

# 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
<b>ADAMS</b>				
Adams	25CA1211	Mapes v. Gibbs	July 14, 2025	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Adams	25CA1224	In the Matter of: E.M., T.M.	October 10, 2025	Abele, Hess, Smith
Adams	25CA1218	State v. Kennedy	October 13, 2025	Abele, Hess, Smith
Adams	25CA1221	State v. Yates, Jr.	October 27, 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	25CA1229	State v. Lewis	January 20, 2026	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Adams	25CA1230	State v. Lewis	January 20, 2026	Abele, Hess, 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
<b>ATHENS</b>				
Athens	25CA5	Sammons v. Gibson	November 10, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Athens	25CA8	State v. Gambrel	December 29, 2025	Abele, Hess, Smith
Athens	25CA15	In re: K.B. 1, K.B. 2	February 6, 2026	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Athens	25CA16	In re: K.B. 1, K.B. 2	February 6, 2026	Abele, Hess, Wilkin

<b>GALLIA</b>				
Gallia	24CA15 – 17	State v. Lewis	July 14, 2025	Abele, Hess, Smith
Gallia	25CA1	State v. Durst	October 13, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Gallia	25CA2	State v. Conkey	November 10, 2025	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Gallia	25CA8	State v. Jordan	January 26, 2026	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Gallia	25CA11-12	State v. Thacker	February 2, 2026	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
<b>HIGHLAND</b>				
Highland	24CA11	State v. Coleman	March 31, 2025	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
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	25CA22	Carrington v. Beverly	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
<b>HOCKING</b>				
Hocking	24CA6	State v. Stevens	March 31, 2025	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Hocking	25CA2	Kovalcik v. Kovalcik	December 29, 2025	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
<b>JACKSON</b>				
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
Jackson	25CA11	City of Jackson, Ohio v. Kinkaid	December 1, 2025	Abele, Hess, Smith
Jackson	25CA7	State v. Miller	December 8, 2025	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Jackson	25CA9	State v. Ross	January 26, 2026	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
<b>LAWRENCE</b>				
Lawrence	24CA22	State v. Blevins	January 20, 2026	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Lawrence	25CA9	State v. Ruff	January 20, 2026	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Lawrence	25CA18	State v. Hargis	January 20, 2026	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Lawrence	25CA14-15	State v. McKnight	January 26, 2026	Abele, Hess, Smith
Lawrence	25CA29	State v. Robinson	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
<b>MEIGS</b>				
Meigs	25CA4	State v. Rogers	October 27, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Meigs	25CA2	State v. Brannon	December 8, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
<b>PICKAWAY</b>				
Pickaway	25CA18	Watson v. Minnich	September 15, 2025	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
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
<b>PIKE</b>				
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
<b>ROSS</b>				
Ross	24CA42	State v. Redmond	June 2, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
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	25CA9	State v. Oatis	October 13, 2025	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Ross	25CA23	State v. Smith	November 10, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Ross	25CA32	State v. Clark	November 21, 2025	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Ross	25CA10/13	State v. Rogers	December 29, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Ross	25CA36	State v. Harris	December 29, 2025	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Ross	25CA24	State v. Arnold	February 2, 2026	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Ross	25CA35	State v. Froe	February 23, 2026	Abele, Hess, Smith
<b>SCIOTO</b>				
Scioto	25CA4120	State v. Jackson	June 2, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Scioto	24CA4067 & 24CA4068	State v. Harris	July 14, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Scioto	24CA4096	State v. Woods (aka Johnson)	July 14, 2025	Abele, Hess, Smith
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	25CA4145	In re: X.P., I.R.	January 9, 2026	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Scioto	25CA4149	In re: X.P., I.R.	January 9, 2026	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Scioto	25CA4122	State v. Williams	January 26, 2026	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
<b>VINTON</b>				
Vinton	25CA705	Baldwin v. Baldwin	September 29, 2025	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
<b>Washington</b>				
Washington	24CA15	State v. Wilson	April 28, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
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	25CA12-14	State v. Robison	November 10, 2025	Abele, Hess, Smith
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	25CA37-38	In re: C.D.L. & J.N.L.	February 6, 2026	Abele, Hess, 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	<b>Canceled</b>	Smith, Hess, Wilkin
Feb 19	Adams Common Pleas Courtroom	<b>Canceled</b>	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		Smith, Hess, Wilkin
April 16	Lawrence Common Pleas Courtroom		Smith, Hess, Wilkin
April 30	Ross Common Pleas Courtroom		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 4<sup>th</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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