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**PUBLISHED OPINIONS**

[2026COA25](#)

Court of Appeals No. [25CA0026](#)  
Boulder County District Court No. 24CV30320  
Honorable Michael Kotlarczyk, Judge  
Honorable Robert R. Gunning, Judge

SMB Advertising, Inc. d/b/a Yellow Scene Magazine,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

City of Boulder, Colorado,

Defendant-Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division A  
Opinion by JUDGE DUNN  
Román, C.J., and Welling, J., concur

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[2026COA26](#)

Court of Appeals No. [25CA0071](#)

City and County of Denver District Court No. 23CV32169

Honorable Adam J. Espinosa, Judge

OnePutt Liquors, LLC,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

Colorado Department of Revenue, Heidi Humphries, in her official capacity as Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Revenue and State Licensing Authority, and Liquor Enforcement Division,

Defendants-Appellees.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division IV

Opinion by JUDGE SCHUTZ

Freyre and Brown, JJ., concur

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[2025COA27](#)

Court of Appeals No. [25CA0175](#)

City and County of Denver District Court No. 24CV31125

Honorable David H. Goldberg, Judge

Douglas County, Colorado acting through the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County Colorado, in their elected and official capacity, and Douglas County Sheriff,

Plaintiffs-Appellants,

v.

State of Colorado, by and through Jared S. Polis, in his official capacity as Governor of Colorado,

Defendant-Appellee.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division IV

Opinion by JUDGE SCHUTZ

Freyre and Brown, JJ., concur

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[2026COA28](#)

Court of Appeals No. [25CA0380](#)

Jefferson County District Court No. 23CV193

Honorable Todd L. Vriesman, Judge

Eric St. George,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Office of the State Public Defender,

Defendant-Appellant.

JUDGMENT REVERSED

Division I

Opinion by JUDGE LUM

J. Jones and Meirink, JJ., concur

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**UNPUBLISHED OPINIONS**

Court of Appeals No. 22CA0596  
La Plata County District Court No. 17CR343  
Honorable Jeffrey R. Wilson, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Mark Allen Redwine,

Defendant-Appellant.

ORDER AFFIRMED

Division II  
Opinion by JUDGE FOX  
Kuhn and Sullivan, JJ., concur

**NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)**

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Court of Appeals No. 22CA0760  
Jefferson County District Court No. 20CR3724  
Honorable Randall C. Arp, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Sonny Ray Zuniga,

Defendant-Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED IN PART AND REVERSED IN PART,  
AND CASE REMANDED WITH DIRECTIONS

Division I  
Opinion by JUDGE J. JONES  
Lum and Meirink, JJ., concur

**NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)**

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Court of Appeals No. 23CA1160  
City and County of Denver District Court No. 20CR2842  
Honorable Eric M. Johnson, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

George Albert Magee,

Defendant-Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division II  
Opinion by JUDGE SULLIVAN  
Fox and Kuhn, JJ., concur

**NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)**

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Court of Appeals No. 23CA1219  
Larimer County District Court No. 18CR265  
Honorable Juan G. Villaseñor, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Donny Ray Pulliam,

Defendant-Appellant.

ORDER AFFIRMED

Division I  
Opinion by JUDGE LUM  
J. Jones and Meirink, JJ., concur

**NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)**

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Court of Appeals No. 23CA2083  
Arapahoe County District Court No. 18CR2114  
Honorable Shay K. Whitaker, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Brittnee Shaelynn Cavin,

Defendant-Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division IV  
Opinion by JUDGE FREYRE  
Brown and Schutz, JJ., concur

**NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)**

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Court of Appeals No. 24CA0177  
Douglas County District Court No. 21CR736  
Honorable Natalie Strickland, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Vincente Tyler Vernagallo,

Defendant-Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division IV  
Opinion by JUDGE SCHUTZ  
Brown and Berger\*, JJ., concur

**NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)**

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Court of Appeals No. 24CA1170  
Boulder County District Court No. 21CR439  
Honorable Nancy W. Salomone, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Alejandro Rivas-Otero,

Defendant-Appellant.

SENTENCE AFFIRMED

Division III  
Opinion by JUDGE HARRIS  
Dunn and Moultrie, JJ., concur

**NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)**

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Court of Appeals No. 24CA1382  
El Paso County District Court No. 22JD691  
Honorable Diana May, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Petitioner-Appellee,

In the Interest of B.D.R.,

Juvenile-Appellant.

