

COLORADO SUPREME COURT CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS
MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2025

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ORIGINAL PROCEEDINGS

[25SA224](#) In Re: People v. McGee, Austin
Order to Show Cause issued on August 6, 2025

[25SA58](#) In Re: People v. Clark-Collins, Clayshjon
Order issued on August 8, 2025

HELD PETITIONS FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

No. 23SC810, Jones v. People
Held pending 24SC196, *Brassill v. People*

No. 24SC519, People v. Martinez-Rubier
Held pending 24SC196, *Brassill v. People*

No. 25SC63, Medina v. People
Held pending 24SC196, *Brassill v. People*

No. 25SC146, Rojas v. People
Held pending 24SC802, *Hernandez-Escajeda v. People*

GRANTED PETITIONS FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

No. 24SC469, Court of Appeals Case No. 20CA1987

Petitioner/Cross-Respondent:

Jeffery Sloan,

v.

Respondent/Cross-Petitioner:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. Cross-Petition for Writ of Certiorari GRANTED. EN BANC.

Whether the court of appeals misapprehended and misapplied the test for assessing whether a jury instruction related to an undisputed factual issue at trial amounts to plain error.

DENIED AS TO ALL OTHER ISSUES.

JUSTICE BOATRIGHT would grant as to the following issue:

Whether the court of appeals erred in holding that a malfunctioning Webex broadcast of the defendant's trial did not impair the defendant's constitutional right to a public trial when limited seats were made available in the courtroom for the public, but as many as 200 members of the public attended via a Webex stream that failed to broadcast video or audio of the proceedings.

No. 25SC53, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA1676

Petitioner:

The People of the State of Colorado,

v.

Respondent:

Quinn M. Jebe.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari GRANTED. EN BANC.

Whether the court of appeals erred in dismissing the petitioner's appeal as untimely, when that appeal was filed within 49 days of the order denying a motion for reconsideration.

DENIED PETITIONS FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

No. 23SC748, Court of Appeals Case No. 20CA1908

Petitioner/Cross-Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado,
v.

Respondent/Cross-Petitioner:

Ashley Marie Passmore.

Petition and Cross-Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 23SC783, Court of Appeals Case No. 21CA1983

Petitioner:

The People of the State of Colorado,
v.

Respondent:

Elijah Thomas Shipman.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC168, Court of Appeals Case No. 21CA1578

Petitioner:

Mohammed Diawarra,
v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

JUSTICE GABRIEL would grant as to the following issue:

Whether, as Judge Berger found, the trial court reversibly erred by admitting alleged prior bad acts by the petitioner as res gestae and consequently failing to conduct the requisite Spoto analysis and instructing the jury accordingly.

No. 24SC169, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA973

Petitioner:

Katie Charlotte Marsh,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC207, Court of Appeals Case No. 21CA1229

Petitioner:

Jaime Gonzalez-Quezada,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC263, Court of Appeals Case Nos. 19CA2220 & 19CA2221

Petitioner/Cross-Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado,

v.

Respondent/Cross-Petitioner:

Collin Matthew Kellett.

Petition and Cross-Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC339, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA146

Petitioner:

The People of the State of Colorado,

v.

Respondent:

Christopher Andrew Rizo.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC598, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA1130

Petitioner:

Jaimer Jonique Johnson,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC821, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA1117

Petitioner:

Samuel Alvin Young,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC15, Court of Appeals Case No. 21CA309

Petitioner:

Zachary Orion Roper,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC34, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA130

Petitioner:

Mark Antonio Lewis,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC56, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA1920

Petitioner:

The People of the State of Colorado,
v.

Respondent:

Timothy Wilson Thieman.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC59, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA975

Petitioner:

Scott Alan Mathews, Jr.,
v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC64, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA1879

In re the Marriage of

Petitioner:

Cort Owen Battles,
and

Respondent:

Meghann Mary Ward Battles, n/k/a Meghann Mary Ward McPherson.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC112, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA1812

Petitioner:

Matthew Valiant Flake,
v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC129, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA1649

Petitioners:

Edward C. Herlik and Cynthia J. Strong-Herlik,

v.

Respondent:

Galliant Homes, LLC, a Colorado limited liability company.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC167, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA563

Petitioner:

Lucas Bienvenido Mena,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC187, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA1436

Petitioner:

Sean Daniel Souders,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC210, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA825

Petitioners:

Bryce McCallum and Patty McCallum,

v.

Respondent:

Colorado Department of Transportation.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC240, Court of Appeals Case Nos. 23CA1492 & 24CA375

Petitioner:

American Pacific Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation,
v.

Respondent:

Justin Peters.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC244, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA621

Petitioner:

Public Service Company of Colorado d/b/a Xcel Energy, a Colorado corporation,
v.

Respondents:

Three Circle Soil & Gas, LLC, a Colorado limited liability company and Frying Pan
Ranch, LLC, a Colorado limited liability company.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC265, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA1273

Petitioner:

Abel Lujan,
v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC271, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA367

Petitioner:

Steven Earl Johnston,
v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC282, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA1795

Petitioner:

Theodore Joseph Welker,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC291, District Court, El Paso County, Case No. 23CV366

Petitioner:

Marcus Allen Murphy,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC304, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA1112

Petitioner:

Hunter Claycomb,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC306, District Court, Fremont County, Case No. 25CV1003

Petitioner:

Damen Bonneau,

v.

Respondent:

Tierney Pinkous.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC308, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA466

Petitioner:

Mohammed Douhaj,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC310, District Court, Douglas County, Case No. 24CV30298

Petitioner:

Gregory Junek,

v.

Respondent:

Patricia Bertrand.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC317, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA1486

Petitioner:

John Clifford Carey,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC321, District Court, City and County of Denver, Case No. 24CV31676

Petitioner:

Michael Scadden,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC339, District Court, City and County of Denver, Case No. 24CV32451

Petitioner:

Marisol Mendez,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC340, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA268

Petitioner:

James Takchuan Woo,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari Pursuant to C.A.R. 50 DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC344, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA732

Petitioner:

Robert Aloysuis Yribia,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC350, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA1784

Petitioner:

Daniel Joseph Egan,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC416, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA2257

Petitioner:

A.K.M.B.,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado,

In the Interest of Minor Children:

B.R. and H.R.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.