

COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIRST DISTRICT OF TEXAS

In re Latanya Brooks-Samuels

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SUMMARY

The First Court of Appeals of Texas denied Latanya Brooks-Samuels’s petition for writ of mandamus challenging orders compelling appraisal, abating the underlying case, and enforcing the appraisal order. The court dismissed as moot her related motion to stay the challenged orders and underlying proceedings.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Court of Appeals for the First District of Texas
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Per Curiam; Justice Rivas-Molloy; Justice Gunn; Justice Dokupil
JURISDICTION	Court of Appeals for the First District of Texas
DECIDED	May 15, 2026
DOCKET	No. 01-26-00498-CV
DISPOSITION	writ_denied
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Original proceeding on a petition for writ of mandamus challenging orders denying Relator's motion to set aside an appraisal-related order and granting a motion to enforce that order.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	published
PARTIES	Latanya Brooks-Samuels, Relator v. State of Texas

TOPICS

- appellate procedure
- civil procedure
- insurance coverage

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- appellate procedure
- insurance

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the trial court's orders denying Relator's motion to set aside the appraisal order and granting enforcement of that order warranted mandamus relief.

2. Whether Relator's motion to stay the challenged orders and the underlying proceedings should be granted.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“We deny the petition for writ of mandamus. Relator’s related motion to stay the challenged orders and all underlying proceedings pending resolution of the petition is dismissed as moot.” (Opinion at 1)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The trial court signed an order compelling appraisal and abating the underlying case brought by Latanya Brooks-Samuels. The underlying case involved Brooks-Samuels and Daryl Wayne Harris, with American Economy Insurance Company participating as the real party in interest. Brooks-Samuels sought mandamus relief from later orders refusing to set aside and enforcing the appraisal order.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The trial court granted American Economy Insurance Company's motion to compel appraisal and abated the underlying case. Relator later challenged the trial court's orders denying her motion to set aside the appraisal order and granting enforcement of that order. The court of appeals denied the petition for writ of mandamus and dismissed as moot Relator's related motion to stay the challenged orders and the underlying proceedings.

DISPOSITION

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OPINION

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PER CURIAM.

Opinion issued May 15, 2026 In The Court of Appeals For The First District of Texas

NO. 01-26-00498-CV

IN RE LATANYA BROOKS-SAMUELS, Relator Original Proceeding on Petition for Writ of Mandamus

MEMORANDUM OPINION

On January 7, 2026, the trial court signed an order granting Real Party in Interest American Economy Insurance Company’s motion to compel appraisal and abate the underlying case filed by Relator Latanya Brooks-Samuels.¹ On May 8, 2026, Relator filed a petition for writ of mandamus challenging the trial court’s May 1 The underlying case is Latanya Brooks-Samuels v. Daryl Wayne Harris, cause number 2025-38353, pending in the 334th District Court of Harris County, Texas, the Honorable Dawn Rogers presiding. 4, 2026 orders (1) denying Relator’s motion to set aside the January 7, 2026 order and (2) granting Real Party in Interest’s motion to enforce the January 7, 2026 order. Relator subsequently filed a related motion requesting a stay of the

challenged orders and all proceedings in the underlying case pending our Court's decision on her petition. We deny the petition for writ of mandamus. Relator's related motion to stay the challenged orders and all underlying proceedings pending resolution of the petition is dismissed as moot.

PER CURIAM

Panel consists of Justices Rivas-Molloy, Gunn, and Dokupil. 2