

LOUISIANA COURT OF APPEAL, FIRST CIRCUIT

Sharon Lewis v. Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University
and Agricultural and Mechanical College

No. 2026 CW 0367 · No. 2026 CW 0367 · Decided March 20, 2026

SUMMARY

The Louisiana Court of Appeal, First Circuit denied supervisory writs in a matter arising from the 19th Judicial District Court in East Baton Rouge Parish. The majority declined to disturb the district court's February 19, 2026 denial of the third motion to recuse, while the chief judge dissented and would have ordered a request to the Louisiana Supreme Court for appointment of an ad hoc judge under Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure article 154(B).

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Louisiana Court of Appeal, First Circuit
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Chief Judge McClendon; Judge Greene; Judge Stromberg
JURISDICTION	Louisiana Court of Appeal, First Circuit
DECIDED	March 20, 2026
DOCKET	2026 CW 0367
DISPOSITION	writ_denied
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Application for supervisory writs from the Nineteenth Judicial District Court for East Baton Rouge Parish concerning the denial of a third motion to recuse.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unknown
PARTIES	Sharon Lewis, Larry English v. Louisiana State University, Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University, Garrett "Hank" Danos, Robert "Bobby" Yarborough, Stanely Jacobs, James Williams, Mary Leach Werner, Robert Dampp, Remy Voisin Starns, Fieldon King "King" Alexander, William Jenkins, Taylor Porter Brooks & Phillips LLP, William Shelby McKenzie, Vicki Crochet, Robert "Bob" Barton, Leslie Edwin "Les" Miles, Joseph "Joe" Alleva, Scott Woodward, Verge Ausberry, Miriam Segar, John Doe (1-10), Jane Doe (10-20)

TOPICS

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PRACTICE AREAS

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether supervisory relief should issue from the district court's denial of the Third Motion to Recuse.
2. Whether the district court should have requested that the Louisiana Supreme Court appoint an ad hoc judge to hear the motion to recuse under Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure article 154(B).

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The matter arose from a Third Motion to Recuse filed by Sharon Lewis and Larry English in the district court. The district court denied that motion in a ruling dated February 19, 2026. The applicants sought supervisory review in the Louisiana Court of Appeal, First Circuit.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Larry English applied for supervisory writs from a district court ruling denying Sharon Lewis and Larry English's Third Motion to Recuse. The Louisiana Court of Appeal, First Circuit, denied the writ. Chief Judge McClendon dissented and would have granted the writ, vacated the February 19, 2026 ruling, and remanded for a written request to the Louisiana Supreme Court for appointment of an ad hoc judge.

DISPOSITION

writ_denied

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

STATE OF LOUISIANA COURT OF APPEAL, FIRST CIRCUIT SHARON LEWIS NO. 2026 CW 0367 VERSUS LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY; BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY; GARRETT "HANK" DANOS, IN HIS INDIVIDUAL AND OFFICIAL CAPACITY; ROBERT "BOBBY" YARBOROUGH, IN HIS INDIVIDUAL AND OFFICIAL CAPACITY; STANELY JACOBS, IN HIS INDIVIDUAL AND OFFICIAL CAPACITY; JAMES WILLIAMS, IN HIS INDIVIDUAL AND OFFICIAL CAPACITY; MARY LEACH WERNER, IN HER INDIVIDUAL AND OFFICIAL CAPACITY; ROBERT DAMPP, IN HIS INDIVIDUAL AND OFFICIAL CAPACITY; REMY VOISIN STARNES, IN HIS INDIVIDUAL AND OFFICIAL CAPACITY; FIELDON KING "KING" ALEXANDER, IN HIS INDIVIDUAL AND OFFICIAL CAPACITY; WILLIAM JENKINS, IN HIS INDIVIDUAL AND OFFICIAL CAPACITY; TAYLOR PORTER BROOKS & PHILLIPS LLP, WILLIAM SHELBY

MCKENZIE, INDIVIDUALLY; VICKI CROCHET, INDIVIDUALLY; ROBERT "BOB" BARTON, INDIVIDUALLY; LESLIE EDWIN "LES" MILES, IN HIS INDIVIDUAL AND OFFICIAL CAPACITY; JOSEPH "JOE" ALLEVA, IN HIS INDIVIDUAL AND OFFICIAL CAPACITY; SCOTT WOODWARD, IN HIS INDIVIDUAL AND OFFICIAL CAPACITY; VERGE AUSBERRY, IN HIS INDIVIDUAL AND OFFICIAL CAPACITY; MIRIAM SEGAR, IN HER MARCH 20, 2026 INDIVIDUAL AND OFFICIAL CAPACITY; JOHN DOE (1-10) INDIVIDUALLY AND JANE DOE (10-20) INDIVIDUALLY In Re: Larry English, applying for supervisory writs, 19th Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge, No. 708092.

BEFORE: McCLENDON, C.J., GREENE AND STROMBERG, JJ. WRIT DENIED. HG TPS McClendon, C.J., dissents and would grant the writ, vacate the district court's February 19, 2026 ruling which denied the Third Motion to Recuse filed by Sharon Lewis and Larry English, and remand to the district court with instructions to make a written request to the Louisiana Supreme Court pursuant to ha.

Code Civ. P. art. 154(B) for the appointment of an ad hoc judge to hear the motion to recuse. FOR THE COURT