

The Supreme Court of Ohio

CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 2, 2026

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MOTION AND PROCEDURAL RULINGS

2026-1133. State ex rel. Ontko v. Sandusky Cty. Bd. of Elections.

In Mandamus and Procedendo. On relator's emergency motion to strike. Motion granted and respondent's answer stricken because it does not comply with the requirements of Civ.R. 8(B) ("A party shall state in short and plain terms the party's defenses to each claim asserted and shall admit or deny the averments upon which the adverse party relies."). Respondent titled its August 28, 2026 filing as an answer, but it is actually a motion to dismiss that is prohibited by Rule 12.08(A)(3). Respondent's motion to file amended answer instanter denied. Respondent's motion to withdraw its answer denied as moot.