COLORADO SUPREME COURT CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025

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OPINIONS

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Supreme Court Case No. 23SC272

Certiorari to the Colorado Court of Appeals Court of Appeals Case No. 21CA1856

Petitioners:

Terra Management Group, LLC and Littleton Main Street LLC d/b/a Main Street Apartments,

v.

Respondents:

Kathleen Keaten and Delaney Keaten.

Judgment Affirmed

en banc

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

Supreme Court Case No. 23SC605

Certiorari to the Colorado Court of Appeals Court of Appeals Case No. 21CA976

Petitioner:

The People of the State of Colorado,

v.

Respondent:

Kenneth Alfonso Gallegos.

Judgment Affirmed

en banc

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

Supreme Court Case No. 10SA157

Appeal from the District Court
Arapahoe County District Court Case No. 06CR697
Honorable Gerald J. Rafferty, Judge

Plaintiff-Appellee:

The People of the State of Colorado,

v.

Defendant-Appellant:

Robert Keith Ray.

Judgment and Sentence Affirmed

en banc

JUSTICE HOOD delivered the Opinion of the Court, in which CHIEF JUSTICE MÁRQUEZ, JUSTICE BOATRIGHT, JUSTICE GABRIEL, JUSTICE HART, and JUSTICE BERKENKOTTER joined.
JUSTICE SAMOUR did not participate.

Supreme Court Case No. 23SC776

Certiorari to the Colorado Court of Appeals Court of Appeals Case No. 19CA223

Petitioner:

The People of the State of Colorado,

v.

Respondent:

Kelly James Schnorenberg.

Judgment Affirmed

en banc

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

Supreme Court Case No. 23SC167

Certiorari to the Colorado Court of Appeals Court of Appeals Case No. 20CA174

Petitioner:

Deshawn Lynn Randolph,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Judgment Affirmed

en banc

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

Supreme Court Case No. 23SC520

Certiorari to the Colorado Court of Appeals Court of Appeals Case No. 21CA1645

Petitioner:

The People of the State of Colorado,

v.

Respondent:

Michelle Re Nae Bialas.

Judgment Affirmed

en banc

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

Supreme Court Case No. 23SC571

Certiorari to the Colorado Court of Appeals Court of Appeals Case No. 20CA2054

Petitioner:

Isaiah Ismael Rios,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Judgment Affirmed

en banc

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

PETITIONS FOR REHEARING

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Supreme Court Case No. 23SC168

Certiorari to the Colorado Court of Appeals Court of Appeals Case No. 20CA646

Petitioner:

Audrey Lee Tennyson,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Rehearing DENIED. EN BANC. **JUSTICE GABRIEL** would grant the petition.

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Supreme Court Case No. 23SC525

Certiorari to the Colorado Court of Appeals Court of Appeals Case No. 21CA669

Petitioner/Cross-Respondent:

Darryl Cornelious Johnson,

v.

Respondent/Cross-Petitioner:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Rehearing DENIED. EN BANC.

CHIEF JUSTICE MÁRQUEZ and JUSTICE GABRIEL would grant the petition.

Supreme Court Case No. 23SC583

Certiorari to the Colorado Court of Appeals Court of Appeals Case No. 20CA1678

Petitioner:

Zachary Eugene Babcock,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Rehearing DENIED. EN BANC.

CHIEF JUSTICE MÁRQUEZ and JUSTICE GABRIEL would grant the petition.

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Supreme Court Case No. 23SC622

Certiorari to the Colorado Court of Appeals Court of Appeals Case No. 21CA1713

Petitioner:

The People of the State of Colorado,

v.

Respondent:

Jessica Jo Roberson.

Petition for Rehearing DENIED. EN BANC.

CHIEF JUSTICE MÁRQUEZ and JUSTICE GABRIEL would grant the petition.

Supreme Court Case No. 23SC775

Certiorari to the Colorado Court of Appeals Court of Appeals Case No. 21CA2074

Petitioner:

Shaun Jeff Snow,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Rehearing DENIED. EN BANC.

RULE CHANGES

Rule Changes 2025(13) and (14) have been issued and are accessible <u>here</u>.

RULE CHANGE 2025(14)

RULES GOVERNING LAWYER DISCIPLINE AND DISABILITY PROCEEDINGS, PROTECTIVE APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL, CONTINUING LEGAL AND JUDICIAL EDUCATION, ATTORNEYS' FUND FOR CLIENT PROTECTION, AND LAWYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Rule 255

Amended and Adopted by the Court, En Banc, June 18, 2025, effective September 1, 2025.

RULE CHANGE 2025(13)

COLORADO RULES OF EVIDENCE

Rule 804

Amended and Adopted by the Court, En Banc, June 18, 2025, effective September 2, 2025.

GRANTED PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

No. 24SC774, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA486

Petitioner:

The People of the State of Colorado,

v.

Respondent:

Shams Abdul-Rahman.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari GRANTED. EN BANC. JUSTICE BERKENKOTTER does not participate.

Whether administrative exhaustion is required before a revoked parolee may seek judicial review of their parole revocation under Crim. P. 35(c).

DENIED PETITIONS FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

No. 24SC770, Court of Appeals Case No. 21CA1368

Petitioner:

Keith Allen Zotto,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC200, District Court, City and County of Denver Case No. 22CV33097

Petitioner:

Jason H. Suh,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC215, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA1439

Petitioner:

Lewis Javon Owens,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC218, District Court, City and County of Denver Case No. 22CV33014

Petitioner:

Rashad A. Hampton,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC221, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA671

Petitioner:

Jason Soltani,

v.

Respondent:

Department of Human Services, Colorado Mental Health Hospital in Pueblo, and

State Personnel Board.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC225, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA91

Petitioner:

Peter Viet Le,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC239, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA1771

Petitioner:

Joshua Robert Baldwin,

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Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC313, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA1969

Petitioner:

R.N.,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado,

In the Interest of Minor Child:

E.N.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC319, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA1833

Petitioner:

M.A.,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado,

In the Interest of Minor Child:

J.A.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC320, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA1726

Petitioner:

K.B.,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado,

In the Interest of Minor Child:

J.S.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.