RULING DISAPPROVED

Division IV  
Opinion by JUDGE FREYRE  
Brown and Schutz, JJ., concur

**NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)**

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Court of Appeals No. 24CA1597  
Weld County District Court No. 21DR30127  
Honorable Anita Jain Crowther, Judge

In re the Marriage of

Denise Billings-Barton,

Appellee,

and

Brian Scott Barton,

Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division IV  
Opinion by JUDGE BERGER\*  
Brown and Schutz, JJ., concur

**NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)**

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Court of Appeals No. 24CA1625  
Pueblo County District Court No. 18CR1046  
Honorable Thomas Flesher, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Teddy R. Bartelli,

Defendant-Appellant.

ORDER AFFIRMED

Division IV  
Opinion by JUDGE SCHUTZ  
Freyre and Brown, JJ., concur

**NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)**

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Court of Appeals No. 25CA0116  
City and County of Denver District Court No. 94CR902  
Honorable Karen L. Brody, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Dale Stone,

Defendant-Appellant.

ORDER AFFIRMED

Division I  
Opinion by JUDGE J. JONES  
Lum and Meirink, JJ., concur

**NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)**

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Court of Appeals No. 25CA0117  
State Personnel Board Case No. 24G58

Darla Anderl,

Complainant-Appellant,

v.

Department of Human Services, Wheat Ridge Regional Center,

Respondent-Appellee,

And

State Personnel Board,

Appellee.

ORDER AFFIRMED

Division IV  
Opinion by JUDGE BERGER\*  
Brown and Schutz, JJ., concur

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Court of Appeals No. 25CA0371  
City and County of Broomfield District Court No. 23CV30043  
Honorable Mark Warner, Judge

Thomas Wierimaa,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

Anna Cheng,

Defendant-Appellee.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED IN PART AND REVERSED IN PART,  
AND CASE REMANDED WITH DIRECTIONS

Division I  
Opinion by JUDGE MEIRINK  
J. Jones and Lum, JJ., concur

**NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)**

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Court of Appeals No. 25CA0449  
City and County of Denver District Court No. 23CV31302  
Honorable Jon J. Olafson, Judge

Adams County School District 14 and Board of Education of Adams County  
School District 14,

Plaintiffs-Appellants,

v.

Colorado State Board of Education and University Preparatory Schools,

Defendants-Appellees.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division VII  
Opinion by JUDGE PAWAR  
Johnson and Gomez, JJ., concur

**NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)**

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Court of Appeals No. 25CA0642  
El Paso County District Court No. 20DR30576  
Honorable Chad Miller, Judge

In re the Marriage of

James Brett Riding,

Appellant,

and

Kelley Kay Riding n/k/a Kelley Kay Jensen,

Appellee.

JUDGMENT REVERSED AND CASE  
REMANDED WITH DIRECTIONS

Division VII  
Opinion by JUDGE JOHNSON  
Pawar and Gomez, JJ., concur

**NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)**

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Court of Appeals No. 25CA0744  
Yuma County District Court No. 24CV30001  
Honorable Robert C. James, Judge

M. Sue Jarrett,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

and

Seth Sholes and Masy1 Sholes,

Third-Party Defendants-Appellants,

v.

Gloria R. Besecker, in her capacity as trustee of the Thomas L. Schelly and Gilda Gene Schelly Family Trust, and Michael T. Peabody, in his capacity as trustee of the Barbara J. Peabody Trust dated July 14, 1998,

Defendants-Appellees.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED AND CASE  
REMANDED WITH DIRECTIONS

Division VI  
Opinion by JUDGE YUN  
Grove and Schock, JJ., concur

**NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)**

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Court of Appeals No. 25CA0749  
El Paso County District Court No. 21DR32654  
Honorable Hilary Gurney, Judge

In re the Marriage of

Nicholas Robery Fry,

Appellant,

and

Vanessa Marie Fry,

Appellee.

ORDER AFFIRMED

Division IV  
Opinion by JUDGE FREYRE  
Brown and Schutz, JJ., concur

**NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)**

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Court of Appeals No. 25CA0831  
Arapahoe County District Court No. 24CV31404  
Honorable Don J. Toussaint, Judge

Housing Authority of Aurora, Colorado, a body both corporate and politic,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

The City of Aurora, Colorado, an incorporated home-rule municipality,

Defendant-Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division VII  
Opinion by JUDGE GOMEZ  
Pawar and Graham\*, JJ., concur

**NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)**

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Court of Appeals No. 25CA1097  
Arapahoe County District Court No. 24CV227  
Honorable Thomas Henderson, Judge

Denise Bruschi,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

24 Hour Fitness USA, LLC d/b/a 24 Hour Fitness,

Defendant-Appellee.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division IV  
Opinion by JUDGE SCHUTZ  
Freyre and Brown, JJ., concur

**NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)**

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Court of Appeals No. 25CA1269  
Office of Administrative Courts No. TC 2024-0002

Rebecca Roetto,

Respondent-Appellant,

v.

