

## **COLORADO SUPREME COURT CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026**

The Court's new and modified Opinions are now linked directly on the court's website:

<https://www.coloradojudicial.gov/supreme-court/opinions>

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#### **PETITIONS FOR REHEARING**

2026 CO 2, 25SA179, *In Re People v. Castorena*  
Petition for Rehearing DENIED. EN BANC.

2025 CO 64, 24SA308, *In Re People v. Simons*  
Petition for Rehearing DENIED. EN BANC.

2025 CO 64, 24SA309, *In Re People v. Simons*  
Petition for Rehearing DENIED. EN BANC.

#### **RULE CHANGE**

##### **RULE CHANGE 2026(03)**

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

242.21

**Amended and Adopted by the Court, En Banc, January 29, 2026, effective  
immediately.**

#### **ORIGINAL PROCEEDING**

##### **26SA25**

*In Re: People v. Issac Lawrence*  
Order issued on January 27, 2026

**GRANTED PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI**

**No. 25SC721, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA1786**

**Petitioner:**

The People of the State of Colorado,

**In the Interest of Minor Child:**

H.L.B.,

and

**Petitioner:**

H.L.B.,

**and Concerning**

A.S.

Petitions for Writ of Certiorari GRANTED. EN BANC.

Whether the court of appeals determined a question of substance not yet determined by this court when it determined a less drastic alternative need not be “currently available.”

[REFRAMED] Whether the division erred in its application of *People in Interest of A.M. v. T.M.*, 2021 CO 14, 480 P.3d 682, concerning less drastic alternatives, contrary to the goal of securing permanency for children involved in the dependency and neglect process.

DENIED AS TO ALL OTHER ISSUES.

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**DENIED PETITIONS FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI**

**No. 25SC454, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA1252**

**Petitioners:**

Sally Carsten and Liz Sanchez,

v.

**Respondent:**

Zane Zwemke.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

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**No. 25SC521, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA1673**

**Petitioners:**

Colorado Advocates for Public Safety, Anita Moss, and Robert Westby,

v.

**Respondents:**

Ashley Stolzmann, in her official capacity as a Boulder County Commissioner; Marta Loachamin, in her official capacity as a Boulder County Commissioner; and Claire Levy, in her official capacity as a Boulder County Commissioner.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

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**No. 25SC670, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA520**

**Petitioner:**

Douglas Roark,

v.

**Respondent:**

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

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**No. 25SC671, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA19**

**Petitioner:**

Brandon Cockrell,

v.

**Respondent:**

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

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**No. 25SC674, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA765**

**Petitioner:**

Harley David Sharp,

v.

**Respondent:**

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

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**No. 25SC683, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA1124**

**Petitioner:**

Derek Wayne Underwood,

v.

**Respondent:**

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

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**No. 25SC687, District Court, Arapahoe County, Case No. 25CV31652**

**Petitioner:**

Ronald William Sullivan,

v.

**Respondent:**

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

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**No. 25SC690, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA1281**

**Petitioner:**

Rodney Douglas Eaves,

v.

**Respondent:**

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

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**No. 25SC693, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA1586**

**Petitioner:**

John Conte,

v.

**Respondent:**

Edward Frazar, Jr.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

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**No. 25SC694, Court of Appeals Case No. 25CA36**

**Petitioners:**

Patricia Zlaten and Douglas Zlaten,

v.

**Respondent:**

Longmont Lodge No. 1548, Loyal Order of Moose, Inc., a Colorado corporation.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

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**No. 25SC698, District Court, Arapahoe County, Case No. 24CV30137**

**Petitioner:**

John Leblanc,

v.

**Respondent:**

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

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**No. 25SC700, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA959**

**Petitioner:**

Karl A. Sanchez,

v.

**Respondent:**

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

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