

COLORADO SUPREME COURT CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026

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ORIGINAL PROCEEDING

26SA233 *In Re Interest of N.D.*
Order to Show Cause issued on July 15, 2026

GRANTED PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

No. 25SC708, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA590

Petitioner:

Rachael Elken,

v.

Respondent:

Tyler Bain.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari GRANTED. EN BANC.

Whether, in affirming the district court's order directing that the parties' pre-embryos be given to a third party – and not a contributing party – for implantation to achieve pregnancy, the court of appeals misinterpreted the test established by *In re Marriage of Rooks*, 2018 CO 85, 429 P.3d 579.

DENIED AS TO ALL OTHER ISSUES.

DENIED PETITIONS FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

No. 25SC411, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA1304

Petitioner:

Robert Henderson,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC603, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA1376

Petitioner:

David Patrick Chronis,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC726, Court of Appeals Case No. 20CA1708

Petitioner:

Troy L. Fields,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

JUSTICE BLANCO would grant as to the following issues:

Whether error under *Erlinger v. United States*, 602 U.S. 821 (2024), is structural, requiring reversal. If not, whether the court of appeals' constitutional harmless error analysis conflicts with binding Supreme Court precedent.

Whether, as a matter of first impression, the habitual sentencing statute's life-sentence enhancement applies when the triggering offense occurred before the offense that led to the previous habitual criminal adjudication.

No. 26SC87, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA2274

In re the Marriage of

Petitioner:

John Marcel Danis,
and

Respondent:

Brooke Annette Danis A/K/A Greene.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 26SC95, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA1392

Petitioners:

BBVA USA Bancshares, Inc.; BBVA USA; Ashley Burgan; and Scott Smith,
v.

Respondents:

Scott Schmitz, Sandy Schmitz, Louis Taloumis, Lori Taloumis, Brandon Tripp, Jill Tripp,
Michael Zachar, and Kelly Clarkson.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 26SC161, Court of Appeals Case No. 25CA519

Petitioner:

Timothy Scott Parks,
v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 26SC187, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA1546

Petitioner:

Carmen Anthony Fiacco,
v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 26SC188, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA1740

Petitioner:

Shawn Edward Geerdes,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 26SC193, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA674

Petitioner:

Daniel Richard Shea,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 26SC196, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA1855

Petitioner:

Harlan Nelson Eddington,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 26SC212, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA754

Petitioner:

Trevor Torreyson,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 26SC244, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA1678

Petitioner:

Frank Adam Devoe,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 26SC245, Court of Appeals Case No. 25CA53

Petitioner:

Jerry Gerard Ciarcia,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 26SC247, Court of Appeals Case No. 25CA2215

Petitioner:

John Frank Martinez, Jr.,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 26SC249, Court of Appeals Case No. 25CA1048

Petitioner:

Eric Strumpf,

v.

Respondents:

State Personnel Board and Department of Corrections.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 26SC254, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA184

Petitioner:

Paul Mankin,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 26SC255, Court of Appeals Case No. 25CA890

Petitioner:

The People of the State of Colorado,

v.

Respondent:

Ashley Hernandez.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

CHIEF JUSTICE MÁRQUEZ would grant as to the following issue:

Whether the court of appeals erred by choosing from competing inferences in the record to conclude that the respondent's comments to a judge were protected speech under the First Amendment rather than unprotected true threats.

No. 26SC256, Court of Appeals Case No. 25CA2103

Petitioner:

Jerome Greene,

v.

Respondents:

University of Colorado Boulder and State Personnel Board.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 26SC258, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA1215

Petitioner:

Anthony David Torres,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 26SC259, District Court, Adams County, Case No. 25CV195

Petitioner:

Aleksy Kadoshnikov,

v.

Respondent:

Town of Bennett Municipal Court.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 26SC266, Court of Appeals Case No. 25CA51

In re: the Matter of the Estate of

Suzanne Sherwin, deceased,

Petitioner:

Paul E. Simmerly,

v.

Respondent:

Leslie Towner.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 26SC269, District Court, City and County of Denver, Case No. 25CV32575

Petitioner:

Winy Luxama,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 26SC275, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA266

Petitioner:

Bret Steven Klein,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 26SC277, Court of Appeals Case No. 25CA363

Petitioner:

Afrow Spade Stidham,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 26SC281, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA1413

Petitioner:

Neshan M. Johnson,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 26SC296, Court of Appeals Case No. 25CA1893

Petitioner:

S.S.O.,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado,

In the Interest of Minor Child:

K.G.S.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 26SC310, Court of Appeals Case No. 25CA1836

Petitioners:

B.W. and M.C.,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado,

In the Interest of Minor Child:

D.J.C.

Petitions for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 26SC326, Court of Appeals Case No. 25CA1598

Petitioner:

L.Y.,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado,

In the Interest of Minor Child:

L.T.M.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 26SC328, Court of Appeals Case No. 25CA1602

Petitioner:

M.C.,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado,

In the Interest of Minor Child:

A.C.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 26SC330, Court of Appeals Case No. 25CA1734

Petitioner:

S.K.,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado,

In the Interest of Minor Children:

S.H., E.H., A.H., and V.H.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 26SC338, Court of Appeals Case No. 25CA1671

Petitioner:

I.S.,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado,

In the Interest of Minor Children:

N.K.S. and W.J.S.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 26SC340, Court of Appeals Case No. 25CA1142

Petitioner:

A.A.A.,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado,

In the Interest of Minor Children:

P.R.A., P.A.A., and B.C.A.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 26SC341, Court of Appeals Case No. 25CA1538

Petitioner:

A.R.A.,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado,

In the Interest of Minor Child:

D.J.L.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 26SC342, Court of Appeals Case No. 25CA1988

Petitioner:

M.C.,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado,

In the Interest of Minor Child:

A.C.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 26SC359, Court of Appeals Case No. 25CA1992

Petitioners:

T.L. and W.D.,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado,

In the Interest of Minor Child:

V.D.

Petitions for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 26SC361, Court of Appeals Case No. 25CA1997

Petitioners:

L.C. and T.W.

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado,

In the Interest of Minor Children:

Je.C. and Ja.C.

Petitions for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 26SC381, Court of Appeals Case No. 25CA2293

Petitioner:

E.M.,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado,

In the Interest of Minor Child:

A.C.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 26SC395, Court of Appeals Case No. 25CA1846

Petitioners:

W.V. and B.A.F.S.,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado,

In the Interest of Minor Child:

J.V.

Petitions for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.