

The Supreme Court of Ohio

CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 17, 2026

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MERIT DECISIONS WITHOUT OPINIONS

2025-1074. State ex rel. Anthony v. Murphy.

In Mandamus, Prohibition, and Habeas Corpus. On relator's emergency motion for stay/temporary restraining order. Motion denied as moot. City of Galion's motion to intervene and motion to declare relator a vexatious litigator denied as moot. Relator's emergency motion for immediate stay of bond forfeiture and arrest proceedings and supplemental evidence of coordinated retaliation denied as moot. Relator's motion for temporary protective order, request for emergency relief, motion for order directing the clerk to make available or repurpose the sealed master USB drive, motion to redact profane language, preserve context, and accept apology, emergency omnibus motion for order to show cause, motion for expedited evidentiary hearing, "motion for immediate habeas corpus/reunification," motion for temporary restraining order, "motion for prohibition, mandamus, procedendo, quo warranto," motion for vacatur of all void orders, motion for subpoena enforcement and documentation production, motion for sanctions, restitution, and disciplinary referrals, motion to file master USB under seal and for protective order, and emergency motion for service by U.S. Marshals, temporary restraining order, and protective measures denied as moot. Respondents' motion to dismiss denied as moot. Relator's "motion to strike unsupported 'vexatious litigator' allegations and to require particularization of the '34 documents' claim" (or, in the alternative, for a more definite statement) and request for expedited consideration denied as moot. Relator's motion to invoke expedited procedures and motion for immediate interim relief denied as moot. Cause dismissed pursuant to Rule 12.04.

2025-1648. State ex rel. Johnson v. Cook.

In Habeas Corpus. Sua sponte, cause dismissed.

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

2025-1659. Terrell v. Watson.

In Habeas Corpus. Sua sponte, cause dismissed.

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

2025-1661. Black v. State.

In Habeas Corpus. Sua sponte, cause dismissed.

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

2025-1662. Taylor v. Calabrese.

In Habeas Corpus. On petitioner's "motion to proceed investigation." Motion denied. Sua sponte, cause dismissed.

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

2025-1680. Taylor v. May.

In Habeas Corpus. On petitioner's "motion to proceed investigation." Motion denied. Sua sponte, cause dismissed.

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

2025-1681. Taylor v. Dept. of Rehab. & Corr., Dietician Dept.

In Habeas Corpus. On petitioner's "motion to proceed investigation." Motion denied. Sua sponte, cause dismissed.

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

2025-1682. Taylor v. Cole.

In Habeas Corpus. On petitioner's "motion to proceed investigation." Motion denied. Sua sponte, cause dismissed.

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

2025-1692. Taylor v. Ohio Parole Bd.

In Habeas Corpus. On petitioner's "motion to proceed investigation." Motion denied. Sua sponte, cause dismissed.

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

2026-0015. Richards v. Shemo.

In Habeas Corpus. Sua sponte, cause dismissed.

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

2026-0017. Spencer v. Vinton Cty. Sheriff.

In Habeas Corpus. Sua sponte, cause dismissed.

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

MOTION AND PROCEDURAL RULINGS

2025-1025. State v. Copeland.

Franklin App. No. 24AP-331, [2025-Ohio-2204](#). On appellant's amended motion for stay. Motion denied.

2025-1265. Gateway Royalty, L.L.C. v. EAP Ohio, L.L.C.

Carroll App. No. 24 CA 0980, [2025-Ohio-2961](#). On appellees' motion to dismiss appeal as improvidently accepted. Motion denied.

2025-1575. State v. Bibbins.

Muskingum App. No. CT2025-0020, [2025-Ohio-4341](#). On motion for leave to file delayed appeal. Motion denied.

Fischer and DeWine, JJ., dissent.

2025-1576. State v. Shamblin.

Pickaway App. No. 23CA9, [2024-Ohio-5315](#). On motion for leave to file delayed appeal. Motion denied.

Fischer and Brunner, JJ., dissent.

2025-1581. State v. Knox.

Cuyahoga App. No. 114982. On motion for leave to file delayed appeal. Motion denied.

2025-1596. State v. Martinez.

Madison App. No. CA2024-11-021, [2025-Ohio-4786](#). On motion for leave to file delayed appeal. Motion granted. Appellant shall file a memorandum in support of jurisdiction within 30 days.

Hawkins, J., dissents.

