

COLORADO SUPREME COURT CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024

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OPINIONS

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Supreme Court Case No. 23SC51
Certiorari to the Colorado Court of Appeals
Court of Appeals Case No. 20CA764

Petitioner:

The People of the State of Colorado,

v.

Respondent:

James Clayton Johnson.

Judgment Reversed
en banc

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

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Supreme Court Case No. 22SC413
Certiorari to the Colorado Court of Appeals
Court of Appeals Case No. 18CA525

Petitioner:

Khalil Jamandre Sanders,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Judgment Affirmed
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.

ORIGINAL PROCEEDINGS

[24SA84](#) In Re People v Dorsey, Kashia
Order issued May 20, 2024

[24SA163](#) In Re Mercy Housing v Bermudez, Naomi
Order to Show Cause issued on May 17, 2024

GRANTED PETITIONS FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

No. 23SC776, Court of Appeals Case No. 19CA223

Petitioner:

The People of the State of Colorado,
v.

Respondent:

Kelly James Schnorenberg.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari GRANTED. EN BANC.

Whether, in this securities fraud case, the court of appeals misconstrued the law in concluding that the trial court reversibly erred by limiting the defendant's testimony, and not giving a defense-tendered jury instruction, about the advice of counsel.

No. 23SC818, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA696

Petitioners:

Ashley Hushen, Julie Hushen, Alexandra Weary, and Nicole Weary,
v.

Respondent:

Benjamin Gonzales.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari GRANTED. EN BANC.

Whether the doctrine of absolute privilege applies to statements made in connection with a public school district's formal Title IX investigation.

DENIED AS TO ALL OTHER ISSUES.

DENIED PETITIONS FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

No. 23SC506, Court of Appeals Case No. 21CA68

Petitioner:

Jennifer Nicole Candelaria,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 23SC826, Court of Appeals Case No. 21CA154

Petitioner:

Rustin James Melphy,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari. EN BANC.

No. 23SC869, Court of Appeals Case No. 21CA1720

Petitioner:

Brandi Alexandria LeClaire,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 23SC948, Court of Appeals Case No. 21CA334

Petitioner:

Alejandro Estrada-Huerta,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 23SC949, Cour of Appeals Case No. 21CA1501

Petitioner:

Jorge Ivan Martinez,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 23SC951, Court of Appeals Case No. 21CA1271

Petitioner:

John Charles Eddy,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 23SC952, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA1424

In re the Marriage of

Petitioner:

Ladan Arissian,

and

Respondent:

Hooman Shadnia.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 23SC957, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA533

Petitioner:

Russell Edward Blair,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 23SC958, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA1457

Petitioner:

Daniel Keith Duffield,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.
JUSTICE HOOD does not participate.

No. 23SC960, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA1474

Petitioner:

Gabriel N. Schwartz, Esq,

v.

Respondent:

Beauvallon Condominium Association Inc., a Colorado nonprofit corporation.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 23SC962, Court of Appeals Case Nos. 22CA321 & 22CA326

Petitioner:

Brett Andrew Nelson,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC3, Court of Appeals Case No. 21CA1471

Petitioner:

James David Pattangall,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC10, Jefferson County District Court Case No. 22CV31467

Petitioner:

Christine Pappadakis,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.
CHIEF JUSTICE BOATRRIGHT does not participate.

No. 24SC260, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA1625

Petitioner:

D.S.,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado,

In the Interest of Minor Child:

H.M.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC277, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA1540

Petitioner:

S.E.G.,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado,

In the Interest of Minor Children:

Y. S-V.; J. G-V.; and F. V., Jr.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC282, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA1440

Petitioner:

E.P.,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado,

In the Interest of Minor Child:

H.J-E.L.,

and Concerning

A.L.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC283, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA1635

Petitioner:

A.W.,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado,

In the Interest of Minor Children:

O.W., M.W., Lo.W., and Le.W.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.
