

# 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	23CA1174	State v. Ogden	February 26, 2024	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Adams	24CA1186	State v. Stricklett, Jr.	June 3, 2024	Abele, Hess, Smith
Adams	24CA1196	Simmers v. Dennison	November 12, 2024	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Adams	24CA1205	State v. Morgan	February 10, 2025	Abele, Hess, Smith
<b>ATHENS</b>				
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	23CA17	State v. Burchfield	August 5, 2024	Abele, Hess, Smith
Athens	24CA20	In re: A.S.1, A.S.2, S.S.	October 25, 2024	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Athens	24CA27	State v. Brooks	November 12, 2024	Abele, Hess, Smith
Athens	24CA26	In re: R.P.	December 13, 2024	Abele, Hess, Smith
Athens	24CA32	Dwivedi v. Ojha	February 10, 2025	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Athens	24CA36	In Re: K.K.	February 21, 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
<b>GALLIA</b>				
Gallia	23CA21	Parsons v. Parsons	April 29, 2024	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
<b>HIGHLAND</b>				
Highland	22CA5	State v. Hertzler	July 10, 2023	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Highland	23CA14	State v. Taylor	December 18, 2023	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Highland	23CA15	State v. Miller	April 29, 2024	Abele, Hess, Smith
Highland	24CA5	State v. Weil	December 2, 2024	Abele, Hess, Smith
Highland	24CA18	State v. Erskine	March 10, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
<b>HOCKING</b>				
Hocking	23CA15 & 23CA16	State v. Collins	April 1, 2024	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Hocking	24CA1 & 24CA2	State v. Hughes	October 7, 2024	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
<b>JACKSON</b>				
Jackson	23CA18	Ward v. Ross, et al	March 18, 2024	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Jackson	24CA12	In the Matter of: R.S., P.S., I.S., R.R., D.S.	January 10, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Jackson	24CA13	State v. Garrett	March 10, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
<b>LAWRENCE</b>				
Lawrence	23CA14, 16, 17, 18	State v. Neff	December 18, 2023	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
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	24CA15	Dills v. Hogsett	March 10, 2025	Abele, Hess, Smith
<b>MEIGS</b>				
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	24CA10 & 24CA11	In the Matter of: P.G. & K.G.	February 21, 2025	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
<b>PICKAWAY</b>				
Pickaway	24CA4 & 24CA5	Patton v. Moore, Warden	June 17, 2024	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
<b>PIKE</b>				
Pike	23CA921	State v. Scott	October 9, 2023	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
<b>ROSS</b>				
Ross	23CA6	State v. Harris	October 16, 2023	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Ross	22CA36	State v. Jeffers	January 22, 2024	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Ross	23CA19	State v. Doyle	March 18, 2024	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Ross	24CA18	State v. Ballein	September 20, 2024	Abele, Hess, Smith
Ross	24CA19	State v. Lansing	September 20, 2024	Abele, Hess, Smith
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	24CA9	State v. Howard	January 27, 2025	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
Ross	24CA16	State v. Harsha	January 27, 2025	Abele, Hess, Wilkin

Ross	24CA21	State v. Woods	January 27, 2025	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
<b>SCIOTO</b>				
Scioto	23CA4017	In the Matter of: K. F.	December 26, 2023	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Scioto	23CA4018	State v. Lucas	April 15, 2024	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
Scioto	24CA4074	State v. McDougald	July 29, 2024	Abele, Hess, Smith
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	24CA4100	Neilsen v. Tieman	December 30, 2024	Abele, Smith, Wilkin
Scioto	24CA4061	State v. Hodges	January 27, 2025	Abele, Hess, Smith
<b>VINTON</b>				
Vinton	24CA702	State v. Remy	February 10, 2025	Abele, Hess, Wilkin
<b>WASHINGTON</b>				
Washington	24CA14	East Ohio Oil & Gas v. Strahler	December 2, 2024	Abele, Hess, Smith
Washington	24CA10	Pryor v. Pryor	March 10, 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	<b>Canceled</b>	Abele, Smith, Hess
Feb 13	Adams Common Pleas Courtroom	<b>Canceled</b>	Smith, Hess, Wilkin
Feb 25	Oral Argument	Hocking 22CA4 – Karry Gemmill v. Evergreen Site Holdings, Inc.	Hess, Smith, Wilkin
March 13	Vinton Common Pleas Courtroom	Ross 24CA14 – State of Ohio v. Gordon Snyder Scioto 24CA4076 – State of Ohio v. Michael Andrews Scioto 23CA4034 – State of Ohio v. Perry Steele Jackson 23CA20 – State of Ohio v. James Perry	Abele, Wilkin, Hess
March 27	Scioto Common Pleas Courtroom		Abele, Smith, Hess
April 3	Lawrence Common Pleas Courtroom		Smith, Hess, Wilkin
April 17	Ross Common Pleas Courtroom		Abele, Hess, Smith
April 24	Gallia Common Pleas Courtroom		Abele, Hess, Wilkin
May 1	Athens Common Pleas		Abele, Hess, Wilkin

	Courtroom		
May 15	Lawrence Common Pleas Courtroom		Smith, Hess, Wilkin
May 29	Meigs Common Pleas Courtroom		Abele, Hess, Wilkin
June 5	Scioto Court of Appeals Courtroom		Smith, Hess, Wilkin
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		Abele, Smith, Wilkin

	Courtroom		
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 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