

**SUPREME COURT OF KENTUCKY**  
**ORAL ARGUMENT CALENDAR**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2025**

**ROBERT F. STEPHENS CIRCUIT COURTHOUSE**

10:00 a.m. RUSSELL COLEMAN, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY V. JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, ET AL.  
(2023-SC-0498-DG)

**APPELLANT BRIEF**

**APPELLEE BRIEF (JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION)**

**APPELLEE BRIEF (COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION)**

**REPLY BRIEF**

**AMICUS BRIEF (SENATOR ROBERT STIVERS, SENATE PRESIDENT)**

**AMICUS BRIEF (GREATER LOUISVILLE, ET AL.)**

**AMICUS BRIEF (THE NICKLIES FOUNDATION, INC.)**

**SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEFING**

**APPELLANT BRIEF**

**APPELLEE BRIEF (JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION)**

**APPELLANT RESPONSE BRIEF**

**APPELLEE RESPONSE BRIEF (JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION)**

**APPELLEE RESPONSE BRIEF (COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION)**

**AMICUS BRIEF (DAVID OSBORNE, SPEAKER OF THE KENTUCKY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES)**

**AMICUS BRIEF (SENATOR ROBERT STIVES IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE)**

Declaratory Judgment. Special and Local Legislation. Equal Protection. Standing. Necessary Party. CR 19.01. Issues include: (1) whether certain provisions of Senate Bill 1, codified as KRS 160.370, violate the Kentucky Constitution's prohibition against special and local legislation under the test set forth in *Calloway County Sheriff's Department v. Woodall*, 607 S.W.3d 557 (Ky. 2020); (2) whether the Jefferson County Board of Education had standing to bring suit; and (3) whether the Superintendent was a necessary party.

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Discretionary Review Granted:	March 6, 2024
Petition for Rehearing Granted:	April 24, 2025
Trial Court(s):	Jefferson Circuit Court
Presiding Judge(s):	Hon. Charles L. Cunningham, Jr.
Counsel for Appellant, <i>Russell Coleman:</i>	Matthew Kuhn <i>Solicitor General</i>
	Jacob Abrahamson <i>Assistant Solicitor General</i>
Counsel for Appellee, <i>Jefferson County Board of Education:</i>	David Tachau Katherine Lacy Crosby Amy D. Cabbage <i>Tachau Meek PLLC</i>
Counsel for Appellee, <i>Robbie Fletcher, Commissioner of Education:</i>	Corey Nichols <i>Kentucky Department of Education</i>

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**ROBERT F. STEPHENS CIRCUIT COURTHOUSE**

11:00 a.m. **MISSIONARIES OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST, INC. V. JOEL  
FREDERIC, ET AL.  
(2024-SC-0006-DG)**

**APPELLANT BRIEF**

**APPELLEE BRIEF**

**REPLY BRIEF**

**AMICUS BRIEF (ADVOCATES FOR FAITH & FREEDOM)**

**AMICUS BRIEF (LINDSAY AND MATT MOROUN RELIGIOUS LIBERY  
CLINIC)**

**AMICUS BRIEF (THE THOMAS MORE SOCIETY)**

**AMICUS BRIEF (CROSS & CROWN CITY CHURCH)**

**AMICUS BRIEF (DANIEL J. CAMERON)**

**AMICUS BRIEF (COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY)**

Zoning Ordinance. Conditional Use Permit. Free Exercise of Religion. Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA). Issues presented include: (1) whether the City of Park Hills Board of Adjustment violated its zoning ordinance by granting a conditional use permit and setback variance; (2) the appropriate legal standard for RLUIPA claims in Kentucky; and (3) whether denying construction of a religious grotto imposes a “substantial burden” on religious exercise under RLUIPA.

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Discretionary Review Granted: June 5, 2024

Trial Court(s): Kenton Circuit Court

Presiding Judge(s): Hon. Patricia M. Summe

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Counsel for Appellant,  
*Missionaries of Saint*  
*John the Baptist, Inc.:*

Sarah Benedict  
*Baker & Hostetler*  
*LLP*

Thomas Breidenstein  
*Breidenstein Legal*  
*Services LLC*

Counsel for Appellee,  
*Joel and Elizabeth Frederic:*

Christopher Wiest  
*Chris Wiest, Attorney*  
*at Law, PLLC*

Counsel for Appellee,  
*City of Park Hills Board*  
*Board of Adjustment, et al.:*

