respondents 14 days to respond to the amended petition.

MOTION AND PROCEDURAL RULINGS

2026-0530. State ex rel. Swenski v. Lorain Cty. Bd. of Commrs.

In Mandamus. On respondent's motion for judgment on pleadings. Motion denied. 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,

relators 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 relators may file a reply brief within 7 days after the filing of respondent's brief.

Fischer and DeWine, JJ., dissent.

2026-0567. State ex rel. Pollard v. Celebrezze.

Cuyahoga App. No. 115921. On appellant's renewed emergency motion to stay trial-court proceedings pending appeal. Motion denied.

2026-0756. State ex rel. Ames v. W. Geauga Local School Dist. Bd. of Edn.

Geauga App. No. 2025-G-0029, [2026-Ohio-2248](#). On appellant/cross-appellee's motion to consolidate case Nos. 2026-0756, 2026-0211, and 2025-1511. Motion denied.

2026-1004. State ex rel. White v. Dept. of Rehab. & Corr.

In Mandamus. On relator's emergency motion for an expedited alternative writ. Motion denied.

Shanahan, JJ., not participating.