2025-1609. State v. Mixon.

Muskingum App. No. CT2025-0021, [2025-Ohio-2970](#). On motion for leave to file delayed appeal. Motion granted. Appellant shall file a memorandum in support of jurisdiction within 30 days.

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

2025-1614. State v. Huffman.

Hamilton App. No. C-230426. On motion for leave to file delayed appeal. Motion denied.

Deters, J., not participating.

2025-1624. State v. Page.

Cuyahoga App. No. 115500. On motion for leave to file delayed appeal. Motion denied.

2025-1625. State v. Christian.

Summit App. No. 31095, [2025-Ohio-2976](#). On motion for leave to file delayed appeal. Motion granted. Appellant shall file a memorandum in support of jurisdiction within 30 days.

DeWine, Hawkins, and Shanahan, JJ., dissent.

2025-1626. State v. Mitchell.

Cuyahoga App. No. 114545, [2025-Ohio-2772](#). On motion for leave to file delayed appeal. Motion granted. Appellant shall file a memorandum in support of jurisdiction within 30 days.

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

2025-1667. State v. Foster.

Cuyahoga App. No. 112564, [2024-Ohio-2075](#). On motion for leave to file delayed appeal. Motion denied. Appellant's "motion for appeal O.R. bond" denied.

2025-1669. State v. Foster.

Cuyahoga App. No. 114148, [2025-Ohio-2673](#). On motion for leave to file delayed appeal. Motion denied. Appellant's "motion for appeal O.R. bond" denied.

2025-1685. State v. Parker.

Muskingum App. No. CT2025-0026, [2025-Ohio-5004](#). On motion for leave to file delayed appeal. Motion denied.

Fischer, Brunner, and Shanahan, JJ., dissent.

2025-1691. State v. Angel.

Franklin App. No. 19AP-771, [2021-Ohio-4322](#). On motion for leave to file delayed appeal. Motion denied.

2025-1697. State v. Grubbs.

Hamilton App. No. C-240165, [2025-Ohio-2756](#). On motion for leave to file delayed appeal. Motion denied.

Fischer, J., dissents.

Deters, J., not participating.

2025-1701. State v. Lyles.

Hamilton App. No. C-240286, [2024-Ohio-5834](#). On motion for leave to file delayed appeal. Motion denied.

2025-1706. State v. Short.

Lawrence App. No. 24CA17, [2025-Ohio-5014](#). On motion for leave to file delayed appeal. Motion denied.

Fischer and Brunner, JJ., dissent.

2025-1710. State v. Almedom.

Franklin App. No. 23AP-597. On motion for leave to file delayed appeal. Motion denied. Appellant's motion for appointment of counsel denied as moot.

DeWine, J., would deny the motion for appointment of counsel on the merits.

Fischer, J., dissents in part and would grant the motion for appointment of counsel.

Brunner, J., not participating.

2026-0013. State v. McAllister.

Stark App. No. 2024CA00193, [2025-Ohio-4834](#). On motion for leave to file delayed appeal. Motion denied.

Kennedy, C.J., and Fischer and Brunner, JJ., dissent.

2026-0051. Burgett v. SD Orrville, L.L.C.

Wayne App. No. 25AP0002, [2025-Ohio-5837](#). On appellant's motion for stay pending appeal and request for expedited consideration. Motion and request denied.

Fischer, J., dissents.

2026-0074. Nealey v. Ackerman Group.

In Mandamus. On relator's emergency motion to stay eviction enforcement. Motion denied.

APPEALS ACCEPTED FOR REVIEW

2025-1369. State v. Molina.

Cuyahoga App. No. 114849, [2025-Ohio-4758](#). Sua sponte, cause held for the decision in [2024-1464](#), *State v. Fontanez*.

Brunner, J., dissents.

2025-1510. State ex rel. Yost v. Cent. Tobacco & Stuff, Inc.

Delaware App. No. 24 CAE 11 0103, [2025-Ohio-4613](#).

2025-1598. State v. Riffe.

Hamilton App. No. C-240535, [2025-Ohio-4886](#). Sua sponte, cause held for the decision in [2024-1050](#), *State v. Striblin*.

Kennedy, C.J., and DeWine, J., dissent.

2025-1621. State v. Stonewall.

Hamilton App. No. C-240607, [2025-Ohio-4974](#). Sua sponte, cause held for the decision in [2024-1050](#), *State v. Striblin*.

