

ARKANSAS COURT OF APPEALS

PROCEEDINGS OF NOVEMBER 5, 2025

N. MARK KLAPPENBACH, CHIEF JUDGE:

[CR-24-758](#). John Richardson v. State of Arkansas, from Clark County Circuit Court. Affirmed. Harrison and Brown, JJ., agree.

[CV-24-556](#). Royal Ridge Construction, LLC v. Jo Lynn Spradlin, from Sebastian County Circuit Court, Fort Smith District. Affirmed. Harrison and Brown, JJ., agree.

RAYMOND R. ABRAMSON, JUDGE:

[CV-24-559](#). Little Rock School District v. Judith Hart, from Pulaski County Circuit Court, Fifth Division. Reversed and dismissed in part; reversed and remanded in part. Virden and Tucker, JJ., agree.

BART F. VIRDEN, JUDGE:

[CR-24-805](#). Minor Child v. State of Arkansas, from Pulaski County Circuit Court, Tenth Division. Affirmed. Abramson and Tucker, JJ., agree.

ROBERT J. GLADWIN, JUDGE:

[CV-24-560](#). Dustin Keathley d/b/a DSR Construction and Patsy Keathley v. Dean Halijan and Christie Halijan, from Pulaski County Circuit Court, Sixteenth Division. Affirmed. Hixson and Murphy, JJ., agree.

[CV-25-5](#). Dustin Keathley d/b/a DSR Construction and Patsy Keathley v. Dean Halijan and Christie Halijan, from Pulaski County Circuit Court, Sixteenth Division. Affirmed. Hixson and Murphy, JJ., agree.

[E-25-31](#). Arkansas Department of Human Services v. Director, Division of Workforce Services; and Brent Gasper, from the Arkansas Board of Review. Affirmed. Hixson and Murphy, JJ., agree.

STEPHANIE POTTER BARRETT, JUDGE:

[CV-25-25](#). Hope Chantel v. Nicholas Windle, from Garland County Circuit Court. Appeal dismissed without prejudice. Thyer and Wood, JJ., agree.

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CINDY GRACE THYER, JUDGE:

[CR-24-464](#). Michael McCormick v. State of Arkansas, from Polk County Circuit Court. Affirmed. Barrett and Wood, JJ., agree.

WENDY SCHOLTENS WOOD, JUDGE:

[CR-24-752](#). Mark Bickham v. State of Arkansas, from Pope County Circuit Court. Affirmed; remanded to correct the sentencing order. Barrett and Thyer, JJ., agree.

KENNETH S. HIXSON, JUDGE:

[CV-24-426](#). Steve L. Jones v. MNLRN, LLC, from Pulaski County Circuit Court, Sixteenth Division. Affirmed. Gladwin and Murphy, JJ., agree.

WAYMOND M. BROWN, JUDGE:

[CV-24-576](#). Priscila Podleski v. Jacob Podleski, from Benton County Circuit Court. Affirmed. Klappenbach, C.J., and Harrison, J., agree.

PER CURIAM DECISIONS

The following cases appealed from the Arkansas Board of Review are affirmed without written opinion pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 5-2(f).

E-25-71. Erica Otis v. Director et al.

E-25-72. Elsia Neal v. Director et al.

E-25-73. Wendell Darren Cox v. Director et al.

E-25-74. Cheryl LeAnn Martin v. Director et al.

E-25-75. Michael Ledford v. Director et al.

E-25-76. Eddie McChristian v. Director et al.

E-25-78. Kermit Delbert Cooper v. Director et al.

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E-25-79. Denise Cassidy v. Director et al.

E-25-80. Matthew R. Starr v. Director et al.

E-25-81. Kenneth D. Hodge v. Director et al.

E-25-82. Summer M. Stewart v. Director et al.

E-25-83. Shawn Lawrence v. Director et al.

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REHEARINGS DENIED: Petitions for rehearing were denied today in the following cases.

CV-23-549. Tomie Grist v. Joshua R. Toney, an Individual; and Joshua R. Toney, DDS, PA, d/b/a Sandhill Dentistry, from Randolph County Circuit Court.

CV-24-345. Richard Vallis v. Marilyn Vallis, from Sebastian County Circuit Court, Fort Smith District. Harrison, J., not participating.

CV-24-641. Candis Shrable (now Morgan) v. Brett Shrable, from Craighead County Circuit Court, Western District. Thyer, J., not participating.

CR-23-508. Kandace Thompson v. State of Arkansas, from Washington County Circuit Court. Motion of Geoffrey D. Kearney for attorney's fees is granted. Allowed \$2,500.

CR-24-411. Wayne Allen Weeks v. State of Arkansas, from Lonoke County Circuit Court. Motion of Omar F. Greene to be relieved as counsel is granted.

