

COLORADO SUPREME COURT CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

Petitioner:

John Conte,

v.

Respondent:

Edward Frazar, Jr.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

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.

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.

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.
