

Hearing on The Institute for Justice's Bid to Intervene in the EdChoice Voucher Lawsuit

Soon after the EdChoice voucher lawsuit was filed on January 4, the Institute for Justice, based in Virginia, acting on behalf of some Ohio families, filed a motion to intervene. Neither the Institute for Justice, nor the families being represented are parties to the lawsuit the plaintiffs filed. Intervention is allowable if a judgement may affect the intervening party. (The State is the named-defendant and is capable of defending the State's interest in the matter.)

In this case, the Institute for Justice must receive permission from the Court to intervene. Franklin County Common Pleas Judge, Jaiza Page, has set a hearing on this matter for 1:30 PM March 30. The Coalition plaintiffs adamantly oppose intervention.

Of course, the intervenor would, in this case, join the side of the State defendants. In one sense, if the court allows the Institute for Justice to intervene, the defendants get two bites of the apple.

The State Attorney General filed a brief, which states no opposition to the attempt to intervene.