COLORADO SUPREME COURT CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025

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HELD PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

No. 24SC527, Pike v. People Held pending 23SC168, *Tennyson v. People*; 23SC775, *Snow v. People*

GRANTED PETITIONS FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

No. 24SC372, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA1327 Petitioners: United Services Automobile Association; and State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance

Company, v.

Respondent:

Anthony Wenzell.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari GRANTED. EN BANC.

Whether the restrictions from section 10-3-1118, C.R.S. (2024), which solely govern "a failure-to-cooperate defense" arising from an insured's failure to provide "the information the [first-party] insurer seeks," section 10-3-1118(1)(a), may extend to other, dissimilar defenses arising from neither (i) the insurance contract's cooperation provision nor (ii) an insurer's request for information directly from the insured.

Whether the court of appeals' nullification of all exhaustion provisions in excess underinsured-motorist policies conflicts with this court's principle that underlying insurance "must first be exhausted" before excess insurance responds. *Public Service Co. of Colorado v. Wallis & Cos.,* 986 P.2d 924, 941 (Colo. 1999).

Whether the court of appeals erred in conflating the specific contract duty to "provide written authorization for [petitioner] to obtain: (a) medical bills; (b) medical records; (c) wage, salary, and employment information; and (d) any other information we deem necessary to substantiate the claim," with the general duty to cooperate.

DENIED AS TO ALL OTHER ISSUES. JUSTICE HART does not participate.

No. 24SC644, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA1214 Petitioners:

CenturyLink, Inc.; Glen F. Post, III; R. Stewart Ewing, Jr.; David D. Cole; William A. Owens; Martha H. Bejar; Virginia Boulet; Peter C. Brown; W. Bruce Hanks; Jeffrey K. Storey; Steven T. Clontz; Mary L. Landrieu; Gregory J. McCray; Harvey P. Perry; Michael J. Roberts; Laurie A. Siegel; and Sunit S. Patel,

v.

Respondent:

Dean Houser.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari GRANTED. EN BANC.

[REFRAMED] Whether C.R.C.P. 11(a)'s non-delegable duty to conduct an objectively reasonable inquiry is satisfied when an attorney "borrows plausibility" from a complaint in another lawsuit.

DENIED AS TO ALL OTHER ISSUES.

DENIED PETITIONS FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

No. 24SC211, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA1540

Petitioners:

Aero Marketing and Logistics, LLC, a Colorado limited liability company; Christopher Charles Stryker, a/k/a Chris Stryker; and Stryker Site Services, LLC, a Colorado limited liability company,

v.

Respondents:

Bristol Head Electronic Site Technologies, LLC, a Colorado limited liability company; Zero Error Networks, LLC, a Colorado limited liability company; and Kenneth D. Swinehart.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC547, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA743 Petitioner: Michael N. Milligan, v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

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

No. 24SC616, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA1327 In re the Marriage of Petitioner: Elizabeth Marshall Covington, and Respondent:

John Michael Humphries.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC651, Weld County District Court Case No. 23CV30400 Petitioner: Alexander Gordon, v. Respondent: The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC673, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA1022

Petitioner:

Sean Travis Crumpler,

v.

Respondent:

The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC679, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA1427 Petitioner: Daniel Nelson Wright, v. Respondent: The People of the State of Colorado.

No. 24SC683, Court of Appeals Case No. 23CA1072

Petitioner:

Michael Farrow,

v.

Respondents:

Executive Director of the CDOC and Warden of Trinidad Correctional Facility.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC696, Court of Appeals Case No. 21CA1582 Petitioner: Hugo Armando Arceo Trevizo, v. Respondent: The People of the State of Colorado.

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

No. 24SC733, El Paso County District Court Case No. 23CV31471 Petitioner: Samantha Spirit, v. Respondent: The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC734, District Court, City and County of Denver Case No. 23CV33515 Petitioner: Samantha Romero, v. Respondent: The People of the State of Colorado.

No. 24SC739, Court of Appeals Case No. 22CA1632 Petitioner: Vincent Steven Calhoun, v. Respondent: The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC750, El Paso County District Court Case No. 23CV31211 Petitioner: Carl Roquemore, v. Respondent: The People of the State of Colorado.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 24SC805, El Paso County District Court Case No. 23CV296 Petitioner: Delbert Elmer Sgaggio, Jr., v. Respondent: The People of the State of Colorado. Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC66, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA816 Petitioner: C.N.G., v. Respondent: The People of the State of Colorado, In the Interest of Minor Children: E.M.G. and E.Y.G.

No. 25SC67, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA640 Petitioner: R.D.S., v. Respondent: The People of the State of Colorado, In the Interest of Minor Child: J.E.B.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC68, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA817 Petitioner: G.R., v. Respondent: The People of the State of Colorado, In the Interest of Minor Children: S.R., C.R., Jas.R., Jad.R., and Z.R., and Concerning S.W.

Petition for Writ of Certiorari DENIED. EN BANC.

No. 25SC71, Court of Appeals Case No. 24CA1257 Petitioner: I.R.P., v. Respondent: The People of the State of Colorado, In the Interest of Minor Children: N.R.R., M.R.R., and K.R.R.