

The Supreme Court of Ohio

CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 8, 2026

[Cite as *09/08/2026 Case Announcements*, 2026-Ohio-3485.]

MERIT DECISIONS WITH OPINIONS

2024-1169. State ex rel. Lawrence v. Dept. of Rehab. & Corr., Slip Opinion No. 2026-Ohio-3471.

In Mandamus. On relator's request for statutory damages. Relator awarded \$1,000 in statutory damages.

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

Fischer, J., dissents.

2025-1215. State v. Smith, Slip Opinion No. 2026-Ohio-3472.

Geauga App. No. 2025-G-0005, **2025-Ohio-2736**. Judgment affirmed.

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