

The Supreme Court of Ohio

CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 16, 2026

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MERIT DECISIONS WITH OPINIONS

2024-1569. CheckFree Servs. Corp. v. Harris, Slip Opinion No. 2026-Ohio-3555.

Board of Tax Appeals, No. 2019-43. Decision vacated in part and cause remanded.

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

MERIT DECISIONS WITHOUT OPINIONS

2026-0349. State ex rel. Wenning v. Columbus City Council.

In Mandamus. On respondents' motion to dismiss. Motion denied as moot. Respondents' motion for judgment on pleadings granted. Cause dismissed.

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

2026-0488. State ex rel. Little Turtle Civic Assn., Inc. v. Klein.

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.

2026-0663. State ex rel. Lusane v. Fickes.

In Mandamus. On respondent's motion to strike and motion for sanctions. Motions denied. Cause dismissed pursuant to Rule 12.04.

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

Kennedy, C.J., and Brunner, J., concur in part and dissent in part and would issue an alternative writ.

Fischer, J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would grant the motions.

Hawkins, J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would grant the motion to strike.

2026-0734. State ex rel. Curley v. Ninth Dist. Court of Appeals Judges.

In Mandamus. On respondents' motions to dismiss. Motions granted. Cause dismissed.

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

2026-0744. Ezeh v. Dept. of Rehab. & Corr.

In Procedendo, Prohibition, and Habeas Corpus. On respondent's motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Relator's "motion for stay and mandamus," motion to compel clerks to submit journal entries, motion to sua sponte stay the final order and preserve all evidence, "motion to prohibit forced meds & habeas corpus," motion to reinstate control, "motion for stay on all psychotropic medication - forced - a stay on R.T.U. or hospitalization and mandamus," "motion to strike motion to dismiss and proceed in case," and "motion to append a claim and present and future relief to appease opposition" denied. Cause dismissed.

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

Shanahan, J., not participating.

2026-0745. State ex rel. Reeves v. Ater.

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

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

Brunner, J., dissents and would issue an alternative writ.

2026-0784. State ex rel. Wolford v. Adult Parole Auth.

In Mandamus. On respondent's motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Relator's amended motion requesting issuance of subpoenas duces tecum or, in the alternative, an order compelling production of evidence denied as moot. Cause dismissed.

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

Brunner, J., dissents and would issue an alternative writ and deny relator's motion on the merits.

2026-0795. State ex rel. Wilson v. Lewis.

In Mandamus. On relator's motion for stay. Motion denied as moot. Respondent's motion to dismiss granted. Relator's motion for leave to file an amended petition denied. Cause dismissed.

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

Kennedy, C.J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would grant relator's motion for leave and sua sponte dismiss the cause.

2026-0796. State ex rel. Richards v. Ashtabula Police Dept.

In Mandamus. On respondents' motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Relator's revised motion for leave to amend complaint denied. Cause dismissed.

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

DeWine, Brunner, and Deters, JJ., concur but would sua sponte dismiss the cause.

2026-0822. Bergsma v. Cent. Ohio Behavioral Healthcare.

Miscellaneous case. On relator's motion to seal and for all needed copies. Motion denied. Respondent's motion to dismiss granted. Relator's "motion to continue legal review and maintain" denied. Cause dismissed.

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

2026-0830. State ex rel. Boyer v. Fourth Dist. Court of Appeals.

In Mandamus and Procedendo. On respondent Fourth District Court of Appeals' motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Relator's conditional request for leave to cure verification and request for limited, nonprejudicial disposition denied. Relator's motion for leave to file amended verification affidavit denied as moot. Relator's request for accessible court-facilitated administration of oath denied. Relator's motion for limited procedural relief; request for identification of judicial participation, preservation of objection, and nonprejudicial disposition; and request

for expedited consideration denied. Sua sponte, cause dismissed as to respondent Pike County Clerk of Courts Justin P. Brewster. Cause dismissed.