Daniel R. Braun

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**ROBERT F. STEPHENS CIRCUIT COURTHOUSE**

1:30 p.m. **NATHAN TORIAN, INDIVIDUALLY, AND AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF A CLASS OF SIMILARLY SITUATED PERSONS COMPRISING THE UNINCORPORATED LABOR ORGANIZATION, THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS, LOCAL 168 V. CITY OF PADUCAH, KENTUCKY, ET AL.  
(2023-SC-0395-DG)**

**APPELLANT BRIEF**

**APPELLEE BRIEF**

**REPLY BRIEF**

**AMICUS BRIEF (KENTUCKY PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS)**

Local Governments. Firefighters. Residence Requirements. Emergency Medical Services Providers. KRS 311A.027. Issues include: (1) whether KRS 311A.027, which prohibits publicly funded emergency medical service first response providers from imposing residence requirement upon employees, applies to firefighters employed by the City of Paducah; and (2) assuming the statute applies, whether KRS 311A.027's "on call" exception, which allows employers to impose response-time requirements on employees who are off duty but on call to respond to work, allows the City to impose a 45-minute response-time requirement upon Paducah firefighters.

**Goodwine, J., not sitting.**

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Discretionary Review Granted: March 6, 2023

Trial Court(s): McCracken Circuit Court

Presiding Judge(s): Hon. William Kitchen

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Counsel for Appellants,  
*Nathan Torian, et al.:*

Peter Jannace  
David Suetholz  
*Branstetter Stranch  
& Jennings PLLC*

Counsel for Appellee,  
*City of Paducah,  
Kentucky, et al.:*

Stacey Blankenship  
Kristen Krueger  
*Keuler Kelly Hutchins  
Blankenship & Sigler  
LLP*

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**THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2025**  
**ROBERT F. STEPHENS CIRCUIT COURTHOUSE**

10:00 a.m. **GEORGETOWN CHICKEN COOP, LLC, ET AL. V. GRANGE  
INSURANCE COMPANY  
(2023-SC-0522-DG)**

**APPELLANT BRIEF**  
**APPELLEE BRIEF**  
**REPLY BRIEF**

Summary Judgment. Contracts. Insurance Law. Issues include: (1) whether the language of the Commercial Umbrella Policy was ambiguous; (2) whether the Commercial Umbrella Policy excluded liquor liability coverage; and (3) whether an umbrella policy may exclude additional coverage for certain claims covered by a primary policy.

**Thompson, J., not sitting.**

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Discretionary Review Granted:	June 5, 2024
Trial Court(s):	Fayette Circuit Court
Presiding Judge(s):	Hon. Julie M. Goodman
Counsel for Appellants, <i>Georgetown Chicken Coop, LLC, et al:</i>	Donald L. Cox William H. Mooney <i>Lynch, Cox, Gilman &amp; Goodman, P.S.C.</i>
Counsel for Appellee, <i>Grange Insurance Company:</i>	Robert L. Steinmetz <i>Gwin Steinmetz &amp; Baird PLLC</i>

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**THURSDAY, August 7, 2025**

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**ROBERT F. STEPHENS CIRCUIT COURTHOUSE**

11:00 a.m. KEITH SMITH, ET AL. V. APEX FUND SERVICES AS CUSTODIAN FOR CERES TAX RECEIVABLES, LLC, ET AL.  
(2023-SC-0336-DG)

**APPELLANT BRIEF**

**APPELLEE BRIEF (APEX FUND SERVICES AS CUSTODIAN FOR CERES TAX RECEIVABLES LLC)**

**APPELLEE BRIEF (COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY-CLAY COUNTY)**

Property. Foreclosure. Property Tax Liens. Certificates of Delinquency. Priority. When the proceeds from a foreclosure sale are insufficient to pay all the property tax lienholders in full, do the lienholders divide the proceeds on a pro rata basis or is priority to the sale proceeds established by the order in which the lienholders filed their liens?

**Goodwine, J., not sitting.**

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Discretionary Review Granted:

June 5, 2024

Trial Court(s):

Clay Circuit Court

Presiding Judge(s):

Hon. Oscar House

Counsel for Appellants,

*Keith and  
Jessica Smith:*

Stella House

*Stella B. House,  
Attorney at Law, P.S.C.*

Counsel for Appellee,

*Apex Fund Services  
as Custodian for Ceres  
Tax Receivables, LLC:*

John Lally

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