Boulder Valley School District,

Petitioner-Appellee,

and

Office of Administrative Courts,

Appellee.

ORDER AFFIRMED

Division VII  
Opinion by JUDGE GOMEZ  
Pawar and Johnson, JJ., concur

**NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)**

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Court of Appeals No. 25CA1282  
El Paso County District Court No. 22DR31526  
Honorable Samuel Evig, Judge

In re the Marriage of

Emily Schultz,

Appellee,

and

Travis Schultz,

Appellant.

ORDER AFFIRMED

Division II  
Opinion by JUDGE SULLIVAN  
Fox and Kuhn, JJ., concur

**NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)**

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Court of Appeals No. 25CA1467  
City and County of Denver Juvenile Court No. 23JV30436  
Honorable Laurie Clark, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Appellee,

In the Interest of C.M.S., a Child,

and Concerning T.P.S.,

Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division A  
Opinion by JUDGE GRAHAM\*  
Román, C.J., and Ashby\*, J., concur

**NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)**

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Court of Appeals No. 25CA1893  
City and County of Denver Juvenile Court No. 22JV30488  
Honorable Elizabeth McCarthy, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Appellee,

In the Interest of K.G.S., a Child,

and Concerning S.S.O.,

Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division VI  
Opinion by JUDGE SCHOCK  
Grove and Yun, JJ., concur

**NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)**

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Court of Appeals No. 25CA2168  
Adams County District Court No. 24JV30182  
Honorable Kelley R. Southerland, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Appellee,

In the Interest of E.L., a Child,

and Concerning J.L.,

Appellant.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED

Division A  
Opinion by JUDGE ASHBY\*  
Román, C.J., and Graham\*, J., concur

**NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)**

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Court of Appeals No. 26CA0102  
Pueblo County District Court No. 23MH371  
Honorable Amiel Markenson, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Petitioner-Appellee,

In the Interest of Richard Kreidler,

Respondent-Appellant.

ORDER AFFIRMED

Division I  
Opinion by JUDGE MEIRINK  
J. Jones and Lum, JJ., concur

**NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)**

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Court of Appeals No. 26CA0235  
Pueblo County District Court No. 26MH30006  
Honorable Amiel Markenson, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

In the Interest of Matthew Pilove,

Respondent-Appellant.

ORDER AFFIRMED

Division V  
Opinion by JUDGE LIPINSKY  
Welling and Tow, JJ., concur

**NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)**

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**PETITIONS FOR REHEARING**

Court of Appeals No. 22CA1149

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Efren Jose Almeida,

Defendant-Appellant.

Petition for Rehearing DENIED

**NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)**

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Court of Appeals No. 22CA2205

Adams County District Court No. 21JD298

Honorable Katherine R. Delgado, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Petitioner-Appellee,

In the Interest of N.C.B.,

Juvenile-Appellant.

Opinion Modified and Petition for Rehearing  
GRANTED IN PART and DENIED IN PART

**NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)**

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Court of Appeals No. 23CA1302  
Adams County District Court No. 17CR2828  
Honorable Jeffrey Smith, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Louis Pete Duran,

Defendant-Appellant.

Petition for Rehearing DENIED

**NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)**

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Court of Appeals No. 23CA1413  
City and County of Denver District Court No. 21CR20003  
Honorable Darryl F. Shockley, Judge

The People of the State of Colorado,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

Neshan M. Johnson,

Defendant-Appellant.

Petition for Rehearing DENIED

**NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)**

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Court of Appeals No. 25CA0589  
State Personnel Board Case No. 2024G98

Ebony Russell,

Complainant-Appellant,

v.

Colorado Department of Local Affairs,

Respondent-Appellee.

and

State Personnel Board,

Appellee.

Petition for Rehearing DENIED

**NOT PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO C.A.R. 35(e)**

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Court of Appeals No. 25CA0859  
Industrial Claim Appeals Office of the State of Colorado  
WC No. 4-972-041

Fredy Barba,

Petitioner,

v.

Industrial Claim Appeals Office of the State of Colorado and Cardinal Health  
200, Inc.,

Respondents,

and

Sedgwick Claims Management Services, Inc. TPA,

Insurer-Respondent.

Petition for Rehearing DENIED

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\*Sitting by assignment of the Chief Justice under provisions of Colo. Const. art. VI, § 5(3), and § 24-51-1105, C.R.S. 2025.