

FOURTH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEALS CASE ASSIGNMENTS

Presiding Judge Jason P. Smith
Administrative Judge Michael D. Hess
Judge Peter B. Abele
Judge Kristy S. Wilkin

Cases **submitted on the briefs** are listed in the **first** table below and are assigned to a panel throughout the month.

Cases **scheduled for oral argument** are listed in the **second** table below and the parties and/or counsel have been notified by Magistrate’s Order.

Arguments begin promptly at **10:00 a.m.**, unless otherwise noted. Panels and/or hearing dates are subject to change.

Information concerning oral argument location is listed underneath the oral argument scheduling table.

Questions or concerns should be directed to the Court.

CASES SUBMITTED ON BRIEFS

COUNTY	CASE NUMBER	CASE NAME	ASSIGNMENT DATE	PANEL
ADAMS				
Adams	25CA1211	Mapes v. Gibbs	July 14, 2025	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Adams	25CA1218	State v. Kennedy	October 13, 2025	Abele, Hess, Smith
Adams	25CA1227	State v. Aeiker	December 8, 2025	Abele, Hess, Smith
Adams	25CA1228	State v. Crace	January 20, 2026	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Adams	25CA1225	State v. Fizer	January 26, 2026	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Adams	25CA1223	State v. Sandlin, Jr.	February 2, 2026	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Adams	25CA1232	James v. James	February 23, 2026	Abele, Hess, Smith
Adams	25CA1234-37	State v. Walker	March 9, 2026	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Adams	25CA1233	State v. Palmer	March 30, 2026	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Adams	26CA1244	In re: W.C.	April 10, 2026	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Adams	26CA1241-42	State v. Greene	April 27, 2026	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
ATHENS				
Athens	25CA5	Sammons v. Gibson	November 10, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Athens	25CA15-16	In re: K.B. 1, K.B. 2	February 6, 2026	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Athens	25CA21	Cochran v. Cochran	March 30, 2026	Abele, Hess, Smith

GALLIA				
Gallia	24CA15 – 17	State v. Lewis	July 14, 2025	Abele, Hess, Smith
Gallia	25CA1	State v. Durst	October 13, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Gallia	25CA8	State v. Jordan	January 26, 2026	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Gallia	25CA11-12	State v. Thacker	February 2, 2026	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Gallia	25CA19	State v. Deckard	March 30, 2026	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Gallia	25CA14	State v. Vanmeter	April 13, 2026	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Gallia	25CA17	State v. Sinclair	April 27, 2026	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Gallia	25CA20	State v. Wolfe	April 27, 2026	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
HIGHLAND				
Highland	24CA20	State v. Powell	July 14, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Highland	25CA3	State v. Jensen	December 1, 2025	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Highland	25CA10/16/ 18	State v. Brown, Jr.	January 20, 2026	Abele, Hess, Smith
Highland	25CA21	State v. Jackson	February 23, 2026	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Highland	25CA23	State v. Carson	February 23, 2026	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Highland	25CA24	State v. Campbell	March 30, 2026	Abele, Hess, Smith
Highland	25CA25	Florek v. Lengefeld	March 30, 2026	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
HOCKING				
Hocking	25CA2	Kovalcik v. Kovalcik	December 29, 2025	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Hocking	25CA6	State v. Pickell	March 30, 2026	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Hocking	25CA7	State v. Hollaway	April 13, 2026	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
JACKSON				
Jackson	24CA17 & 25CA4	State v. Wise	August 4, 2025	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Jackson	24CA6	State v. Lennex	September 15, 2025	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Jackson	24CA15	State v. Baisden	November 10, 2025	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Jackson	25CA10	State v. Weaver	November 10, 2025	Abele, Hess, Smith
LAWRENCE				
Lawrence	25CA9	State v. Ruff	January 20, 2026	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Lawrence	25CA14-15	State v. McKnight	January 26, 2026	Abele, Hess, Smith
Lawrence	25CA17	Rubel v. Thomas	February 2, 2026	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Lawrence	25CA24	State v. Gipson	February 2, 2026	Abele, Hess, Smith
Lawrence	25CA13	State v. Kimbrough	March 9, 2026	Abele, Hess, Smith
Lawrence	25CA38	State v. Lane	March 9, 2026	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
MEIGS				
Meigs	25CA4	State v. Rogers	October 27, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Meigs	25CA2	State v. Brannon	December 8, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Meigs	25CA9	State v. Halley	March 30, 2026	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Meigs	25CA5-8	State v. Wickersham	April 13, 2026	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
PICKAWAY				
Pickaway	25CA9	Gabriel v. McBride	November 10, 2025	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Pickaway	25CA26-27	State v. Shea, II	December 29, 2025	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Pickaway	25CA16	State v. Withers	February 23, 2026	Abele, Hess, Smith
PIKE				
Pike	25CA937	Nichols v. Nichols, Jr	August 4, 2025	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Pike	25CA941	Davis v. Damron	September 29, 2025	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Pike	25CA940	State v. Sutton	October 13, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
ROSS				
Ross	25CA6	Dayton Truck Repair v. Crowe, et al.	August 18, 2025	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Ross	25CA3	State v. Bost	September 1, 2025	Hess, Smith, Wilkin

