

ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT

PROCEEDINGS OF JANUARY 8, 2026

PER CURIAM ORDERS

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

CR-24-821. Milton Beltran v. State of Arkansas, from Crawford County Circuit Court.

CR-25-28. Howard Togo Wood v. State of Arkansas, from Scott County Circuit Court. Special Justice Mark Allison agrees. Bronni, J., not participating.

CV-24-523. George Jackson Newton v. Dexter Payne, Director, Arkansas Division of Correction, from Jefferson County Circuit Court. Womack, J., would dismiss.

CR-93-127. Claude Wallace v. State of Arkansas, from Mississippi County Circuit Court, Chickasawba District. Petitioner's motion to release evidence is granted.

CR-07-1308. Derek Sales v. State of Arkansas, from Bradley County Circuit Court. Motion of Lee Short to be recognized as counsel for petitioner is granted. Special Justice Mary Carole Young agrees. Womack, J., would deny. Bronni, J., not participating.

CR-07-1308. Derek Sales v. State of Arkansas, from Bradley County Circuit Court. Petitioner's motion for leave to file a reply is moot. Special Justice Mary Carole Young agrees. Baker, C.J., and Hudson and Webb, JJ., would grant. Bronni, J., not participating.

CR-10-53. Derek Sales v. State of Arkansas, from Bradley County Circuit Court. Motion of Lee Short to be recognized as counsel for petitioner is granted. Special Justice Mary Carole Young agrees. Womack, J., would deny. Bronni, J., not participating.

CR-10-53. Derek Sales v. State of Arkansas, from Bradley County Circuit Court. Petitioner's motion for leave to file a reply is moot. Baker, C.J., and Hudson and Webb, JJ., would grant. Special Justice Mary Carole Young agrees. Bronni, J., not participating.

CR-25-383. Carlos Antwan Sigears v. State of Arkansas, from Washington County Circuit Court. Appellant's motion for extension of time for court reporters to respond to writ of certiorari is granted.

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CR-25-564. State of Arkansas v. Minor Child, from Pulaski County Circuit Court, Fifth Division. Appellant's motion for stay and request for expedited consideration. Motion for stay granted; request for expedited consideration denied. Womack and Bronni, JJ., would grant.

CR-25-585. Darrell Edward Sanders v. State of Arkansas, from Hot Spring County Circuit Court. Appellant's pro se motion for reconsideration is denied.

CR-25-740. Peter Ayika v. State of Arkansas, from Faulkner County Circuit Court. Appellant's motion for rule on clerk is granted.

CR-25-744. Aiden Jones v. State of Arkansas, from Johnson County Circuit Court. Petitioner's pro se petition for writ of prohibition is denied.

CV-25-452. Robinson Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, LLC, d/b/a Robinson Nursing and Rehabilitation Center v. Andrew Phillips, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Dorothy Phillips; and on Behalf of the Wrongful Death Beneficiaries of Dorothy Phillips; and on Behalf of Themselves and All Others Similarly Situated, from Pulaski County Circuit Court, Twelfth Division. Cross-appellants' unopposed motion to expand word count is denied. Webb, J., and Special Justice Brian Lester would grant. Wood, J., not participating.

CV-25-452. Robinson Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, LLC, d/b/a Robinson Nursing and Rehabilitation Center v. Andrew Phillips, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Dorothy Phillips; and on Behalf of the Wrongful Death Beneficiaries of Dorothy Phillips; and on Behalf of Themselves and All Others Similarly Situated, from Pulaski County Circuit Court, Twelfth Division. Appellant's/cross-appellee's motion to dismiss cross-appeal taken with the case. Bronni, J., would grant. Special Justice Brian Lester would deny. Wood, J., not participating.

CV-25-690. Chad Conder v. Janet Reed, from Independence County Circuit Court. Respondent's motion for sanctions is denied.

CV-25-714. Sarah Huckabee Sanders, in Her Official Capacity as Governor of Arkansas; and Cole Jester, in His Official Capacity as Secretary of State of Arkansas v. Democratic Party of Arkansas; Cordelia Smith-Johnson; William Scott Perkins; Janie Ginocchio; and Julie Rhodes, from Pulaski County Circuit Court, Fourteenth Division. Appellees' motion to supplement the record is denied. Womack and Bronni, JJ., would grant. Webb, J., not participating.

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CV-25-714. Sarah Huckabee Sanders, in Her Official Capacity as Governor of Arkansas; and Cole Jester, in His Official Capacity as Secretary of State of Arkansas v. Democratic Party of Arkansas; Cordelia Smith-Johnson; William Scott Perkins; Janie Ginocchio; and Julie Rhodes, from Pulaski County Circuit Court, Fourteenth Division. Appellees' motion for order to show cause is denied. Webb, J., not participating.

CV-25-792. Myron Bass v. Hubert Bass, from Crittenden County Circuit Court. Petitioner's pro se motion for rule on clerk to compel certification of record; and for expedited relief is denied. Wood, J., would grant motion for rule on clerk and moot request for expedited relief. Womack, J., would grant.

D-25-769. In Re Lauren Elizabeth Hutton, Arkansas Bar No. 2020279, an Original Action. Petition of Lauren Elizabeth Hutton, Arkansas Bar No. 2020279, for voluntary surrender of license (resignation) is granted.

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MOTIONS SUBMITTED

PETITIONS FOR REHEARING:

CR-24-827. Reggie Matthews v. State of Arkansas, from Mississippi County Circuit Court, Osceola District.

