

# The Supreme Court of Ohio

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## CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 24, 2026

[Cite as *02/24/2026 Case Announcements*, 2026-Ohio-625.]

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## MERIT DECISIONS WITH OPINIONS

**2024-0236. In re RPA Energy, Inc., Slip Opinion No. 2026-Ohio-563.**

Public Utilities Commission, No. 22-441-GE-COI. Order affirmed in part and reversed in part and cause remanded.

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

Candace C. Crouse, J., of the First District Court of Appeals, sitting for Deters, J.

**2025-0479. State ex rel. Teagarden v. Dept. of Rehab. & Corr., Slip Opinion No. 2026-Ohio-567.**

In Mandamus. Writ granted in part and denied in part. Relator awarded court costs and \$5,000 in statutory damages.

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

Fischer, J., concurs but would not award damages.

**2025-0612. State ex rel. Harris v. Rothgery, Slip Opinion No. 2026-Ohio-578.**

Lorain App. No. 24CA012122, [2025-Ohio-1299](#). On relator's request for oral argument, motion for judicial notice, and motion for sanctions. Request and motions denied. Judgment affirmed.

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

**2025-0794. State ex rel. Martin v. McCormick, Slip Opinion No. 2026-Ohio-568.**

Cuyahoga App. No. 114928, [2025-Ohio-1742](#). Judgment affirmed.

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

## **MOTION AND PROCEDURAL RULINGS**

**2025-0643. State v. Lebron-Novas.**

Erie App. No. E-23-025, [2025-Ohio-1101](#). On motion of amicus curiae, Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost, to participate in oral argument. Motion granted. Amicus curiae shall share the time allotted to appellant.

## **MISCELLANEOUS DISMISSALS**

**2025-1422. State ex rel. West v. Dept. of Rehab. & Corr.**

In Mandamus. Relator has not filed a merit brief, due February 19, 2026, in compliance with the Rules of Practice of the Supreme Court of Ohio and therefore has failed to prosecute this cause with the requisite diligence. Cause dismissed.