

The Supreme Court of Ohio

CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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MERIT DECISIONS WITH OPINIONS

2024-1419. 729 W. 130th St., L.L.C. v. Hinckley Twp. Bd. of Zoning Appeals, Slip Opinion No. [2026-Ohio-595](#).

Medina App. No. 2023CA0020-M, [2024-Ohio-3349](#). Judgment affirmed.

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

2025-0830. Donald Sullivan, L.L.C. v. Reynolds, Slip Opinion No. [2026-Ohio-596](#).

Ashtabula App. No. 2025-A-0007, [2025-Ohio-1903](#). Appeal dismissed as moot.

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

2025-0834. State ex rel. Suburban Driving School, L.L.C. v. Bur. of Workers' Comp., Slip Opinion No. [2026-Ohio-597](#).

Franklin App. No. 23AP-241, [2025-Ohio-1841](#). On appellant's request for oral argument. Request denied. Judgment affirmed.

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

2025-0842. State ex rel. Wright v. Madison Cty. Clerk of Courts, Slip Opinion No. 2026-Ohio-598.

Madison App. No. CA2025-01-001. On appellee’s motion to dismiss the appeal. Motion denied. Judgment affirmed.

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

MERIT DECISIONS WITHOUT OPINIONS

2025-1309. State ex rel. Philipot v. Indus. Comm.

In Procedendo. Cause dismissed pursuant to Rule 12.04.

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

2025-1509. Picard v. Richland Cty. Court of Common Pleas.

In Mandamus and Procedendo. Cause dismissed pursuant to Rule 12.04.

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

2025-1542. State ex rel. Ames v. Oldfield.

In Mandamus and Prohibition. On “revised unopposed motion to intervene” of Stow-Munroe Falls City School District Board of Education. Motion granted. Respondent’s motion to dismiss granted. Respondent’s motion to declare relator a vexatious litigator denied. Intervening respondent’s “motion for leave to file Rule 4.03 motion instantner” and motion to strike the opposition to the motion for leave denied as moot. Cause dismissed.

Brunner, Deters, and Shanahan, JJ., concur.

Kennedy, C.J., and Hawkins, J., concur in part and dissent in part and would deny the motion to intervene as moot.

Fischer, J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would grant the motion to declare relator a vexatious litigator

DeWine, J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would deny the motion to intervene as moot and would grant the motion to declare relator a vexatious litigator.

2025-1551. State ex rel. Sellers v. Franklin Cty. Clerk of Courts Records Div.
In Mandamus. On respondent's motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Cause dismissed.

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

Kennedy, C.J., dissents and would order respondent to file an answer and would grant an alternative writ.

2025-1553. Alford v. Chambers-Smith.

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.

2025-1555. State ex rel. Diallo v. McIntosh.

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.

2025-1567. State ex rel. Clemens v. Boldt.

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.

2025-1577. State ex rel. Whitfield v. Jenkins.

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.

2025-1579. State ex rel. Colon v. Eighth Dist. Court of Appeals Judges.

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.

2025-1580. Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel v. French.

In Prohibition. On Dayton Power and Light Company's motion to intervene as respondent. Motion denied for failure to comply with Civ.R. 24(C). Respondents' motion to dismiss granted. Cause dismissed.

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

Deters, J., not participating.

2025-1585. State ex rel. Rielinger v. Mona.

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

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

2025-1591. Long v. Crawford Cty. Bd. of Revision.

Board of Tax Appeals, No. 2025-1023. Sua sponte, appeal dismissed for lack of jurisdiction. Because the appeal instituted by appellant originated from a board-of-revision proceeding, this court lacks jurisdiction under R.C. 5717.04 to decide it. *See Akron City Schools Bd. of Edn. v. Summit Cty. Bd. of Revision*, [2023-Ohio-4695](#).

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

2025-1605. Dru Pottinger Master Trust v. Sutula.

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

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

2025-1649. State ex rel. Johnson v. Cook.

In Prohibition. On respondents' motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Relator's motion for leave to reply to motion to dismiss denied as moot. Cause dismissed.

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

DeWine, J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would grant relator's motion.