CV-23-234. Rebecca Skala, as Special Administrator of the Estate of Sir Christopher Earnest Walker Skala, Deceased, and as Guardian of the Estate of Xavior Robert Dawson Skala, a Minor; and James Gardner, as Special Administrator of the Estate of Tammy Gardner, Deceased v. Comfort Systems USA, Inc.; and Comfort Systems USA (Arkansas), Inc., from Independence County Circuit Court.

CV-24-751. Charles Hamner v. Arkansas Post-Prison Transfer Board, from Pulaski County Circuit Court, Sixteenth Division.

CR-09-339. Adam Davis, Jr. v. State of Arkansas, from Garland County Circuit Court. Petitioner's pro se motion for reconsideration.

CR-09-339. Adam Davis, Jr. v. State of Arkansas, from Garland County Circuit Court. Petitioner's pro se motion for permission to file a response to the respondent's response to motion for reconsideration.

CR-25-686. Aiden Jones v. State of Arkansas, from Johnson County Circuit Court. Petitioner's pro se motion for reconsideration of denial to proceed in forma pauperis.

CR-25-799. Derrick Scudder v. State of Arkansas, from Crawford County Circuit Court. Motion of Eugene Clifford to be relieved as counsel for appellant.

CV-24-689. Wesley Jefferson v. Dexter Payne, Director, Arkansas Division of Correction, from Lincoln County Circuit Court. Appellant's pro se motion for reconsideration treated as a petition for rehearing.

CV-25-222. Bennett Scott "Storm" Nolan II; River Valley Production, LLC, d/b/a River Valley Relief Cultivation; Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration, Arkansas Alcoholic Beverage Control Division; and Arkansas Medical Marijuana Commission v. 2600 Holdings, LLC, d/b/a Southern Roots Cultivation, from Pulaski County Circuit Court, Fourteenth Division. Appellee's/cross-appellant's motion to file a substituted brief to correct certain citations to the record.

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CV-25-227. Robert Earl Thompson v. Dexter Payne, Director, Arkansas Division of Correction; James Gibson, Warden, Varner Unit; Frank T. Spain, Prosecutor; Ricky Rausch, Detective; and Doris Hill, Investigator, from Jefferson County Circuit Court. Appellant's pro se motion for review on the merits treated as a petition for rehearing.

CV-25-395. Jim Hudson, in His Official Capacity as Secretary, Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration v. United States Beef Corporation, from Pulaski County Circuit Court, Fourteenth Division. Motion of Matthew R. Barrett for admission to appear pro hac vice.

CV-25-395. Jim Hudson, in His Official Capacity as Secretary, Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration v. United States Beef Corporation, from Pulaski County Circuit Court, Fourteenth Division. Motion of Jesse T. Feinstein for admission to appear pro hac vice.

CV-25-395. Jim Hudson, in His Official Capacity as Secretary, Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration v. United States Beef Corporation, from Pulaski County Circuit Court, Fourteenth Division. Motion of Jordan M. Goodman for admission to appear pro hac vice.

D-25-829. In Re Frederick Joseph Patton II, Arkansas Bar No. 2022262, an Original Action. Petition of Frederick Joseph Patton II, Arkansas Bar No. 2022262, for voluntary surrender of license (resignation).

D-25-830. In Re Laura Jo Hamblin, Arkansas Bar No. 2006059, an Original Action. Petition of Laura Jo Hamblin, Arkansas Bar No. 2006059, for voluntary surrender of license (resignation).

D-25-831. In Re Lynn E. Estes, Jr., Arkansas Bar No. 91155, an Original Action. Petition of Lynn E. Estes, Jr., Arkansas Bar No. 91155, for voluntary surrender of license (resignation).

CR-25-217. Charles Isaac Wilson, Jr. v. State of Arkansas, from Sebastian County Circuit Court, Fort Smith District. Appellant's pro se motion for extension of time to file petition for rehearing or reconsideration.

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CR-25-516. Danny Maurice Brown, Jr. v. State of Arkansas, from Pulaski County Circuit Court, Sixteenth Division. Petitioner's pro se motion requesting a copy of the record or brief.

CR-25-516. Danny Maurice Brown, Jr. v. State of Arkansas, from Pulaski County Circuit Court, Sixteenth Division. Petitioner's pro se motion for appointment of counsel.

CR-25-516. Danny Maurice Brown, Jr. v. State of Arkansas, from Pulaski County Circuit Court, Sixteenth Division. Petitioner's pro se motion for rule on clerk.

CR-25-703. Randy Mitchell v. State of Arkansas, from Sharp County Circuit Court. Petitioner's pro se petition for writ of mandamus.

CV-25-734. Jose Rufino Garcia-Chicol v. Dexter Payne, Director, Arkansas Division of Correction, from Lee County Circuit Court. Petitioner's pro se motion for rule on clerk.

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CASES SUBMITTED

CR-24-36. Tyler Edward Tait v. State of Arkansas, from Chicot County Circuit Court.
Orally argued.

CR-24-786. Kent Donaill Parris v. State of Arkansas, from Arkansas County Circuit Court, Southern District.

CR-25-166. Joseph Paul Faulkner, Sr. v. State of Arkansas, from Garland County Circuit Court.

CR-25-371. Jonathan Rolfe v. State of Arkansas, from St. Francis County Circuit Court.

CV-23-328. H.C., L.S., R.T., and T.K. v. James Darrell Nesmith, from Pulaski County Circuit Court, Sixth Division.