Kennedy, C.J., dissents.

Shanahan, J., not participating.

2025-1637. Dornette v. Green Bldg. Consulting, L.L.C.

Hamilton App. No. C-240689, [2025-Ohio-4944](#).

DeWine, Deters, and Shanahan, JJ., not participating.

APPEALS NOT ACCEPTED FOR REVIEW

2025-1089. State v. Marshall.

Lorain App. No. 23CA012056, [2025-Ohio-2283](#).

2025-1126. State v. Roe.

Wood App. No. WD-24-044, [2025-Ohio-2501](#).

2025-1289. Hicks v. Clermont Cty. Republican Cent. Commt.

Clermont App. No. CA2025-01-005, [2025-Ohio-2913](#).

Hawkins, J., not participating.

2025-1436. Lockhart v. Anick.

Lucas App. No. L-24-1174, [2025-Ohio-4496](#).

Fischer and Brunner, JJ., dissent.

2025-1502. Stephens v. Spahn.

Madison App. No. CA2024-11-022, [2025-Ohio-4509](#).

Fischer and Brunner, JJ., dissent.

2025-1503. State v. Mack.

Richland App. No. 22CA83, [2025-Ohio-4812](#).

2025-1504. State v. Phillips.

Franklin App. No. 23AP-582, [2025-Ohio-4555](#).

Brunner, J., dissents and would accept the appeal on proposition of law Nos. I and II.

2025-1505. State v. Carswell.

Sandusky App. No. S-24-021.

2025-1513. Buckeye Boy Scout Found. v. Encino Energy, L.L.C.

Carroll App. No. 25 CA 0986, [2025-Ohio-4868](#).

Fischer, J., dissents.

2025-1514. State v. Hoffman.

Wood App. Nos. 24-WD-078, 24-WD-080, and 24-WD-081.

2025-1515. SRM Materials, L.L.C. v. German Twp.
Montgomery App. No. 30419, [2025-Ohio-4605](#).

2025-1521. State v. Parsons.
Henry App. No. 7-25-01, [2025-Ohio-4626](#).
Fischer and Brunner, JJ., dissent.

2025-1522. Bowen v. Licking Cty. Common Pleas Court.
Licking App. No. 25CA00057.

2025-1524. Williams v. D & J House Doctors, L.L.C.
Seneca App. No. 13-25-08, [2025-Ohio-4716](#).

2025-1525. S.M. v. A.P.
Cuyahoga App. No. 113909, [2025-Ohio-2985](#).

2025-1526. State v. Simpson.
Montgomery App. No. 30420, [2025-Ohio-4684](#).

2025-1527. Timley v. Timley.
Montgomery App. No. 30632.

2025-1529. State v. Sanchez.
Franklin App. Nos. 25AP-643, 25AP-645, and 25AP-646.

2025-1532. State v. Leneo.
Summit App. No. 31315, [2025-Ohio-2582](#).
Brunner, J., dissents.

2025-1533. Rutan v. Kelly.
Columbiana App. No. 25 CO 0005, [2025-Ohio-4765](#).

2025-1535. State v. Justice.
Franklin App. No. 25AP-657.

2025-1539. State v. Bishop.
Jefferson App. No. 25 JE 0005, [2025-Ohio-4948](#).

2025-1546. In re Adoption of S.P.

Summit App. No. 31611.

Fischer, J., dissents and would accept the appeal on proposition of law No. I.

2025-1547. State v. Bell.

Montgomery App. No. 30467, [2025-Ohio-4873](#).

2025-1549. Jones v. U.S. Painters, L.L.C.

Allen App. No. 1-25-10.

2025-1550. In re J.C.

Cuyahoga App. Nos. 114694 and 114711, [2025-Ohio-4753](#).

2025-1561. Boutros v. MetroHealth Sys. Bd. of Trustees.

Cuyahoga App. No. 114446, [2025-Ohio-3142](#).

2025-1562. State v. Thompson.

Hamilton App. Nos. C-240720 and C-240721, [2025-Ohio-4825](#).

2025-1564. Porach v. Cleveland Clinic Found.

Cuyahoga App. No. 114364, [2025-Ohio-2522](#).

Kennedy, C.J., and Hawkins, J., dissent.

2025-1582. Lang v. THK Mfg. of Am., Inc.

Licking App. No. 25 CA 00030, [2025-Ohio-4811](#).

