

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	24CA1196	Simmers v. Dennison	November 12, 2024	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Adams	24CA1207	James v. James	April 21, 2025	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Adams	25CA1210	State v. Goss	May 5, 2025	Abele, Hess, Smith
ATHENS				
Athens	23CA14 & 23CA23	State v. Brigner	January 29, 2024	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Athens	24CA2	State v. Dye	June 17, 2024	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Athens	24CA5	In re: S.B., S.M.	June 17, 2024	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Athens	24CA32	Dwivedi v. Ojha	February 10, 2025	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Athens	24CA25	State v. Schwab	March 10, 2025	Abele, Hess, Smith
Athens	24CA30	State v. Morgan	March 10, 2025	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Athens	24CA24	Jai Shree Ganesh v. Athens Board of Revisions	March 24, 2025	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Athens	25CA2	In the Matter of: J.M.P.	April 11, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Athens	24CA33	State v. Doucoure	April 28, 2025	Hess, Smith, Wilkin

GALLIA				
Gallia	23CA21	Parsons v. Parsons	April 29, 2024	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
HIGHLAND				
Highland	23CA14	State v. Taylor	December 18, 2023	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Highland	23CA15	State v. Miller	April 29, 2024	Abele, Hess, Smith
Highland	24CA17	In the Matter of: N.J., H.J., S.J., M.J.	March 7, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Highland	24CA1	State v. Norris	March 24, 2025	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Highland	24CA15	State v. Brummett	March 24, 2025	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Highland	24CA11	State v. Coleman	March 31, 2025	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Highland	23CA11	State v. Johnson	April 28, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Highland	25CA5	In the Matter of: T.M., J.M.	April 18, 2025	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
HOCKING				
Hocking	24CA6	State v. Stevens	March 31, 2025	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
JACKSON				
Jackson	23CA18	Ward v. Ross, et al	March 18, 2024	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Jackson	24CA13	State v. Garrett	March 10, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Jackson	24CA5	State v. Kerns	March 31, 2025	Abele, Hess, Smith
Jackson	24CA7	State v. Storms	April 28, 2025	Abele, Hess, Smith
LAWRENCE				
Lawrence	23CA27	Worthy v. Hawthorne	April 1, 2024	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Lawrence	24CA2	Wilson v. Canup	June 3, 2024	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Lawrence	24CA3	State v. Adkins	August 26, 2024	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Lawrence	24CA4	State v. Robinson	September 9, 2024	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Lawrence	24CA6	State v. Burchett	April 28, 2025	Abele, Hess, Smith
Lawrence	25CA2	State v. Taylor	April 28, 2025	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
MEIGS				
Meigs	24CA3	State v. Hess	October 15, 2024	Abele, Hess, Smith
Meigs	24CA8	In the Matter of: J.Y.	January 27, 2025	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Meigs	24CA9	State v. Burton	February 10, 2025	Abele, Hess, Smith
Meigs	24CA12	Francis, et al. v. Contractor Services	February 10, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Meigs	24CA6	State v. Lemaster	March 31, 2025	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Meigs	23CA8 & 23CA9	State v. Grover	May 5, 2025	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
PICKAWAY				
Pickaway	24CA4 & 24CA5	Patton v. Moore, Warden	June 17, 2024	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Pickaway	24CA20	State v. Peeples	April 21, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Pickaway	24CA26	State v. Shamblin	April 21, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Pickaway	24CA24	State v. Dotson, Jr.	April 28, 2025	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
PIKE				
Pike	24CA930	State v. Lansing	March 24, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
ROSS				
Ross	23CA29	State v. Knauff	November 12, 2024	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Ross	24CA10 & 24CA11	State v. Wyke	November 12, 2024	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Ross	24CA24	State v. Gutierrez	December 30, 2024	Abele, Hess, Smith
Ross	24CA16	State v. Harsha	January 27, 2025	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Ross	24CA6	State v. Hardesty	April 28, 2025	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Ross	24CA39	State v. Smith	April 28, 2025	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Ross	24CA30	State v. Lytle	May 5, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin

