

**CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS  
COLORADO SUPREME COURT  
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024**

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**Supreme Court Case No. 22SC399**  
*Certiorari to the Colorado Court of Appeals*  
Court of Appeals Case No. 20CA1694

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**Petitioner:**

Karyn Gregory,

v.

**Respondent:**

Safeco Insurance Company of America.

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**Judgment Reversed**  
*en banc*

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**Supreme Court Case No. 22SC563**  
*Certiorari to the Colorado Court of Appeals*  
Court of Appeals Case No. 21CA173

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**Petitioners:**

Lisa Runkel and Sylvan T. Runkel, III,

v.

**Respondent:**

Owners Insurance Company.

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**Judgment Reversed**

*en banc*

**JUSTICE GABRIEL** delivered the Opinion of the Court, in which **JUSTICE HOOD**, **JUSTICE SAMOUR**, and **JUSTICE BERKENKOTTER** joined. **JUSTICE HART**, joined by **CHIEF JUSTICE BOATRIGHT** and **JUSTICE MÁRQUEZ**, dissented.

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**Supreme Court Case No. 23SA277**  
*Certification of Question of Law*  
United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit Case No. 22-1194

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**Petitioner-Appellant:**

Omar Ricardo Godinez,

v.

**Respondents-Appellees:**

Dean Williams, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Corrections; Terry Jaques, Warden, Limon Correctional Facility; and Philip Weiser, Attorney General, State of Colorado.

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**Question Answered**  
*en banc*

**JUSTICE GABRIEL** delivered the Opinion of the Court, in which **CHIEF JUSTICE BOATRIGHT, JUSTICE MÁRQUEZ, JUSTICE HOOD, JUSTICE HART, JUSTICE SAMOUR,** and **JUSTICE BERKENKOTTER** joined.

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**PETITION FOR REHEARING**

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**Supreme Court Case No. 23SA146**  
*Original Proceeding Pursuant to C.A.R. 21*

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**Petitioners:**

GHP Horwath, P.C.; Nadine Pietrowski; Bohn Aguilar, LLC; Michael G. Bohn; and  
Armando Y. Aguilar,

v.

**Respondent:**

Nina H. Kazazian.

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Petition for Rehearing DENIED. EN BANC.

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**GRANTED PETITIONS FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI**

**No. 23SC520, Court of Appeals Case No. 21CA1645**

**Petitioner:**

The People of the State of Colorado,

v.

**Respondent:**

Michelle Re Nae Bialas.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari GRANTED. EN BANC.

Whether moving the defendant’s family from the physical courtroom to a livestream viewing room constituted a closure under the Sixth Amendment when the defendant agreed that the viewing room was an appropriate accommodation for the public.

Whether the court of appeals erred in determining that a courtroom closure was nontrivial when the persons “excluded” maintained access to the proceedings through real-time video and audio livestreaming.

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**No. 23SC571, Court of Appeals Case No. 20CA2054**

**Petitioner:**

Isaiah Ismael Rios,

v.

**Respondent:**

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari GRANTED. EN BANC.

[REFRAMED] Whether the trial court violated Mr. Rios’s right to a public trial by excluding all spectators from the physical courtroom during the COVID 19 pandemic, where proceedings remained accessible to the public on WebEx and via video streaming in an overflow courtroom.

DENIED AS TO ALL OTHER ISSUES.

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**HELD PETITIONS FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI**

23SC587, Toro-Ospina v. People

**Held pending 22SC852, *People v. Johnson* and 23SC75, *People v. Austin***

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23SC682, Relaford v. People

**Held pending: 23SC328, *Ward v. People* and 23SC381, *McDonald v. People***

**DENIED PETITIONS FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI**

**No. 23SC331, Court of Appeals Case No. 20CA1112**

**Petitioner:**

The People of the State of Colorado,

v.

**Respondent:**

Michael James Cain.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

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**No. 23SC593, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA830**

**In re the Marriage of**

**Petitioner:**

Gilbert James Bernal,

and

**Respondent:**

Rande Lyn Bernal.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

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**No. 23SC654, Court of Appeals Case Nos. 22CA45 & 22CA98**

**Petitioners:**

Casas Limited Partnership #4, a Colorado limited partnership; and IQ Investors, LLC, a Colorado limited liability company,

v.

**Respondent:**

Park Forest Water District.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

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**No. 23SC685, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA393**

**Petitioner:**

Eric Budd,

v.

**Respondent:**

Steven Rosenblum.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

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**No. 23SC712, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA947**

**In re the Marriage of**

**Respondent:**

Stefan Hays Davenport,

and

**Petitioner:**

Heather Cammisa-Davenport, n/k/a Heather Cammisa.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

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**No. 23SC746, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA794**

**Petitioner:**

Hagan Benjamin Corral,

v.

**Respondent:**

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

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**No. 23SC747, Court of Appeals Case No. 20CA1454**

**Petitioner:**

Andre G. Stanley,

v.

**Respondent:**

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

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**No. 23SC749, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA1347**

**In the Matter of the Estate of**

Helga Fields, deceased,

**Petitioner:**

Christopher Lyle Fields,

v.

**Respondent:**

Armin Fields.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

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**No. 23SC751, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA1179**

**Petitioner:**

Christopher Young,

v.

**Respondents:**

Thayne Shaffer and America First Credit Union.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

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**No. 23SC754, Court of Appeals Case No. 21CA11**

**Petitioner:**

Datwon M. Armstrong,

v.

**Respondent:**

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

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**No. 23SC756, Court of Appeals Case No. 20CA638**

**Petitioner:**

Devon D. Williams,

v.

**Respondent:**

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

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**No. 23SC757, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA1957**

**Petitioner:**

Robert Bodison,

v.

**Respondent:**

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

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**No. 23SC760, Court of Appeals Case No. 20CA234**

**Petitioner:**

Joshua Kane,

v.

**Respondent:**

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

CHIEF JUSTICE BOATRIGHT does not participate.

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**No. 24SC86, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA805**

**Petitioner:**

C.M.,

v.

**Respondent:**

The People of the State of Colorado,

**In the Interest of Minor Child:**

A.M.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

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**No. 24SC91, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA1320**

**Petitioner:**

J.E.R.,

v.

**Respondent:**

The People of the State of Colorado,

**In the Interest of Minor Child:**

E.A.R-C.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

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