Ross	25CA23	State v. Smith	November 10, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Ross	25CA10/13	State v. Rogers	December 29, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Ross	25CA35	State v. Froe	February 23, 2026	Abele, Hess, Smith
Ross	25CA33	State v. Shea, II	March 30, 2026	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Ross	25CA22	State v. R. Hiles	April 13, 2026	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Ross	25CA31	State v. Z. Hiles	April 13, 2026	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
SCIOTO				
Scioto	25CA4120	State v. Jackson	June 2, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Scioto	24CA4067 & 24CA4068	State v. Harris	July 14, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Scioto	24CA4066	State v. Turner	August 4, 2025	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Scioto	24CA4090	State v. Addington	September 15, 2025	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Scioto	24CA4105	State v. Bevins	September 15, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Scioto	24CA4110	State v. Mallory	October 27, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Scioto	24CA4108 & 24CA4109	State v. Maguire, Jr.	December 1, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Scioto	25CA4126	State v. Wilkins	December 1, 2025	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Scioto	25CA4129 & 25CA4130	State v. Anderson/Marrow	December 1, 2025	Abele, Hess, Smith
Scioto	24CA4103	State v. Fitzpatrick	December 29, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Scioto	25CA4123	State v. Brown	December 29, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Scioto	25CA4136	State v. Prude	December 29, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Scioto	25CA4122	State v. Williams	January 26, 2026	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Scioto	25CA4138	State v. Jewell	March 9, 2026	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Scioto	25CA4156	State v. Delawder	March 9, 2026	Abele, Hess, Smith
Scioto	25CA4157	State v. Ranieri	March 9, 2026	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Scioto	25CA4121	State v. Milar	March 30, 2026	Abele, Hess, Smith
Scioto	25CA4162	Neilsen v. Evans	April 27, 2026	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
VINTON				
Vinton	25CA705	Baldwin v. Baldwin	September 29, 2025	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Washington				
Washington	25CA5 & 25CA10	State v. Wiggers, Sr.	June 2, 2025	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Washington	25CA15	State v. Hill	September 29, 2025	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Washington	25CA17	State v. Mackey	December 1, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Washington	25CA22-24	State v. Vineyard	December 29, 2025	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Washington	25CA11	State v. West	January 20, 2026	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Washington	25CA40-42	In re: M.A.L.B., Z.M.W.W., L.M.W.	January 9, 2026	Abele, Hess, Smith
Washington	25CA9	Lynn v. Lynn	March 9, 2026	Abele, Hess, Smith
Washington	25CA20	State v. Jones	March 30, 2026	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Washington	25CA43	State v. Gonchoff	April 13, 2026	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Washington	25CA50	HSBC Bank USA v. Pryor, et al.	April 13, 2026	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Washington	25CA32	State v. Dugan	April 27, 2026	Abele, Smith, Wilkin