CR-24-411. Wayne Allen Weeks v. State of Arkansas, from Lonoke County Circuit Court. Motion of Omar F. Greene for attorney's fees is granted. Allowed \$2,500.

CR-24-600. Kevin Newton Houlton v. State of Arkansas, from Garland County Circuit Court. Motion of Gregg A. Knutson for attorney fees is granted. Allowed \$2,500.

CR-24-723. Tony James Harris v. State of Arkansas, from Grant County Circuit Court. Motion of Sharon Kiel for award of attorney's fees is granted. Allowed \$2,500.

CR-24-724. Dustin Jones v. State of Arkansas, from Crawford County Circuit Court. Motion of Lisa-Marie Norris for award of attorney's fees and costs is granted. Allowed \$2,500.

CR-25-12. Christopher Duvall v. State of Arkansas, from Pope County Circuit Court. Motion of Trent Thomas for attorney's fees is granted. Allowed \$2,500. Virden, J., not participating.

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CR-25-448. Ricky Gipson v. State of Arkansas, from Dallas County Circuit Court. Appellant's motion for permission to file belated record on remand is granted. Supplemental record on remand is due in fifteen days (November 20, 2025).

CR-25-484. Arkansas Department of Human Services and Michael Crump, in His Official Capacity as Director of the Division of Youth Services v. State of Arkansas and Minor Child, from Hempstead County Circuit Court. Motion of separate appellee State of Arkansas to dismiss or, in the alternative, motion for extension of brief time. Appeal dismissed.

CR-25-653. Mario Brown v. State of Arkansas, from Greene County Circuit Court. Appellant's motion for rule on clerk is granted. Record filed in the Arkansas Court of Appeals this date as case No. CR-25-653. Appellant's brief is due December 15, 2025.

CV-24-236. Kenneth Hedrick v. Bobby Jo Pope, from Pope County Circuit Court. Appellee's motion for attorney's fees and costs is granted in part and denied in part. Motion for attorney's fees is denied. Motion for costs is granted. The clerk is directed to issue an amended mandate awarding costs in favor of the appellee.

CV-25-639. Chase Utley v. Arkansas State Board of Education, from Pulaski County Circuit Court, Fourteenth Division. Appellant's motion for rule on clerk is denied.

CV-25-650. John Barron and Brenda Barron v. Zachary Estep d/b/a JD Enterprise, from Boone County Circuit Court. Appellants' motion for rule on clerk is granted. Klappenbach, C.J., would deny. Record filed in the Arkansas Court of Appeals this date as case No. CV-25-650. Appellants' brief is due December 15, 2025.

CV-25-651. Christina Thacker v. Anthony Thacker, from White County Circuit Court. Appellant's pro se motion for preparation of record and transcripts at public expense and for leave to proceed in forma pauperis pursuant to Rule 3-5 is denied. Filing fee of \$165 is due in thirty days (December 5, 2025).

CV-25-656. Quinta Jones v. Amy Jones, from Benton County Circuit Court. Appellant's motion to supplement record is granted. Tendered supplemental record filed this date. Appellant's brief is due in thirty days (December 5, 2025).

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CV-25-693. Chad Conder v. Janet Reed (f/k/a Conder), from Independence County Circuit Court. Appellant's emergency motion for stay pending appeal and for expedited consideration is denied. Harrison and Murphy, JJ., not participating.

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MOTIONS SUBMITTED

CR-24-668. John Naylor v. State of Arkansas, from Craighead County Circuit Court, Eastern District. Motion of Terry Goodwin Jones for attorney's fees.

CR-24-669. John Naylor v. State of Arkansas, from Craighead County Circuit Court, Eastern District. Motion of Terry Goodwin Jones for attorney's fees.

CR-24-670. John Naylor v. State of Arkansas, from Craighead County Circuit Court, Eastern District. Motion of Terry Goodwin Jones for attorney's fees.

CR-24-722. Gwendolyn Spencer v. State of Arkansas, from Jefferson County Circuit Court. Motion of Sharon Kiel for award of attorney's fees.

CR-24-760. Joseph Shane Huffman v. State of Arkansas, from Arkansas County Circuit Court, Northern & Southern Districts. Motion of Dusti Standridge for attorney's fees and expenses.

CR-24-822. Janie Lee Clark v. State of Arkansas, from Conway County Circuit Court. Motion of La'Donnia Mothershed for attorney fees.

CR-24-823. Janie Lee Clark v. State of Arkansas, from Conway County Circuit Court. Motion of La'Donnia Mothershed for attorney fees.

CR-24-824. Janie Lee Clark v. State of Arkansas, from Conway County Circuit Court. Motion of La'Donnia Mothershed for attorney fees.

CR-25-323. Aechia Armstrong v. State of Arkansas, from Benton County Circuit Court. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file record.

CR-25-362. Randy Medlock v. State of Arkansas, from Crittenden County Circuit Court. Appellant's pro se petition writ for a belated hearing of the transcript record.