2025-1583. State v. Lucas.

Guernsey App. No. 25-CA-08, [2025-Ohio-4863](#).

Fischer, J., dissents.

2025-1586. State v. Sheppard.

Greene App. No. 2024-CA-50, [2025-Ohio-4882](#).

2025-1587. State v. Spencer.

Vinton App. No. 25CA707.

2025-1588. State v. Smith.

Franklin App. No. 23AP-669, [2025-Ohio-4806](#).

Kennedy, C.J., and Hawkins, J., dissent.

2025-1590. State v. Maynard.

Scioto App. No. 23CA4048, [2025-Ohio-4943](#).

Brunner, J., dissents and would accept the appeal on proposition of law No. I.

2025-1592. M.F. v. Ohio State Univ. College of Medicine.

Franklin App. No. 24AP-84, [2025-Ohio-4814](#).

Kennedy, C.J., dissents.

2025-1593. State v. Wharton.

Delaware App. No. 25 CAA 02 0014, [2025-Ohio-4485](#).

Brunner, J., dissents.

2025-1594. Wuerth v. Nationwide Energy Partners, L.L.C.

Franklin App. No. 24AP-660, [2025-Ohio-4810](#).

Kennedy, C.J., and Brunner, J., dissent and would hold the cause for the decision in [2024-0207](#), *In re Complaint of Ohio Power Co.*

2025-1595. Passwaters v. Novaria.

Muskingum App. No. CT2025-0087. Appellant's emergency motion for stay of enforcement of permanent injunction pending final judgment and further review denied.

DeWine, J., would deny the motion as moot.

2025-1597. Damron v. Ohio Parole Bd.

Franklin App. No. 24AP-724, [2025-Ohio-4959](#).

Hawkins, J., not participating.

2025-1599. A.L.W.A.Y., L.L.C. v. Ohio Dept. of Transp.

Cuyahoga App. No. 114845, [2025-Ohio-4850](#).

2025-1600. Todd v. Epling.

Franklin App. No. 24AP-220, [2025-Ohio-399](#).

2025-1601. Rodriguez v. Catholic Charities Corp.

Cuyahoga App. No. 114437, [2025-Ohio-4840](#).

2025-1607. E.H. v. M.H.

Lucas App. No. L-25-00201. Appellant's motion for emergency relief pending determination of jurisdiction denied. Appellee's motion to dismiss motion for emergency relief denied as moot.

Kennedy, C.J., and Fischer, J., would deny appellee's motion on the merits.
Brunner, J., not participating.

2025-1610. State v. Hall.

Lucas App. No. L-24-1229, [2025-Ohio-5020](#).

2025-1620. Jacobs v. Jacobs.

Montgomery App. No. 30633. Appellant's motion for stay of the division of property denied.

2025-1628. Schaffer v. Ohio State Univ.

Franklin App. No. 25AP-376, [2025-Ohio-4962](#).

2025-1631. Grand v. Cleveland Clinic Found.

Cuyahoga App. No. 114851, [2025-Ohio-4954](#).

2025-1632. Manning v. Cuyahoga Metro. Hous. Auth.

Cuyahoga App. No. 114429, [2025-Ohio-4751](#). Appellant's motion to request oral hearing denied.

Shanahan, J., would deny the motion as moot.

2025-1636. S. Shore Lake Erie Assets & Operations, L.L.C. v. Johnson.

Cuyahoga App. No. 114726, [2025-Ohio-4950](#).

2025-1644. State v. Sykes.

Mahoning App. No. 25 MA 0039, [2025-Ohio-5214](#).

2025-1673. State v. Gregory.

Lucas App. Nos. L-21-1106 and L-21-1107, [2023-Ohio-331](#).

2025-1709. State v. Alexander.

Mahoning App. No. 25 MA 0050, [2025-Ohio-5215](#).

RECONSIDERATION OF PRIOR DECISIONS

2024-1363. State ex rel. Clark v. Dept. of Rehab. & Corr.

In Mandamus. Reported at [2025-Ohio-5552](#). On motion for reconsideration. Motion denied.

Brunner, J., dissents in part and would grant the motion as to the latent video recordings.

Kennedy, C.J., dissents.

2025-1123. State ex rel. Hudson v. Cleveland.

Franklin App. No. 24AP-207, [2025-Ohio-2871](#). Reported at [2025-Ohio-5477](#). On motion for reconsideration. Motion denied.

