

# The Supreme Court of Ohio

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## CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 19, 2025

[Cite as *03/19/2025 Case Announcements*, 2025-Ohio-935.]

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## MERIT DECISIONS WITH OPINIONS

**2024-0184. State ex rel. Clark v. Dept. of Rehab. & Corr., Slip Opinion No. 2025-Ohio-895.**

In Mandamus. On relator's motion for leave to file rebuttal evidence. Motion granted. Limited writ granted. Relator awarded \$1,000 in statutory damages. Relator's request for court costs denied.

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

Kennedy, C.J., concurs in judgment only, with an opinion.

Fischer, J., concurs in part and dissents in part and would not award statutory damages.

## MOTION AND PROCEDURAL RULINGS

**2024-1515. State v. Simpson.**

Clark App. No. 2023-CA-51, **2024-Ohio-2378**. On appellant's motion to hold in abeyance and motion to stay. Motions denied as moot.

**2024-1759. State v. Johnson.**

Lucas App. No. L-23-1134, **2024-Ohio-5623**. On appellant's amended motion to appoint the Ohio Public Defender as counsel. Motion granted. Office of the Ohio Public Defender appointed to represent appellant.

**2025-0060. State ex rel. Cleavenger v. Melton.**

In Mandamus. On respondents' motion to strike relator's "request for preliminary order to be issued against parties for filing frivolous argument(s)" and motion to strike relator's request for order to instruct respondents to permit relator to file electronic documents through the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Correction's law library. Motions denied. Sua sponte, respondents permitted to file responses to relator's requests within ten days of the court's entry.

**2025-0102. State ex rel. Cleavenger v. Mason.**

In Mandamus. On respondents' motion to strike relator's "request for preliminary order to be issued against parties for filing frivolous argument(s)." Motion denied. Sua sponte, respondents permitted to file a response to relator's request within ten days of the court's entry.

**2025-0103. State ex rel. Cleavenger v. Mason.**

In Mandamus. On respondents' motion to strike relator's request for order to require respondents to facilitate electronic filing of documents through the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Correction's law library and motion to strike relator's "request for preliminary order to be issued against parties for filing frivolous argument(s)." Motions denied. Sua sponte, respondents permitted to file responses to relator's requests within ten days of the court's entry.

**2025-0170. State ex rel. Cleavenger v. Mason.**

In Mandamus. On respondents' motion to strike relator's request for order to instruct respondents to facilitate filing of documents through the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Correction's law library and motion to strike relator's "request for preliminary order to be issued against parties for filing frivolous argument(s)." Motions denied. Sua sponte, respondents permitted to file responses to relator's requests within ten days of the court's entry.

**2025-0182. State ex rel. Cleavenger v. Mason.**

In Mandamus. On respondents' motion to strike relator's amended "request for preliminary order to be issued against parties for filing frivolous argument(s)" and motion to strike relator's request for order to require respondents to facilitate electronic filing of documents through the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Correction's law library. Motions denied. Sua sponte, respondents permitted to file responses to relator's amended request for preliminary order and request to facilitate electronic filing of documents within ten days of the court's entry. Respondents' motion to strike relator's "request for preliminary order to be issued against parties for filing frivolous argument(s)" denied as moot.

**2025-0226. State v. Mackey.**

Franklin App. No. 24AP-566. On appellant's motion for leave to file revised notice of appeal and revised memorandum in support of jurisdiction. Motion denied.

**MISCELLANEOUS DISMISSALS**

**2025-0358. State ex rel. Keiser v. Marks.**

In Mandamus. On relator's application for dismissal. Application granted. Cause dismissed.