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

2026-0843. State ex rel. Bishop v. Corabi.

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.

2026-0857. State ex rel. Voice-Kleinberg v. Jones.

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.

2026-0870. Ames v. Summit Behavioral Health.

Miscellaneous case. On respondent's motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Cause dismissed.

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

2026-0892. State ex rel. Boyer v. Holden.

In Mandamus. On respondent's motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Relator's motions for sanctions against counsel Cassaundra L. Sark, "request for order to show cause, correction or withdrawal of material misstatements, and other just relief," request to disregard premises, and request for alternative writ denied. Respondent's motion to declare relator a vexatious litigator denied. Relator's "request for correction or withdrawal of continued material misstatements and other just relief" denied. Respondent's motion to strike relator's motion for sanctions against Cassaundra L. Sark denied. Cause dismissed.

Kennedy, C.J., and Deters, J., concur.

Fischer, DeWine, and Hawkins, JJ., concur in part and dissent in part and would grant respondent's motion to declare relator a vexatious litigator.

Brunner and Shanahan, JJ., concur in part and dissent in part and would grant respondent's motion to strike.

MOTION AND PROCEDURAL RULINGS

2025-1212. State v. Ford.

Summit C.P. No. CR-2013-04-1008-A. On appellant's motion to unseal the portions of the record which are sealed. Motion denied but counsel for both parties permitted to view the sealed portions of the record.

Fischer, J., would deny the motion without permitting counsel to view the sealed portions.

DeWine, J., dissents.

2026-0347. Blair v. State.

In Habeas Corpus. On petitioner's request for ruling on motion for reconsideration. Request denied.

Shanahan, J., not participating.

2026-0414. Whitt v. State.

In Procedendo. On relator's "motion ordered by Ohio Supreme Court." Motion denied. Relator's objection filed July 24, 2026, and "motion for a judgment" denied.

2026-0514. State ex rel. Penrose Ents., Ltd. v. Cincinnati.

In Mandamus. On respondent's motion to dismiss. Motion denied. Sua sponte, respondent ordered to file an answer to the complaint within 14 days. 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.

2026-0515. State ex rel. K.C. Speed Invests., L.L.C. v. Cincinnati.

In Mandamus. On respondent's motion to dismiss. Motion denied. Sua sponte, respondent ordered to file an answer to the complaint within 14 days. 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.

2026-0812. State ex rel. Mason v. Burger.

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.

Deters, J., dissents in part and would sua sponte dismiss the cause as to relator's request for statutory damages.

Fischer, J., dissents and would sua sponte dismiss the cause.

2026-1038. Worch Lumber, Inc. v. Fetzer.

Darke App. No. 2025-CA-23, 2026-Ohio-2006. On review of order certifying a conflict. The court determines that a conflict exists. The parties are to brief the issue as stated on page 8 of the court of appeals' July 7, 2026 entry: "Whether the original, pre-amendment version of the [Home Construction Service Suppliers Act], which defines 'home construction service' as 'the construction of a residential building[,] applies to contracts for the repair, improvement, remodel, or renovation of existing residential structures or . . . applies only to contracts for building new residential structures." The conflict cases are *Orion Mgt., Inc. v. Kaeka*, [2025-Ohio-1047](#) (9th Dist.), *Beder v. Cerha Kitchen & Bath Design Studio, L.L.C.*, [2022-Ohio-4463](#) (11th Dist.), *Estate of Tomlinson v. Mega Pool Warehouse, Inc.*, [2023-Ohio-229](#) (5th Dist.), and *AI Heating & Cooling, Inc. v. Thomas*, [2025-Ohio-1047](#) (9th Dist.).

2026-1097. State v. Luckett.

Butler App. Nos. CA2026-01-012 and CA2026-01-013, [2026-Ohio-2758](#). On appellant's motion to stay judgment and suspend execution of sentence pending jurisdictional appeal. Motion denied.

Brunner, J., dissents.