2025-1129. State ex rel. Rielinger v. Russo.

In Mandamus and Prohibition. Reported at [2025-Ohio-5386](#). On motion for reconsideration and request for full court review. Motion and request denied. Relator's motion for leave to file revised motion for reconsideration denied. Respondent's motion to strike motion for leave denied. Respondent's motion to declare relator a vexatious litigator denied. Relator's request for sanctions denied.

Shanahan, J., would deny respondent's motion to strike as moot.

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

Brunner, J., dissents in part and would grant the motion for reconsideration, the request for full court review, and the motion for leave.

Deters, J., dissents in part and would grant the motion to declare relator a vexatious litigator and deny respondent's motion to strike as moot.

2025-1182. State v. Quigley.

Franklin App. No. 24AP-523, [2025-Ohio-2654](#). Reported at [2025-Ohio-5220](#). On amended motion for reconsideration. Motion denied.

Brunner, J., dissents and would grant the motion as to proposition of law No. I and hold the cause for the decision in [2024-0312, State v. Polizzi](#).

2025-1223. Lu v. Univ. of Dayton.

Montgomery App. Nos. 30272 and 30375, [2025-Ohio-1948](#). Reported at [2025-Ohio-5220](#). On motion for reconsideration. Motion denied.

2025-1226. State v. Thompson.

Cuyahoga App. No. 114159, [2025-Ohio-1547](#). Reported at [2025-Ohio-5429](#). On motion for reconsideration. Motion denied.

Brunner, J., dissents.

2025-1245. State ex rel. Pizzuto v. Trouten.

In Mandamus and Prohibition. Reported at [2025-Ohio-5539](#). On motion for reconsideration. Motion denied. Relator's third motion for judicial notice of controlling or persuasive authority denied.

2025-1255. State ex rel. Jabbar v. Columbus.

In Mandamus and Prohibition. Reported at [2025-Ohio-5386](#). On motion for reconsideration. Motion denied.

2025-1263. In re A.K.

Highland App. No. 25CA8, [2025-Ohio-2935](#). Reported at [2025-Ohio-5429](#). On motion for reconsideration. Motion denied.

2025-1264. State ex rel. Alford v. Diehl.

In Mandamus. Reported at [2025-Ohio-5386](#). On motion for reconsideration. Motion denied.

2025-1282. Alungbe v. Flottman.

Hamilton App. No. C-250421. Reported at [2025-Ohio-5429](#). On motion for reconsideration of entry declining jurisdiction and to accept case for review. Motion denied.

2025-1284. Ijakoli v. Alungbe.

Hamilton App. No. C-250460. Reported at [2025-Ohio-5429](#). On motion for reconsideration of entry declining jurisdiction and to accept case for review. Motion denied.

2025-1286. Mason v. Forshey.

Noble App. No. 25 NO 0522, [2025-Ohio-3130](#). Reported at [2025-Ohio-5661](#). On motion for reconsideration. Motion denied.

2025-1288. Ijakoli v. Alungbe.

Hamilton App. No. C-250462. Reported at [2025-Ohio-5429](#). On motion for reconsideration of entry declining jurisdiction and to accept case for review. Motion denied.

2025-1290. Ijakoli v. Alungbe.

Hamilton App. No. C-250463. Reported at [2025-Ohio-5429](#). On motion for reconsideration of entry declining jurisdiction and to accept case for review. Motion denied.

2025-1292. State ex rel. Jones v. Eleventh Dist. Court of Appeals.

In Mandamus. Reported at [2025-Ohio-5682](#). On motion for reconsideration. Motion denied.

2025-1352. McBroom v. Ohio Aud.

In Procedendo. Reported at [2025-Ohio-5682](#). On motion for reconsideration. Motion denied.

2025-1460. State ex rel. Rielinger v. Mona.

In Mandamus and Prohibition. Reported at [2025-Ohio-5386](#). On motion for reconsideration. Motion denied.

DISCIPLINARY CASES

2025-1634. Disciplinary Counsel v. Underwood.

On Certified Report by the Board of Professional Conduct, No. 2025-011. Arica Lynn Underwood, Attorney Registration No. 0067664, last known business address in Cincinnati, Ohio, suspended from the practice of law for 18 months, fully stayed on conditions.

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

Brunner, J., not participating.