

The Supreme Court of Ohio

CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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MERIT DECISIONS WITH OPINIONS

2025-1224 and 2025-1225. In re A.S., Slip Opinion No. 2026-Ohio-3906.

Summit App. No. 31183, [2025-Ohio-1349](#). Judgment reversed and cause remanded to the juvenile court.

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

2025-1686 and 2025-1687. State ex rel. Hill v. Forchione, Slip Opinion No. 2026-Ohio-3907.

Stark App. Nos. 2025 CA 00154 and 2025 CA 00160. On appellant's motions to consolidate. Motions granted and causes consolidated for purposes of decision. Judgment affirmed in case No. [2025-1686](#) and judgment reversed and cause remanded in case No. [2025-1687](#).

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

Kennedy, C.J., concurs in judgment only.

DeWine, J., concurs in part and dissents in part, with an opinion joined by Brunner and Deters, JJ.

MERIT DECISIONS WITHOUT OPINIONS

2026-0512. State ex rel. Sanchez v. Franklin Cty. Court of Appeals.

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.

2026-0766. State ex rel. Greenlee v. Randolph.

In Mandamus and Prohibition. On respondent Hillsboro Municipal Court Judge William C. Randolph's motion to dismiss amended complaint. Motion granted. Relators' emergency motion for peremptory writ or, in the alternative, emergency stay pending final adjudication denied. Relator's omnibus motion for judgment on the merits denied. Sua sponte, cause dismissed as to respondent Hillsboro Municipal Court Bailiff. Cause dismissed.

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

2026-0820. Weatherford v. Kling.

Miscellaneous case. On relator's motion for appointment of counsel. Motion denied. Motion to dismiss of respondents Scripps Media, Inc., Valerie Lyons, Tanya O'Rourke, Jennifer Ketchmark, and Michelle Hopkins granted. Relator's request for speedy disposition denied. Sua sponte, cause dismissed as to remaining respondents. Cause dismissed.

Kennedy, C.J., and DeWine and Brunner, JJ., concur.

Fischer, J., concurs but would deny relator's motion for appointment of counsel as moot.

Hawkins and Shanahan, JJ., concur but would sua sponte dismiss the cause as to all respondents and deny the motion to dismiss as moot.

Deters, J., not participating.

2026-0831. State ex rel. Williams v. Lorain Cty. Court of Common Pleas, Gen. Div.

In Mandamus and Procedendo. On respondents' motions to dismiss. Motions granted. Respondents Lorain County Court of Common Pleas, General Division, and Clerk of Courts' motion to declare relator a vexatious litigator denied. Cause dismissed.

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

Fischer, Hawkins, and Shanahan, JJ., concur in part and dissent in part and would grant the motion to declare relator a vexatious litigator.

2026-0847. Cornerstone Village, L.L.C. v. Phipps.

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.

2026-0848. AP Greenhill Village, L.L.C. v. Phipps.

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.

2026-0849. BVF-V Perimeter, L.L.C. v. Phipps.

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.

2026-0850. AndMark Creekbend Apts., L.L.C. v. Phipps.

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.

2026-0851. AndMark Bolton Estates, L.L.C. v. Phipps.

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.

2026-0852. SHIF Mallards, L.L.C. v. Phipps.

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.

2026-0875. State ex rel. Bozsik v. Curran.

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.

2026-0885. State ex rel. Bates v. Clancy.

In Prohibition. Cause dismissed pursuant to Rule 12.04.

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

2026-0889. State ex rel. Thompson v. Swenski.

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

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

2026-0895. State ex rel. Murray v. Clerk of the Supreme Court.

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.

2026-0910. State ex rel. Ames v. Oldfield.

