

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

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025**

**ROBERT F. STEPHENS CIRCUIT COURTHOUSE**  
**LEXINGTON, KY**

10:00 a.m. KRISTIAN BROCK, ET AL. V. COLTON T. HINKEL, ET AL.  
(2024-SC-0154-DG)

**APPELLANT BRIEF**

**APPELLEE BRIEF**

**REPLY BRIEF**

**AMICUS BRIEF (KENTUCKY JUSTICE ASSOCIATION)**

Negligence. Summary Judgment. Qualified Official Immunity. Issues include: (1) whether EMS workers were entitled to qualified official immunity; and (2) the extent to which a causation analysis factors into the ministerial versus discretionary determination.

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Discretionary Review Granted: August 16, 2024

Trial Court(s): Henry Circuit Court

Presiding Judge(s): Hon. Jerry Crosby

Counsel for Appellant,  
*Kristian Brock, et al.:*

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*McBrayer, PLLC*

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*Colton T. Hinkel, et al.:*

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11:30 a.m. **RONALD D. HELD, ET AL. V. HITACHI AUTOMOTIVE SYSTEMS  
AMERICAS, INC.**  
**(2024-SC-0043-DG)**

**[APPELLANT BRIEF](#)**

**[APPELLEE BRIEF](#)**

**[REPLY BRIEF](#)**

**[AMICUS BRIEF \(KENTUCKY EQUAL JUSTICE CENTER\)](#)**

Class Action. Employment Law. Kentucky Wages and Hours Act (“KWA”), KRS 337.010 et seq. Issues include: (1) proper “salary basis” analysis for KWA claims given recent decision in *Helix Energy Sols. Grp., Inc. v. Hewitt*, 598 U.S. 39 (2023), which addresses virtually identical provisions contained in the Fair Labor Standards Act (“FLSA”), 29 U.S.C. § 201 et seq.; (2) whether employees are exempt from the overtime mandate of KRS 337.285(1); and (3) the burden of proof under the KWA.

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

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Discretionary Review Granted: June 5, 2024

Trial Court(s): Madison Circuit Court

Presiding Judge(s): Hon. Cole Maier

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Counsel for Appellees,  
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*Systems Americas, Inc.:*

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1:30 p.m.    **SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC USA, INC., F/K/A SQUARE D V. PAUL WILLIAMS, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF VICKIE WILLIAMS; COLBY WILLIAMS, BY AND THROUGH HIS PARENT, GUARDIAN AND NEXT FRIEND, PAUL WILLIAMS; AND UNION CARBIDE CORPORATION (2023-SC-0436-DG)**

**AND**

**UNION CARBIDE CORPORATION V. PAUL WILLIAMS, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF VICKIE WILLIAMS; COLBY WILLIAMS, BY AND THROUGH HIS PARENT, GUARDIAN AND NEXT FRIEND, PAUL WILLIAMS; AND SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC USA, INC., F/K/A SQUARE D (2023-SC-0440-DG)**

**[APPELLANT BRIEF \(2023-SC-0436-DG\)](#)**  
**[APPELLEE BRIEF \(2023-SC-0436-DG\)](#)**  
**[REPLY BRIEF \(2023-SC-0436-DG\)](#)**

**[APPELLANT BRIEF \(2023-SC-0440-DG\)](#)**  
**[APPELLEE BRIEF \(2023-SC-0440-DG\)](#)**  
**[REPLY BRIEF \(2023-SC-0440-DG\)](#)**

**[AMICUS BRIEF \(KENTUCKY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, ET AL.\)](#)**  
**[AMICUS BRIEF \(AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE\)](#)**  
**[AMICUS BRIEF FILED \(KENTUCKY JUSTICE ASSOCIATION\)](#)**

Tort. Negligence. Products Liability. Asbestos. Take-Home Exposure. Issues presented include: (1) whether an employer that used asbestos-containing molding compound to create its products had a duty to prevent employees' household members from being exposed to asbestos fibers taken home in employees' clothing; and (2) whether the manufacturer of the asbestos-containing molding compounds used by the employer owed a duty to prevent employees' household members from being exposed to asbestos fibers taken home in employees' clothing.

**Goodwine and Nickell, JJ., not sitting. Special Justice Julie Tennyson and Special Justice Adrian Mendiondo sitting.**

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**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025**  
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Discretionary Review Granted:	April 12, 2024
Trial Court(s):	Fayette Circuit Court
Presiding Judge(s):	Hon. Kimberly Bunnell
Counsel for Appellant/Cross-Appellee <i>Schneider Electric, USA, Inc., F/K/A Square D:</i>	Todd Page Matthew Parsons Palmer Vance, II <i>Stoll Keenon Ogden, PLLC</i>
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	Brantley C. Rowlen <i>Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard &amp; Smith, LLP</i>
Counsel for Appellee, <i>Paul Williams, et al.:</i>	Kevin Burke <i>Burke Neal PLLC</i>
	Joseph D. Satterley Paul J. Ivie Paul J. Kelley <i>Satterley &amp; Kelley PLLC</i>

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**THURSSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2025**

**ROBERT F. STEPHENS CIRCUIT COURTHOUSE**  
**LEXINGTON, KY**

**10:00 a.m. R.L.P. V. COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
(2025-SC-0121-DG)**

Involuntary Commitment. KRS Chapter 202C. Issues include whether the statute is unconstitutional, both in terms of the process it creates and its promulgation.

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Discretionary Review Granted: August 6, 2025

Trial Court(s): Warren Circuit Court

Presiding Judge(s): Hon. John Grise

Counsel for Appellant,  
*R.L.P.:*

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*Department of Public  
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**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025**  
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**11:30 a.m. COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY V. H.M.**  
**(2024-SC-0271-DG)**

**AND**

**H.M. V. COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**  
**(2024-SC-0273-DG)**

Involuntary Commitment. KRS Chapter 202C. Insanity Defense. Demonstrated History of Criminal Behavior. Issues include: (1) whether the circuit court correctly found that the respondent, who was delusional at the time of the crime, could conform his conduct to the requirements of law because he owned a baseball bat for months before using it to kill his caretaker; and (2) whether the crime that prompted the commitment proceedings is sufficient to prove a demonstrated history of criminal behavior, one of the necessary elements for commitment.

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

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Discretionary Review Granted: December 12, 2024

Trial Court(s): Scott Circuit Court

Presiding Judge(s): Hon. Jeremy Mattox

Counsel for Appellant/Cross-Appellee,  
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*of Kentucky:*

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*Office of the Kentucky*  
*Attorney General*

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*H.M.:*

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Kathleen Schmidt  
*Department of Public*  
*Advocacy*

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