



CAPTION

Firearms Owners Against Crime - Institute for Legal, Legislative and Educational Action, Landmark Firearms LLC, and James Stoker, Appellants

v.

Colonel Christopher Paris, Commissioner Pennsylvania State Police, Appellee

CASE INFORMATION

Initiating Document: Notice of Appeal

Case Status: Closed

Journal Number: J-35-2024 May 14, 2024

Case Category: Administrative Agency Case Type(s): Equity

CONSOLIDATED CASES

RELATED CASES

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Firearms Owners, et al v PA St Police Commissioner	

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Appeal Docket Sheet

Docket Number: 32 MAP 2023

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April 10, 2026

Court Below: Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania
 County: Division: Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania
 Date of Agency/Trial Court Order: March 6, 2023
 Docket Number: 218 MD 2022
 Judge(s): Ceisler, Ellen OTN:
 Cohn Jubelirer, Renee
 Leadbetter, Bonnie Brigance
 Order Type: Order

ORIGINAL RECORD CONTENT

Original Record Item	Filed Date	Content/Description
Part(s)	July 14, 2023	44

Record Remittal: June 23, 2025

BRIEFING SCHEDULE

Appellant

**Firearms Owners Against Crime - Institute for Legal,
 Legislative, and Educational Action
 Brief**

Due: August 23, 2023 Filed: August 21, 2023

Reply Brief

Due: December 4, 2023 Filed: December 4, 2023

Reproduced Record

Due: August 23, 2023 Filed: August 21, 2023

**Landmark Firearms, LLC
 Brief**

Due: August 23, 2023 Filed: August 21, 2023

Reply Brief

Due: November 13, 2023 Filed: December 4, 2023

Reproduced Record

Due: August 23, 2023 Filed: August 21, 2023

**Stoker, James
 Brief**

Due: August 23, 2023 Filed: August 21, 2023

Reply Brief

Due: Filed: December 4, 2023

Reproduced Record

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SESSION INFORMATION



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Journal Number: J-35-2024
 Listed/Submitted Date: May 14, 2024
 Consideration Type: Oral Argument Supreme Ct.

DISPOSITION INFORMATION

Related Journal No:	J-35-2024	Judgment Date:	May 30, 2025
Category:	Decided	Disposition Author:	Mundy, Sallie U.
Disposition:	Affirmed/Reversed/Remanded	Disposition Date:	May 30, 2025
Dispositional Filing:	Majority Opinion	Author:	Mundy, Sallie U.
Filed Date:	May 30, 2025		
Justice:	Donohue, Christine	Vote:	Joins
Justice:	Dougherty, Kevin M.	Vote:	Joins
Justice:	Wecht, David N.	Vote:	Joins
Justice:	Brobson, P. Kevin	Vote:	Joins
Justice:	McCaffery, Daniel D.	Vote:	Joins
Dispositional Filing:	Concurring/Dissenting Statement	Author:	Todd, Debra
Filed Date:	May 30, 2025		

DOCKET ENTRY

Filed Date	Docket Entry / Representing	Participant Type	Filed By
April 5, 2023	Notice of Appeal	Appellant	Firearms Owners Against Crime - Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Educational Action
		Appellant	Landmark Firearms, LLC
		Appellant	Stoker, James
April 5, 2023	Jurisdictional Statement	Appellant	Firearms Owners Against Crime - Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Educational Action
		Appellant	Landmark Firearms, LLC
		Appellant	Stoker, James
April 14, 2023	Praecipe for Appearance Paris, Christopher	Appellee	Mullen, Daniel Barrett
April 21, 2023	No Answer Letter to Notice of Appeal & Jurisdictional Statement	Appellee	Paris, Christopher



DOCKET ENTRY

Filed Date	Docket Entry / Representing	Participant Type	Filed By
July 13, 2023	Probable Jurisdiction Noted		Dreibelbis, Amy
Comments: AND NOW, this 13th day of July, 2023, probable jurisdiction is noted.			
July 13, 2023	Order Exited		Office of the Prothonotary
July 14, 2023	Commonwealth Court Record Received		Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania
August 21, 2023	Appellant's Brief	Appellant Appellant Appellant	Firearms Owners Against Crime - Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Educational Action Landmark Firearms, LLC Stoker, James
August 21, 2023	Appellant's Reproduced Record Filed	Appellant Appellant Appellant	Firearms Owners Against Crime - Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Educational Action Landmark Firearms, LLC Stoker, James
August 29, 2023	Application for Extension of Time to File Brief - First Request	Appellee	Paris, Christopher
August 29, 2023	No Answer Letter to Application for Extension of Time to File Brief	Appellant Appellant Appellant	Firearms Owners Against Crime - Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Educational Action Landmark Firearms, LLC Stoker, James
August 31, 2023	Order Granting Application for Extension of Time to File Appellee Brief		Dreibelbis, Amy
Comments: AND NOW, this 31st day of August, 2023, Appellee's application for extension of time is granted. Appellee's Brief shall be filed on or before October 25, 2023			
August 31, 2023	Order Exited		Office of the Prothonotary
October 25, 2023	Appellee's Brief	Appellee	Paris, Christopher