SCIOTO				
Scioto	23CA4018	State v. Lucas	April 15, 2024	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Scioto	23CA4041	State v. Reed	August 5, 2024	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Scioto	23CA4023	State v. Carr	August 19, 2024	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Scioto	23CA4056	State v. Knott	September 9, 2024	Abele, Hess, Smith
Scioto	23CA4045	State v. Crum	October 7, 2024	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Scioto	23CA4042	State v. Tucker	October 7, 2024	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Scioto	24CA4065	State v. Alexander	October 7, 2024	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Scioto	24CA4089	In the Matter of: A.N.D.	December 2, 2024	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Scioto	23CA4048	State v. Maynard	December 30, 2024	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Scioto	24CA4094	State v. Booker	December 30, 2024	Abele, Hess, Smith
Scioto	24CA4061	State v. Hodges	January 27, 2025	Abele, Hess, Smith
Scioto	23CA4034	State v. Steele	March 24, 2025	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Scioto	24CA4078	State v. Dalton	March 24, 2025	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Scioto	24CA4085 & 24CA4086	State v. Buffington	April 28, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
VINTON				
Vinton	25CA702	In the Matter of: A.P., A.P., B.P., L.P., S.P., & S.P.	April 4, 2025	Abele, Hess, Smith
WASHINGTON				
Washington	24CA10	Pryor v. Pryor	March 10, 2025	Abele, Hess, Smith
Washington	24CA18	State v. Tucker	April 21, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Washington	24CA15	State v. Wilson	April 28, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Washington	24CA20	State v. Paul	April 28, 2025	Abele, Hess, Smith
Washington	24CA19	State v. Armstrong	May 5, 2025	Abele, Hess, Smith

2025 ORAL ARGUMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	COUNTY/LOCATION	CASE COUNTY/NUMBER/NAME	PANEL
Jan 25	Oral Argument	Highland 24CA7 – Jennifer Bowman v. David Bowman	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Feb 6	Highland Common Pleas Courtroom	Canceled	Abele, Smith, Hess
Feb 13	Adams Common Pleas Courtroom	Canceled	Smith, Hess, Wilkin
Feb 25	Oral Argument	Hocking 22CA4 – Karry Gemmell v. Evergreen Site Holdings, Inc.	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
March 13	Vinton Common Pleas Courtroom	Canceled	Abele, Wilkin, Hess
March 27	Scioto Common Pleas Courtroom	Canceled	Abele, Smith, Hess
April 3	Lawrence Common Pleas Courtroom	Canceled	Smith, Hess, Wilkin
April 17	Ross Common Pleas Courtroom	Washington 24CA12 – Brent Hann v. Richard Tonnous, et al Athens 24CA31 – State of Ohio v. City of Athens Highland 24CA6 – State of Ohio v. Jason Creager Pike 23CA919 – State of Ohio v. George Wagner, IV	Abele, Hess, Smith
April 24	Gallia Common Pleas Courtroom	Gallia 24CA9 – State of Ohio v. James Phoenix Athens 24CA10 – State of Ohio v. Jonathan Hinton Ross 24CA28 – State of Ohio v. Dominique Lawson Pickaway 24CA18 & 24CA19 – State of Ohio v. Marinda Perrill	Abele, Hess, Wilkin

May 1	Athens Common Pleas Courtroom	Lawrence 24CA11 – Beulah Handy v. Patriot Mgmt. and Investments Company, et al. Ross 24CA14 – State of Ohio v. Gordon Snyder Lawrence 23CA34 – State of Ohio v. Charles Parks Ross 24CA15 – State of Ohio v. James Haughn Jackson – State of Ohio v. James Perry	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
May 15	Lawrence Common Pleas Courtroom	Canceled	Smith, Hess, Wilkin
May 29	Meigs Common Pleas Courtroom	Athens 24CA21 – Tonya Cochran v. David Cochran Washington 24CA21 – State of Ohio v. Rodney James Scioto 24CA4076 – State of Ohio v. Michael Andrews	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
June 5	Scioto Court of Appeals Courtroom	Canceled	Smith, Hess, Wilkin
June 12	Jackson Common Pleas Courtroom	Jackson 24CA9 – Elizabeth Frisby v. John Frisby Jackson 24CA4 – State of Ohio v. Larry E. Farmer Athens 24CA37 – Michael Weser v. Gloria Brunson, et al. Washington 24CA11 – Southwestern Equipment v. D.J. Group, et al. Pike 24CA931 – State of Ohio v. George Wagner, III	Abele, Smith, Hess
June 26	Ross Common Pleas Courtroom		Abele, Smith, Hess
July 10	Scioto Common Pleas Courtroom		Abele, Smith, Wilkin
July 31	Hocking Common Pleas Courtroom		Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Aug 14	Lawrence Common Pleas Courtroom		Smith, Hess, Wilkin

Aug 28	Gallia Common Pleas Courtroom		Abele, Smith, Hess
Sep 18	Highland Common Pleas Courtroom		Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Sep 25	Washington Common Pleas Courtroom		Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Oct 2	Vinton Court of Appeals Courtroom		Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Oct 16	Pike Common Pleas Courtroom		Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Oct 30	Pickaway Common Pleas Courtroom		Smith, Hess, Wilkin
Nov 6	Ross Court of Appeals Courtroom		Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Nov 20	Scioto Court of Appeals 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