In Mandamus and Procedendo. On motion for leave to intervene of Stow-Munroe Falls City School District Board of Education. Motion granted. Relator's motion to strike denied. Respondent's motion to dismiss granted. Respondent's motion to declare relator a vexatious litigator denied. Intervening respondent's motion for sanctions and a vexatious-litigator declaration denied. Relator's revised motion to declare attorney Jennifer M. Piatt to be a vexatious litigator denied. Intervening respondent's motions to strike and revised motion to strike memorandum in opposition to motion to dismiss denied. Relator's motion to order the correction of the record denied. Relator's motion for leave to file second revised opposition to motion to dismiss denied. Intervening respondent's motion to strike motion for leave to file second revised opposition to motion to dismiss denied. Cause dismissed.

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

Fischer, J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would grant intervening respondent's motion for sanctions and a vexatious-litigator declaration.

DeWine, J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would grant intervening respondent's motion for sanctions and a vexatious-litigator declaration insofar as it requests sanctions and would deny intervening respondent's motion to strike as moot.

Deters, J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would grant intervening respondent's motion for sanctions and a vexatious-litigator declaration insofar as it requests a vexatious-litigator declaration.

2026-0917. State ex rel. Wilson v. Ewald.

In Mandamus. On respondent's motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Relator's motion for leave to amend and/or revise 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 relator's motion.

2026-0925. White v. Winkler.

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., concurs in part and dissents in part and would sua sponte dismiss the cause as to relator's request for a writ of mandamus.

2026-0929. State ex rel. Crawford v. Boller-Koch.

In Mandamus, Prohibition, 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.

2026-0934. State ex rel. Souare v. Cook.

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.

2026-0940. State ex rel. Mason v. Wilson.

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.

2026-0961. State ex rel. Williams v. Lorain Cty. Court of Common Pleas, Gen. Div.

In Mandamus and Procedendo. On respondents' motions to dismiss. Motions granted. Relator's request for leave to cure any affidavit or caption defect denied. Relator's "request for narrow, process-based relief" denied. Cause dismissed.

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

2026-0962. State ex rel. Crenshaw v. Byrd.

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.

2026-0982. State ex rel. Givens v. Belmont Cty. Clerk of Courts.

In Mandamus. On respondent's motion to declare action frivolous, for sanctions against relator, and to declare relator a vexatious litigator. Motion denied. Respondent's motion to dismiss granted. 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 motion to declare action frivolous, for sanctions against relator, and to declare relator a vexatious litigator.

2026-0992. State ex rel. Menton v. Ater.

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.

2026-0993. Burge v. Bell.

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.

2026-1024. State ex rel. Pond v. Delaware Cty. Court of Common Pleas Probate & Gen. Divs.

In Mandamus. On respondents' motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Relator's revised motion to strike and revised motion to disqualify counsel denied. Cause dismissed.

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

2026-1111. State ex rel. Williams v. McGinty.

In Prohibition. On relator's requests for alternative writ and for immediate temporary relief. Requests denied. Respondents' motion to dismiss granted. Cause dismissed.

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

MOTION AND PROCEDURAL RULINGS

State ex rel. Tingler v. Office of the Chief Legal Officer, Supreme Court of Ohio.

On March 2, 2023, this court found Charles Tingler to be a vexatious litigator under Rule 4.03(B) in *State ex rel. Tingler v. Franklin Cty. Prosecutor's Office*, [2023-Ohio-640](#), and *State ex rel. Tingler v. Franklin Cty. Prosecutor's Office*, [2023-Ohio-641](#) (case Nos. 2022-1612 and 2022-1624). On Tingler's motion for leave to institute an original action in mandamus. Motion for leave granted. The clerk of court shall file the motion for leave, mandamus complaint, and affidavit of indigence as of September 18, 2026.

Fischer and Shanahan, JJ., dissent.

Kennedy, C.J., not participating.

[2026-0198](#). Yoby v. Cleveland.

Cuyahoga App. No. 114890, [2025-Ohio-5853](#). On appellees' motion to dismiss appeal for lack of subject-matter jurisdiction. Motion denied.

[2026-0321](#). Cotten v. Chambers-Smith.

In Quo Warranto. On respondent's motion to have relator declared a vexatious litigator. Motion denied.

Fischer, Hawkins, and Shanahan, JJ., dissent.