

ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT

PROCEEDINGS OF MARCH 5, 2026

COURTNEY RAE HUDSON, JUSTICE

[CV-25-562](#). Rebecca Nichols v. James Swindoll and Chuck Gibson, from Pulaski County Circuit Court, Fifth Division. Affirmed. Bronni, J., concurs.

BARBARA W. WEBB, JUSTICE

[CR-24-690](#). Christopher Coy Gamble v. State of Arkansas, from White County Circuit Court. Affirmed. Baker, C.J., and Hudson, J., dissent.

NICHOLAS J. BRONNI, JUSTICE

[CV-24-800](#). Russell Alexander Geaslin v. Dexter Payne, Director, Arkansas Division of Correction; John Felts, Chairman, Arkansas Post-Prison Transfer Board; Brandy Graham, Parole Supervisor; and Kathy Smith, Sex Offender Supervision Coordinator, from Jefferson County Circuit Court. Affirmed. Baker, C.J., and Hudson and Webb, JJ., concur. Womack, J., dissents.

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CV-23-739. Lee Ko v. Esther Wills, from Washington County Circuit Court. Appellant’s pro se motion for reconsideration is denied.

CV-25-742. Sarah Huckabee Sanders, in Her Official Capacity as Governor of Arkansas; Lindsay Wallace, in Her Official Capacity as Secretary of the Arkansas Department of Corrections; and Arkansas Department of Corrections v. Arkansas Board of Corrections; and Benny Magness, in His Official Capacity as Chairman of the Arkansas Board of Corrections, from Pulaski County Circuit Court, Eleventh Division. Motion of Hall Booth Smith, P.C., and its counsel to withdraw as counsel for appellees, Arkansas Board of Corrections and its Chairman, is granted. Special Justices Cory Cox and Don Curdie agree. Hiland and Bronni, JJ., not participating.

CV-26-116. Bryan Norris, on Behalf of Himself and All Similarly Situated Persons; Arkansas Voter Integrity Initiative, Inc.; and Restore Election Integrity Arkansas, a Ballot Question Committee v. Independence County, Arkansas; Tracey Mitchell, Wendy Henry, Jennifer Emery, and Francis Haigwood, in Their Official Capacities Only; Tim Stewart, Personally, and in His Official Capacity; and Johnny McMullin, Brent Henderson, Brad Covington, Cliff Barnett, Tammy Pearce, Kenny Hurley, Johnathan Abbott, and Dennis Stephens, Personally and in Their Official Capacities, and State of Arkansas, from Independence County Circuit Court. Appellants’ motion to expedite, for an injunction and alternative, petition for writ of certiorari. Expedited consideration granted; request for injunction and alternative petition for a writ of certiorari are denied. Bronni, J., would grant expedited consideration, rely on the parties’ expedited filings, and immediately decide this appeal for the reasons stated in his dissenting opinion. Womack, J., not participating. See [dissenting opinion](#) issued February 27, 2026.

D-26-84. In Re Jay Dustin King, Arkansas Bar No. 2020282, an Original Action. Petition of Jay Dustin King, Arkansas Bar No. 2020282, for voluntary surrender of license (resignation) is granted.

CR-25-494. James Rhodes v. State of Arkansas, from Drew County Circuit Court. Petitioner’s pro se motion for appointment of counsel and for oral argument is denied.

CR-25-680. David Ray Freeman v. State of Arkansas, from Garland County Circuit Court. Appellant’s pro se motion for appointment of counsel and for oral argument is denied.

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CR-25-822. James Cooper, Jr. v. State of Arkansas, from Crittenden County Circuit Court. Petitioner’s pro se motion for appointment of counsel and for oral argument is denied.

CR-26-49. Keith McBride v. State of Arkansas, from Columbia County Circuit Court. Petitioner’s pro se petition for writ of mandamus is moot. Wood, J., would dismiss as moot.

CV-26-20. Justin Jamaille Thornton v. Dexter Payne, Director, Arkansas Division of Correction, from Lee County Circuit Court. Petitioner’s pro se petition for writ of mandamus is denied.

CV-26-20. Justin Jamaille Thornton v. Dexter Payne, Director, Arkansas Division of Correction, from Lee County Circuit Court. Petitioner’s pro se motion for expedited consideration is denied.

CV-26-46. Willie Hutcherson v. Dexter Payne, Director, Arkansas Division of Correction, from Jefferson County Circuit Court. Petitioner’s pro se petition for writ of mandamus is denied. Bronni, J., not participating.

In Re Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Criminal Practice. See [per curiam](#) this date.

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PETITION FOR REHEARING:

CR-24-598. Shawna Cash v. State of Arkansas, from Benton County Circuit Court.

CR-25-552. Ferrad McCoy v. State of Arkansas, from Pulaski County Circuit Court, Seventh Division. Appellant’s motion for expansion of word-count limitations.

CV-24-234. Lester Keith Hamaker v. Donna Hamaker, from Garland County Circuit Court. Appellant’s motion for reconsideration of denial of petition for review.

CV-25-835. Crystal Rainey v. Lavon Tensley, Veronica Tensley, and Shun J’s, LLC, from Lincoln County Circuit Court. Petitioner’s pro se request for extension of time to pay filing fee.

CV-25-835. Crystal Rainey v. Lavon Tensley, Veronica Tensley, and Shun J’s, LLC, from Lincoln County Circuit Court. Petitioner’s pro se request to proceed without a certified record.

CV-25-835. Crystal Rainey v. Lavon Tensley, Veronica Tensley, and Shun J’s, LLC, from Lincoln County Circuit Court. Petitioner’s pro se motion for filing fee to go towards appeal for case CV-25-835.

D-26-135. In Re Jonathan Fredrick Cohn, Arkansas Bar No. 2020003, an Original Action. Petition of Jonathan Fredrick Cohn, Arkansas Bar No. 2020003, for voluntary surrender of license (resignation).

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CV-21-282. MMSC, LLC, f/k/a MMSW, LLC v. Washington County, Arkansas; Quorum Court of Washington County, Arkansas; Joseph K. Wood, in His Official Capacity as County Judge; Dinah Dickerson; Caroline Cox; Stephenie Foster; Marty Matlock; and the Highland Community Association, from Washington County Circuit Court. Orally argued.

CV-22-305. Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc.; and Aaron Marvell Foster v. Frank McMillion, Allen Jones, Carlton Pettus, Hunter Bokker, Bengi Bokker, and Zack Billingsley, from St. Francis County Circuit Court. Orally argued.

CV-25-569. Red Roof Inns, Inc.; Red Roof Franchising, LLC; Sandra Wunderlich; and Stephanie Rzepka v. Jane Doe, as Parent and Next Friend of Jane Doe, a Minor; SAI Lodging, Inc., d/b/a Red Roof Inn; Batesville Lodging Group, Inc.; Rajendra Patel; Roshni Patel; John Does 1–4; and John Doe Entities 1–2, from Pulaski County Circuit Court, Sixth Division.