2026 ORAL ARGUMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	COUNTY/LOCATION	CASE COUNTY/NUMBER/NAME	PANEL
Jan 20	Oral Argument	Scioto 24CA4133 – State of Ohio v. Tyli Dorsey	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Jan 22	Oral Argument	Scioto 25CA4119 – United Energy Workers Healthcare LLC. v. Ashley Mason, et al. Scioto 25CA4118 – State of Ohio v. William Winn	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Jan 28	Oral Argument	Gallia 25CA3 – Yangtze Railroad Fasteners Int. v. Ohio Valley Trackwork, Inc.	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Feb 05	Highland Common Pleas Courtroom	Canceled	Smith, Hess, Wilkin
Feb 19	Adams Common Pleas Courtroom	Canceled	Smith, Hess, Wilkin
March 5	Vinton Common Pleas Courtroom	Jackson 24CA10 – State of Ohio v. Shaun Harris Ross 24CA43 – State of Ohio v. Dacoma Lett Scioto 24CA4092 – State of Ohio v. Brooklyn Frazie Ross 25CA29 – In re: C.H.	Smith, Hess, Wilkin
March 26	Scioto Common Pleas Courtroom	Canceled	Smith, Hess, Wilkin
April 16	Lawrence Common Pleas Courtroom	Jackson 24CA14 – State of Ohio v. George Carroll Scioto 25CA4117 – Rick Messer v. Jacqueline Lucero, et al. Adams 25CA1213 – State of Ohio v. Rodney Sharp Adams 25CA1222 – State of Ohio v. Joshua Stratton Athens 25CA12 – State of Ohio v. Margarita Nguyen	Smith, Hess, Wilkin
April 30	Ross Common Pleas Courtroom	Pickaway 25CA29 – Bloomfield Hills Subdivision Association v. Alicia Awwiller Washington 25CA39 – In re: K.B. Ross 25CA21 – State of Ohio v. Victor Lewis, Jr. Pickaway 25CA17 – State of Ohio v. Susan Withers Pike 25CA936 – State of Ohio v. Angela Wagner Pike 25CA935/939 – State of Ohio v. Edward “Jake” Wagner	Abele, Hess, Smith

May 14	Lawrence Common Pleas Courtroom		Smith, Hess, Wilkin
May 28	Gallia Common Pleas Courtroom		Abele, Hess, Wilkin
June 4	Scioto Common Pleas Courtroom		Smith, Hess, Wilkin
June 25	Ross Common Pleas Courtroom		Abele, Hess, Wilkin
July 16	Scioto Common Pleas Courtroom		Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Aug 13	Lawrence Court of Appeals Courtroom		Smith, Hess, Wilkin
Aug 27	Gallia Common Pleas Courtroom		Abele, Smith, Hess
Sept 3	Athens Common Pleas Courtroom		Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Sept 24	Highland Common Pleas Courtroom		Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Oct 1	Vinton Common Pleas Courtroom		Abele, Smith, Wilkin

Oct 15	Jackson Common Pleas Courtroom		Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Oct 29	Pickaway Common Pleas Courtroom		Smith, Hess, Wilkin
Nov 05	Ross Common Pleas Courtroom		Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Nov 19	Scioto Common Pleas Courtroom		Abele, Hess, Wilkin

ORAL ARGUMENT HEARING LOCATIONS

Adams County Common Pleas Courtroom
Adams County Courthouse
110 West Main Street
West Union, Ohio 45693

Athens County Common Pleas Courtroom
Athens County Courthouse
1 South Court Street
Athens, Ohio 45701

Gallia County Common Pleas Courtroom
Gallia County Courthouse
18 Locust Street
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631

Highland County Common Pleas Courtroom
Highland County Courthouse
105 North High Street
Hillsboro, Ohio 45133

Hocking County Common Pleas Courtroom
Hocking County Courthouse
1 East Main Street
Logan, Ohio 43138

Jackson County Common Pleas Courtroom
Jackson County Courthouse
226 East Main Street
Jackson, Ohio 45640

Lawrence County Common Pleas Courtroom
Lawrence County Courthouse
111 South 4th Street
Ironton, Ohio 45638

Meigs County Common Pleas Courtroom
Meigs County Courthouse
100 Second Street
Pomeroy, Ohio 45769

Pickaway County Common Pleas Courtroom
Pickaway County Courthouse
207 South Court Street, 2nd Floor
Circleville, Ohio 43113

Pike County Common Pleas Courtroom
Pike County Courthouse
100 East Second Street
Waverly, Ohio 45690

Ross County Common Pleas Courtroom #1
Ross County Courthouse
2 North Paint Street
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

Scioto County Court of Appeals Courtroom
Scioto County Courthouse
602 7th Street, 3rd Floor
Portsmouth, Ohio 45662

Vinton County Common Pleas Courtroom
Vinton County Courthouse
100 East Main Street
McArthur, Ohio 45651

Washington County Common Pleas Courtroom
Washington County Courthouse
205 Putnam Street
Marietta, Ohio 45750