CR-25-362. Randy Medlock v. State of Arkansas, from Crittenden County Circuit Court. Appellant's second pro se petition writ of hearing transcript filed belatedly.

CR-25-626. Edward Lockhart v. State of Arkansas, from Pulaski County Circuit Court, Seventh Division. Appellant's pro se motion to supplement the record.

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MOTIONS SUBMITTED

CR-25-638. Kenneth Abernathy v. State of Arkansas, from Saline County Circuit Court. Motion of Benjamin Bowers to be appointed as counsel for the appellant.

CR-25-662. Douglas Eugene Causey v. State of Arkansas, from Pulaski County Circuit Court, Seventh Division. Appellant's pro se motion for belated appeal.

CR-25-662. Douglas Eugene Causey v. State of Arkansas, from Pulaski County Circuit Court, Seventh Division. Appellant's pro se motion for appointment of counsel.

CV-24-231. Linda Driver; and Bethel Temple Pentecostal Church, Inc. v. Holy Trinity Church of God in Christ, Formerly Known as East End Church of God in Christ, from Monroe County Circuit Court. Appellee's motion to amend mandate costs.

CV-25-214. William J. "Bud" Cooper, Mary Cooper Miller, and Linda Cooper v. Stephanie Ann Bridgman and Gary Alan Bridgman, from Izard County Circuit Court. Motion of separate appellant William J. "Bud" Cooper to supplement record.

CV-25-344. James Smith v. Jane Doe, from Pulaski County Circuit Court, Sixth Division. Appellant's motion for filing brief out of time.

CV-25-587. Celeste Ingle v. Arkansas Department of Human Services, Christian Allen, and Minor Children, from Sebastian County Circuit Court, Fort Smith and Greenwood Districts. Motion of separate appellees Arkansas Department of Human Services and Minor Child to dismiss appeal.

CV-25-646. Bridget Holmes-Mergucz v. Georgia Holmes, from Jefferson County Circuit Court. Motion of Kathryn Loyd Wilson to withdraw as counsel for the appellant.

CV-25-669. Navashia Akins v. LL Glenn Plaza Loop LLC d/b/a Steve Landers Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, from Pulaski County Circuit Court, Sixth Division. Appellant's pro se motion to proceed in forma pauperis.

CV-25-670. Navashia Akins v. LL Glenn Plaza Loop LLC d/b/a Steve Landers Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, from Pulaski County Circuit Court, Sixth Division. Appellant's pro se petition to proceed in forma pauperis.

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MOTIONS SUBMITTED

CV-25-675. Navashia Akins v. LL Glenn Plaza Loop LLC d/b/a Steve Landers Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, from Pulaski County Circuit Court, Sixth Division. Appellant's pro se petition to proceed in forma pauperis.

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CASES SUBMITTED

CV-24-359. Bradbury Capital, LLC v. Lofty Labs LLC, from Washington County Circuit Court. Orally argued.

CR-24-347. Richard Lopez v. State of Arkansas, from Miller County Circuit Court.

CR-24-435. Craig E. Criswell v. State of Arkansas, from Conway County Circuit Court.

CR-24-746. Tyler Chandler v. State of Arkansas, from Washington County Circuit Court.

CR-24-820. Tyrone Lever v. State of Arkansas, from Jefferson County Circuit Court.

CV-23-554. Camden-Progressive Eldercare Services, Inc., d/b/a Ouachita Nursing and Rehabilitation Center v. Glen Robinson, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Birdie Thompson, and on Behalf of the Wrongful Death Beneficiaries of Birdie Thompson; Progressive Eldercare Services, Inc.; Southern Administrative Services, LLC; Care Plus Staffing, LLC; ProCare Therapy Services, LLC; Professional Nursing Solutions, LLC; Ponthie Holdings, LLC; JEJ Investments, LLC; John Ponthie; Ross Ponthie; Mark Thompson; and Angela Marlar, in Her Official Capacity as Administrator of Ouachita Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, from Ouachita County Circuit Court.

CV-23-756. Don L. Kittler, Jr. v. Entergy Arkansas, LLC, from the Arkansas Public Service Commission.

CV-25-335. Mark Hunt v. Arkansas Department of Human Services and Minor Child, from Pulaski County Circuit Court, Tenth Division.

CV-25-347. Lisa Conapinski v. Arkansas Department of Human Services and Minor Child, from Miller County Circuit Court.

CV-25-382. Stephanie Byrams v. Arkansas Department of Human Services and Minor Child, from Pulaski County Circuit Court, Eighth Division.

CV-25-411. Kimberly Barnes v. Arkansas Department of Human Services and Minor Child, from Logan County Circuit Court, Southern District.

The following case is an appeal from the Arkansas Board of Review.

E-25-69. Brandye McCue v. Director et al., from the Arkansas Board of Review.