DOCKET ENTRY

Filed Date	Docket Entry / Representing	Participant Type	Filed By
November 10, 2023	Application for Extension of Time to File Reply Brief	Appellant Appellant Appellant	Firearms Owners Against Crime - Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Educational Action Landmark Firearms, LLC Stoker, James
November 13, 2023	No Answer Letter to Application for Extension of Time to File Brief	Appellee	Paris, Christopher
November 13, 2023	Order Granting Application for Extension of Time to File Brief		Dreibelbis, Amy
November 13, 2023	Order Exited		Office of the Prothonotary
December 4, 2023	Appellant's Reply Brief	Appellant Appellant Appellant	Firearms Owners Against Crime - Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Educational Action Landmark Firearms, LLC Stoker, James
February 21, 2024	Dispositional Memo Order		Per Curiam

Comments:

AND NOW, this 13th day of November, 2023, Appellants' application for extension of time is granted. Appellants' Reply Brief shall be filed on or before December 4, 2023.

Comments:

AND NOW, this 21st day of February, 2024, oral argument is GRANTED. The issues, as stated by Appellants, are:

1. Whether the Commonwealth Court, in relation to its March 6, 2023 Opinion and Order, abused its discretion, committed [an] error of law, or violated the constitutional rights of Appellants, when in partially granting the Commissioner's preliminary objections:

a. It held that injunctive relief is barred by sovereign immunity, which is directly contrary to this Court's prior holding in [Allegheny County v. Commonwealth, 490 A.2d 402, 414 (Pa. 1985)] and which the court failed to address;

b. It held that the [Pennsylvania State Police's] duty of timeliness under the Uniform Firearms Act is not sufficiently defined as to be eligible for mandamus relief, and is discretionary, not mandatory, even though the court declared that "[i]t is thus clear that the General Assembly intended that background checks and their results be communicated to requesters as efficiently and promptly as reasonably possible"; and,

c. It held that declaratory relief is unavailable in the absence of specific statutory staffing and funding mandates [?]

2. Whether the Commonwealth Court, in relation to its April 4, 2023 Memorandum and Order, abused its discretion, committed [an] error of law, or violated the constitutional rights of Appellants, when it granted the Commissioner's request and vacated/dissolved the preliminary injunction[?]

3. Whether the Commonwealth Court, in relation to its April 4, 2023 Memorandum and Order, abused its discretion, committed [an] error of law, or violated the constitutional rights of Appellants, when it denied Appellants the ability to file an Amended Petition for Review[?]



DOCKET ENTRY

Filed Date	Docket Entry / Representing	Participant Type	Filed By
February 21, 2024	Order Exited		Office of the Prothonotary
March 20, 2024	Praecept for Withdrawal of Appearance Paris, Christopher	Appellee	Romano, Karen Mascio
March 20, 2024	Acknowledgement of Argument Notice Firearms Owners Against Crime - Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Educational Action Landmark Firearms, LLC Stoker, James	Appellant Appellant Appellant	Prince, Joshua Garett Prince, Joshua Garett Prince, Joshua Garett
March 21, 2024	Acknowledgement of Argument Notice Paris, Christopher	Appellee	Mullen, Daniel Barrett
May 14, 2024	Argued Landmark Firearms, LLC Stoker, James Firearms Owners Against Crime - Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Educational Action Paris, Christopher	Appellant Appellant Appellant Appellee	Prince, Joshua Garett Prince, Joshua Garett Prince, Joshua Garett Mullen, Daniel Barrett
May 30, 2025	Affirmed/Reversed/Remanded		Mundy, Sallie U.

Comments:

For the reasons given above, the orders of the Commonwealth Court are affirmed insofar as they denied injunctive and mandamus relief and dissolved the preliminary injunction. The order of the Commonwealth Court panel is reversed to the degree it denied declaratory relief, and the order denying leave to amend is vacated. The matter is remanded for further proceedings consistent with this opinion.

Justices Donohue, Dougherty, Wecht, Brobson and McCaffery join the opinion.

Chief Justice Todd files a concurring and dissenting opinion.

May 30, 2025	Judgment Entered		Office of the Prothonotary
June 23, 2025	Original Record Remitted to Commonwealth Court		Office of the Prothonotary
June 23, 2025	Acknowledgement of Record Remittal		Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania

CROSS COURT ACTIONS

Docket Number:	218 MD 2022
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