

# The Supreme Court of Ohio

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## CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 31, 2024

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## MERIT DECISIONS WITH OPINIONS

**2023-1332. State ex rel. Johnson v. Higgins, Slip Opinion No. 2024-Ohio-5174.**  
In Quo Warranto. On relator's motion for oral argument. Motion denied. Relator's motion to strike exhibits granted in part and denied in part; Exhibits D and E stricken. Writ denied.

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

**2024-0228. State v. Sims, Slip Opinion No. 2024-Ohio-5175.**

Hamilton App. No. C-230274, **2023-Ohio-4711**. Judgment reversed and cause remanded to the court of appeals for application of *State v. Mays*, **2024-Ohio-4616**.

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

Donnelly, Stewart, and Brunner, JJ., dissent and would affirm for the reasons set forth in Justice Brunner's dissenting opinion in *Mays*.

**2024-0298. State v. Shockey, Slip Opinion No. 2024-Ohio-5176.**

Marion App. No. 9-23-22, **2024-Ohio-296**. Judgment reversed and cause remanded to the court of appeals for application of *State v. Mays*, **2024-Ohio-4616**.

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

Donnelly, Stewart, and Brunner, JJ., dissent and would affirm for the reasons set forth in Justice Brunner's dissenting opinion in *Mays*.

**2024-0832. State v. Thomas, Slip Opinion No. 2024-Ohio-5177.**

Marion App. No. 9-23-65, **2024-Ohio-1534**. Judgment reversed and cause remanded to the court of appeals for application of *State v. Mays*, **2024-Ohio-4616**.

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

Donnelly, Stewart, and Brunner, JJ., dissent and would affirm for the reasons set forth in Justice Brunner's dissenting opinion in *Mays*.

## DISCIPLINARY CASES

**2024-0173. Disciplinary Counsel v. Gernert.**

On relator's motion to lift stay. Motion granted. Respondent, Brian Nicholas Gernert, Attorney Registration No. 0089507, last known business address in Bucyrus, Ohio, found in contempt for failure to comply with this court's May 23, 2024 order. Stay of suspension revoked, and respondent ordered to serve the entire two-year suspension.

Brunner, J., not participating.