

SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

In the Interest of E.D.A., III, B.W., A.B.A., R.M.A., and E.J.A.,
Minors; Appeals of E.D.A., Jr., E.A., Jr., T.M.A., and T.W.A.

No. 15 MAP 2024; 16 MAP 2024; 17 MAP 2024; 18 MAP 2024; 19 MAP 2024; 20 MAP 2024; 21 MAP 2024;
22 MAP 2024; 23 MAP 2024; 24 MAP 2024, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania (March 26, 2025)

SUMMARY

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania considered ten consolidated appeals arising from York County Orphans' Court decrees involving the interests of five minors and appeals by their parents. The court dismissed the appeals as having been improvidently granted; Justice Donohue filed a dissenting statement, and Justice McCaffery did not participate.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Per Curiam
JURISDICTION	Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
DECIDED	March 26, 2025
DOCKET	15 MAP 2024; 16 MAP 2024; 17 MAP 2024; 18 MAP 2024; 19 MAP 2024; 20 MAP 2024; 21 MAP 2024; 22 MAP 2024; 23 MAP 2024; 24 MAP 2024
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Ten consolidated appeals from Superior Court orders affirming decrees of the York County Court of Common Pleas, Orphans' Court. The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania dismissed the appeals as having been improvidently granted.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published
PARTIES	E.D.A., Jr., Father, E.A., Jr., Father, T.M.A., Mother, T.W.A., Mother

TOPICS

- appellate procedure
- family law procedure
- parental rights

PRACTICE AREAS

- family law
- appellate procedure

KEY QUOTATIONS

“the appeal is DISMISSED as having been improvidently granted.” (3)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The opinion contains no substantive factual discussion. It identifies appeals involving five minors and appeals by their fathers and mothers, but resolves the matters solely by dismissal as improvidently granted.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The York County Court of Common Pleas, Orphans' Court, entered decrees on April 20, 2022. The Superior Court affirmed those decrees on December 14, 2023. The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania heard argument on November 20, 2024, and dismissed the appeals on March 26, 2025, as having been improvidently granted.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

OPINION

In the Int. of: R.M.A., a Minor; Apl. of: E.A.

PER CURIAM.

[J-51A-2024, J-51B-2024, J-51C-2024, J-51D-2024, J-51E-2024, J-51F-2024, J-51G-2024, J-51H-2024, J-51I-2024 and J-51J-2024]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

MIDDLE DISTRICT

IN THE INTEREST OF: E.D.A., III, A : No. 15 MAP 2024

MINOR : : Appeal from the Order of the : Superior Court at No. 683 MDA APPEAL OF: E.D.A., JR., FATHER : 2022 dated December 14, 2023, : Affirming the Decree of the York : County Court of Common Pleas, : Orphans' Court, at No. 2022-0008a : dated April 20, 2022. : ARGUED: November 20, 2024

IN THE INTEREST OF: B.W., A MINOR : No. 16 MAP 2024

: Appeal from the Order of the APPEAL OF: E.A., JR., FATHER : Superior Court at No. 687 MDA : 2022 dated December 14, 2023, : Affirming the Decree of the York : County Court of Common Pleas, : Orphans Court, at No. 2022-0007a : dated April 20, 2022. : ARGUED: November 20, 2024

IN THE INTEREST OF: A.B.A., A MINOR : No. 17 MAP 2024

: Appeal from the Order of the APPEAL OF: E.A., JR., FATHER : Superior Court at No. 686 MDA : 2022 dated December 14, 2023, : Affirming the Decree of the York : County Court of Common Pleas, : Orphans' Court, at No. 2022-0019a : dated April 20, 2022. : ARGUED: November 20, 2024

IN THE INTEREST OF: R.M.A., A MINOR : No. 18 MAP 2024

: Appeal from the Order of the APPEAL OF: E.A., JR., FATHER : Superior Court at No. 685 MDA : 2022 dated December 14, 2023, : Affirming the Decree of the York : County Court of Common Pleas, : Orphans' Court, at No. 2022-0010a : dated April 20, 2022. : ARGUED: November 20, 2024

IN THE INTEREST OF: E.J.A., A MINOR : No. 19 MAP 2024

: Appeal from the Order of the APPEAL OF: E.A., JR., FATHER : Superior Court at No. 684 MDA : 2022 dated December 14, 2023, : Affirming the Decree of the York : County Court of Common Pleas, : Orphans' Court, at No. 2022-0009a, : dated April 20, 2022. : ARGUED: November 20, 2024

IN THE INTEREST OF: E.D.A., III, A : No. 20 MAP 2024

MINOR : : Appeal from the Order of the : Superior Court at No. 755 MDA APPEAL OF: T.M.A., MOTHER : 2022 dated December 14, 2023, : Affirming the Decree of the York : County Court of Common Pleas, : Orphans' Court, at No. 2022-0008a : dated April 20, 2022. : ARGUED: November 20, 2024

IN THE INTEREST OF: E.J.A., A MINOR : No. 21 MAP 2024

: Appeal from the Order of the APPEAL OF: T.M.A., MOTHER : Superior Court at No. 756 MDA : 2022 dated December 14, 2023, : Affirming the Decree of the York : County Court of Common Pleas, : Orphans' Court, at No. 2022-0009a : dated April 20, 2022. : ARGUED: November 20, 2024

IN THE INTEREST OF: R.M.A., A MINOR : No. 22 MAP 2024

[J-51A-2024, J-51B-2024, J-51C-2024, J-51D-2024, J-51E-2024, J-51F-2024, J-51G-2024, J-51H-2024, J-51I-2024 and J-51J-2024] - 2 : Appeal from the Order of the APPEAL OF: T.W.A., MOTHER : Superior Court at No. 757 MDA : 2022 dated December 14, 2023, : Affirming the Decree of the York : County Court of Common Pleas, : Orphans' Court, at No. 2022-0010a : dated April 20, 2022. : ARGUED: November 20, 2024

IN THE INTEREST OF: A.B.A., A MINOR : No. 23 MAP 2024

: Appeal from the Order of the APPEAL OF: T.W.A., MOTHER : Superior Court at No. 758 MDA : 2022 dated December 14, 2023, : Affirming the Decree of the York : County Court of Common Pleas, : Orphans' Court, at No. 2022-0019a : dated April 20, 2022. : ARGUED: November 20, 2024

IN THE INTEREST OF: B.W., A MINOR : No. 24 MAP 2024

: Appeal from the Order of the APPEAL OF: T.W.A., MOTHER : Superior Court at No. 759 MDA : 2022 dated December 14, 2023, : Affirming the Decree of the York : County Court of Common Pleas, : Orphans' Court, at No. 2022-0007a : dated April 20, 2022. : ARGUED: November 20, 2024

ORDER

PER CURIAM DECIDED: March 26, 2025 AND NOW, this 26th day of March, 2025, the appeal is DISMISSED as having been improvidently granted. Justice Donohue files a dissenting

statement. Justice McCaffery did not participate in the consideration or decision of this matter.
[J-51A-2024, J-51B-2024, J-51C-2024, J-51D-2024, J-51E-2024, J-51F-2024, J-51G-
2024, J-51H-2024, J-51I-2024 and J-51J-2024] - 3

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