Hawkins, J., dissents and would order respondents to file an answer and would grant an alternative writ.

2025-1664. State ex rel. Acevedo v. Lorain Cty. Court of Common Pleas.

In Mandamus. On respondent's motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Relator's motion for leave to file a revised memorandum in opposition to respondent's motion to dismiss denied. Cause dismissed.

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

2025-1665. State ex rel. Alexander v. Cottrill.

In Prohibition. On respondent's motion to consolidate cases. Motion denied as moot. Respondent's motion to dismiss granted. Cause dismissed.

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

2025-1677. State ex rel. Rockhold v. Fairfield Cty. Mun. Court.

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

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

2025-1702. State ex rel. Givens v. Belmont Cty. Bd. of Elections.

In Mandamus, Prohibition, Procedendo, and Quo Warranto. On relator's motion for expedited schedule. Motion denied as moot. Motion to dismiss of respondents Robert Newhart, Michael Meintel, John Longwell, Melanie Haswell, Brandon Parr, Robert Gorrell, Lisa Duvall, Sam Carpino, and any other unnamed official or employee of the Village of Shadyside acting in their official capacity granted. Motion to dismiss of respondents Belmont County Board of Elections and Belmont County Prosecuting Attorney J. Kevin Flanagan granted. Sua sponte, cause dismissed as to remaining respondents. Cause dismissed.

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

2025-1703. State ex rel. Givens v. LaRose.

In Mandamus, Prohibition, Procedendo, and Quo Warranto. On relator's motion for expedited schedule. Motion denied as moot. Motion to dismiss of respondent Secretary of State Frank LaRose granted. Motion to dismiss of respondents Belmont County Board of Elections and Director Eberle Ferrell granted. Cause dismissed.

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

2026-0027. Egan v. Conneaut Mun. Court Clerk of Courts.

In Mandamus and Prohibition. On relator's emergency motion for temporary stay of enforcement pending resolution of original action. Motion denied as moot. Relator's emergency motion to expedite and emergency motion for immediate administrative stay pending court review denied as moot. Relator's "motion requiring (A) election of role, (B) disclosure of defense authority and payer, and (C) in camera review" denied as moot. Relator's emergency petition for supervisory relief, jurisdictional stay, and temporary restraining order denied as moot. Relator's request for recusal or independent review, request for preservation, and motion to strike filings as improperly filed denied as moot. Amended motions to dismiss of respondents Conneaut Municipal Court Clerk of Courts and Ashtabula Municipal Court Clerk of Courts granted. Relator's request for acknowledgment of receipt and judicial review denied as moot. Relator's motion to strike and preclude reliance on all Ashtabula Municipal Court-transmitted records denied as moot. Motion to dismiss of respondent Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas granted. Cause dismissed.

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

Brunner, Hawkins, and Shanahan, JJ., concur but would deny as moot the emergency petition for supervisory relief, jurisdictional stay, and temporary restraining order as well as the request for recusal or independent review.

MOTION AND PROCEDURAL RULINGS

2019-0319. State ex rel. Evans v. State.

In Mandamus. On relator's motion to reopen case. Motion denied. Relator's motion for appointment of master to conduct discovery denied as moot.

2025-0424. Sparks v. Frederick.

Marion App. No. 9-24-58. On appellant's request for review of judgment entry. Request denied.

2025-0565. State ex rel. McCartney v. Simco Mgt., Inc.

Franklin App. No. 24AP-13, [2025-Ohio-753](#). On appellant's motion to maintain stay of briefing schedule. Motion granted. Stay maintained pending the decision in case No. [2026-0025](#).

2025-1252. State ex rel. Allah-U-Akbar v. Neimi.

In Habeas Corpus. On petitioner's "motion to declare Rules 3.02(B), 12.04(B)(2), and 18.02(A)(1) unconstitutional as discriminatory against pro se incarcerated litigants." Motion denied.

2025-1257. State ex rel. Kimble v. State Farm Fire & Cas. Co.

In Mandamus. On relator's motion for sanctions, default-style relief, referral to mediation, and integrated settlement framework. Motion denied.