

SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

In re: The Thirty-Five Statewide Investigating Grand Jury Petition of: Attorney General Kathleen G. Kane

No. 175 MM 2014, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania (August 26, 2015)

SUMMARY

This document is a compiled Pennsylvania Supreme Court filing concerning Attorney General Kathleen G. Kane's emergency application for extraordinary relief in connection with the Thirty-Five Statewide Investigating Grand Jury. The application sought to quash the grand jury investigation and subpoena issued to Kane and to vacate a related protective order; the packet also includes motions, attorney verifications, proofs of service, a memorandum of law, and an August 26, 2015 order lifting the seal on related matters subject to stated exceptions.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
JURISDICTION	Pennsylvania
DECIDED	August 26, 2015
DOCKET	175 MM 2014
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania considered the supervising judge's request to remove the seal from matters lodged in the Court concerning the Thirty-Fifth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury and the investigation of Attorney General Kathleen G. Kane.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published per curiam order; precedential status is not otherwise specified in the source text.

TOPICS

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the seal should be lifted from matters lodged in the Supreme Court concerning the Thirty-Fifth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury and the investigation of Attorney General Kathleen G. Kane, subject to retaining secrecy over specified grand-jury materials.

HOLDINGS

1. The Court lifted the seal from all matters involving the Thirty-Fifth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury and the investigation of Attorney General Kathleen G. Kane that had been lodged in the Court, except for grand-jury testimony, exhibits, and in camera proceedings.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“it is hereby ORDERED that the seal is lifted upon such terms.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The matter concerned sealed filings related to the Thirty-Fifth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury and an investigation involving Pennsylvania Attorney General Kathleen G. Kane. The supervising judge requested removal of the seal from matters lodged in the Supreme Court but represented that no current grand-jury secrecy concerns required continued sealing. The Court preserved the seal for grand-jury testimony, exhibits, and in camera proceedings.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

An emergency application for extraordinary relief and related materials were filed under seal in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in connection with a statewide investigating grand jury proceeding originating in the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas. Upon the supervising judge's request and assurance that no present grand-jury secrecy concerns required continued sealing, the Supreme Court ordered the seal lifted from the lodged matters, except for grand-jury materials such as testimony, exhibits, and in camera proceedings.

DISPOSITION

other