

The Supreme Court of Ohio

CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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MERIT DECISIONS WITH OPINIONS

2024-0709. State ex rel. Robinson v. Clemans, Slip Opinion No. 2025-Ohio-1021.

In Mandamus. Writ denied. Relator’s request for statutory damages, motion for the production of redacted evidence, motion to “dismiss” respondent’s answer and merit brief, motion to strike respondent’s response to motion for the production of redacted evidence, motion for a peremptory writ, and request for a writ of habeas corpus denied.

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

2024-0717. State ex rel. Ware v. Gabbard, Slip Opinion No. 2025-Ohio-1022.

In Mandamus. Writ denied. Respondent’s motion to strike relator’s affidavit granted. Relator’s request for statutory damages denied.

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

MERIT DECISIONS WITHOUT OPINIONS

2024-1407. State ex rel. Marshall v. Dept. of Rehab. & Corr.

In Mandamus. On relator's motion for leave to amend complaint. Motion denied as moot. Relator's motion for default judgment denied as moot. Cause dismissed pursuant to S.Ct.Prac.R. 12.04.

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

Deters, J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would deny the motion for default judgment on the merits and issue an alternative writ.

Fischer, J., not participating.

2024-1455. Thieret v. Pistorius.

In Mandamus and Quo Warranto. On respondent Massillon Police Department's motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Relator's motions for sanctions and appointment of a criminal attorney for prosecuting multiple defendants denied. Motion to dismiss of respondents Jamie Pistorius, Kerri Van Meter, Summit County Children Services, and Summit County Juvenile Court Magistrate David E. Fish granted. Sua sponte, cause dismissed as to remaining respondents. Cause dismissed.

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

2024-1537. State ex rel. Jones v. Doherty.

In Prohibition. On relator's request for personal service on respondent and/or to proceed pursuant to S.Ct.Prac.R. 12.06(A). 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.

2024-1574. State ex rel. Knight v. Hightower.

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.

2024-1724. State ex rel. Sodano v. Ohio Dept. of Dev. Disabilities.

In Mandamus. On respondent's motion to dismiss. Motion denied. Cause dismissed pursuant to S.Ct.Prac.R. 12.04.

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

2024-1751. State ex rel. El v. Triggs.

In Mandamus. Cause dismissed pursuant to S.Ct.Prac.R. 12.04.

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

2024-1762. State ex rel. Ruetz v. Stelzer.

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.

2024-1767. State ex rel. Munyan v. Marcelain.

In Procedendo. On respondent's motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Respondent's motion to strike and motion to deem relator a vexatious litigator denied. Cause dismissed.

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

Fischer, J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would grant the motions to strike and to deem relator a vexatious litigator.

DeWine, J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would grant the motion to strike.

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

2024-1772. State ex rel. Callihan v. Conley River Terminal, Inc.

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

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

2024-1795. State ex rel. Khamisi v. Hamilton Cty. Court of Common Pleas.

In Mandamus and Prohibition. On motion to dismiss of respondents Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas and Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office. Motion granted. Motion to dismiss of respondents First District Court of Appeals and Ohio Attorney General's Office granted. Relator's motion for leave to file petition for writs of mandamus and prohibition denied. Sua sponte, cause dismissed as to respondent Cincinnati Police Department (Financial Crime Unit). Cause dismissed.

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

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

2024-1802. State ex rel. Smith v. Dinkelacker.

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

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

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

2025-0014. State ex rel. Adkins v. Kleinman.

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.

2025-0032. State ex rel. Williams v. Ohio State Unclaimed Funds.

Miscellaneous case. On respondent's motion to dismiss. Motion granted. Cause dismissed.

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

2025-0034. State ex rel. Fout v. Madison Cty. Mun. Court.

In Mandamus. Cause dismissed pursuant to S.Ct.Prac.R. 12.04.

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

2025-0045. Addis v. State.

In Quo Warranto, Mandamus, and Procedendo. On respondents' motions to dismiss. Motions granted. Cause dismissed.

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

2025-0053. State ex rel. Suggs v. Watson.

In Mandamus. On respondent's motion for judgment on the pleadings. Motion granted. Cause dismissed.

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

Kennedy, C.J., and DeWine, J., dissent and would issue an alternative writ.

MOTION AND PROCEDURAL RULINGS

2024-0842. State ex rel. Johnson v. Booth.

In Mandamus. On relator's motion for proper notice. Motion denied.

Brunner, J., dissents and would reopen the case and issue a scheduling order.

2024-1549. State ex rel. Johnson v. Eighth Dist. Court of Appeals.

In Mandamus. On relator's request for admission of records. Request denied.

Relator's motion to reopen amended complaint denied.

2025-0007. State ex rel. Cook v. MaGee.

In Mandamus. Sua sponte, alternative writ granted. The following schedule is set for the presentation of evidence and filing of briefs pursuant to S.Ct.Prac.R. 12.05:

The parties shall file any evidence they intend to present within 20 days of the court's entry, relator shall file a brief within 30 days of the court's entry, respondent shall file a brief within 20 days after the filing of relator's brief, and relator may file a reply brief within 7 days after the filing of respondent's brief.

Fischer, J., dissents and would sua sponte dismiss the cause.

2025-0051. State v. Williamson.

Muskingum App. No. CT2024-0032, [2024-Ohio-4980](#). 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.

2025-0263. State v. Rankin.

Adams App. No. 24CA1202. On appellant's motion to stay execution pending appeal. Motion denied.

Fischer, J., dissents.

APPEALS ACCEPTED FOR REVIEW

2025-0030. State v. Barnes.

Cuyahoga App. No. 114516.

DeWine and Shanahan, JJ., dissent.