

COLORADO SUPREME COURT CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024

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OPINION

[2024 CO 67](#)

Supreme Court Case No. 23SC116
Certiorari to the Colorado Court of Appeals
Court of Appeals Case No. 21CA1142

In Re
Petitioner:

Masterpiece Cakeshop, Inc. and Jack Phillips,

v.

Respondent:

Autumn Scardina.

Judgment Vacated
en banc

JUSTICE HART delivered the Opinion of the Court, in which **CHIEF JUSTICE MÁRQUEZ**, **JUSTICE BOATRIGHT**, and **JUSTICE SAMOUR** joined. **JUSTICE GABRIEL**, joined by **JUSTICE HOOD** and **JUSTICE BERKENKOTTER**, dissented.

RULE CHANGES

[RULE CHANGE 2024\(14\)](#)

COLORADO RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

Rule 4.1

Amended and Adopted by the Court, En Banc, September 12, 2024, effective immediately.

[RULE CHANGE 2024\(15\)](#)

COLORADO RULES FOR TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS

Rule 4

Amended and Adopted by the Court, En Banc, September 12, 2024, effective immediately.

[RULE CHANGE 2024\(16\)](#)

COLORADO RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Rules 5.4, 6.1, and 8.4

Amended and Adopted by the Court, En Banc, September 12, 2024, effective immediately.

DENIED PETITIONS FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

No. 24SC139, District Court, City and County of Denver Case No. 22CV32313

Petitioner:

Devaughn Jones,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC212, Court of Appeals Case No. 20CA1568

Petitioner:

Heather Palmer Jones,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

JUSTICE HOOD would grant as to the following issue:

Whether the division erred when it held that the petitioner wasn't entitled to jury instructions on self-defense as defined in sections 18-1-704(2)(b) and (2)(c), C.R.S. (2024), where the division's reasoning ignored and contravened the well-established principles that: the evidence must be viewed in the light most favorable to the defendant; the totality of the circumstances must be considered, including the defendant's perceptions; reasonable belief rather than absolute certainty is the touchstone of self-defense; self-defense can be based on reasonable appearances that later prove to have been deceptive; and reasonableness is generally a question for the jury to resolve.

No. 24SC287, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA522

Petitioner:

Center for Wound Healing & Hyperbaric Medicine, LLC of Burlington Colorado,

v.

Respondent:

Kit Carson County Health Service District.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC308, Court of Appeals Case No. 20CA1329

Petitioner:

Jonathan Vladimir Quintanilla-Martinez,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC325, Court of Appeals Case No. 21CA1573

Petitioner:

Jesus Romero,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC328, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA919

Petitioner:

Jarrett Nelson Huth,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC329, Court of Appeals Case No. 21CA1714

Petitioner:

Carlos David Valenzuela,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC331, El Paso County District Court Case No. 23CV32250

Petitioner:

David Johnson,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC340, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA1975

Petitioner:

Adrian Perez-Pasillas,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC367, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA200

Petitioner:

Kevin James O'Rourke,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC374, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA281

Petitioner:

Gary Lee Apodaca,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC379, District Court, City and County of Denver Case No. 22CV31720

Petitioner:

Richard Quintana,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC557, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA1720

Petitioner:

H.C.,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado,

In the Interest of Minor Child:

R.C.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC568, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA55

Petitioner:

H.M.V.,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado,

In the Interest of Minor Child:

Z.L.W.G-J.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.
