

TEXAS COURT OF APPEALS, THIRD DISTRICT, AT AUSTIN

Brandon Williams v. Megan Nabila Mitchell

No. 03-26-00012-CV (Tex. App.—Austin Feb. 19, 2026) (mem. op.) · No. 03-26-00012-CV · Decided February 19, 2026

SUMMARY

The Texas Court of Appeals, Third District, dismissed Brandon Williams’s attempted appeal for want of jurisdiction because his notice of appeal from the August 2024 protective-order judgment was filed in January 2026. The court held that the protective order was the final judgment and that Williams missed both the applicable notice-of-appeal deadline and the window for seeking an extension.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Texas Court of Appeals, Third District, at Austin
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Chari L. Kelly; Justices Triana, Kelly, and Ellis
JURISDICTION	Texas Court of Appeals, Third District, at Austin
DECIDED	February 19, 2026
DOCKET	03-26-00012-CV
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Appeal from a family-violence protective order and final judgment; the court dismissed the attempted appeal for want of jurisdiction because the notice of appeal was untimely.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	De novo review of appellate jurisdiction and compliance with jurisdictional deadlines.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published memorandum opinion
PARTIES	Brandon Williams v. Megan Nabila Mitchell

TOPICS

- appellate jurisdiction
- final judgment rule
- appellate procedure
- family law procedure
- domestic violence

PRACTICE AREAS

- appellate procedure
- civil procedure
- family law
- protective orders

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the August 16, 2024 protective order was the final judgment from which the appellate deadline began to run.
2. Whether Williams's January 7, 2026 notice of appeal and January 6, 2026 extension motion were timely enough to invoke the court's appellate jurisdiction.

HOLDINGS

1. Because the protective order disposed of the only claim in the suit, the protective order signed on August 16, 2024 was the final judgment.
2. A timely notice of appeal is a jurisdictional requirement, and Williams's notice filed well after the applicable deadline did not invoke the court's jurisdiction.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“This attempted appeal must be dismissed for want of jurisdiction.”

“A timely notice of appeal is a jurisdictional requirement for an appeal”

“We dismiss this attempted appeal for want of jurisdiction.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Mitchell's underlying suit sought a family-violence protective order against Williams. The associate judge signed the requested protective order on August 16, 2024, and the presiding district-court judge signed it later that day. Williams did not file his notice of appeal until January 7, 2026.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Megan Nabila Mitchell sought a family-violence protective order against Brandon Williams in the 455th District Court of Travis County. An associate judge and, later the same day, the presiding district-court judge signed the protective order on August 16, 2024. Williams filed his notice of appeal on January 7, 2026 and sought an extension on January 6, 2026. After notifying Williams of the jurisdictional problem and receiving no response, the court dismissed the appeal.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- B.C. v. Rhodes, 116 S.W.3d 878, 881–82 (Tex. App.—Austin 2003, no pet.)
- Baker v. Bizzle, 687 S.W.3d 285, 291–92 (Tex. 2024)
- Connally v. Mannas, No. 03-24-00167-CV, 2024 WL 3954529, at *1 (Tex. App.—Austin Aug. 28, 2024, no pet.) (mem. op.)
- Houser v. McElveen, 243 S.W.3d 646, 646 (Tex. 2008) (per curiam)

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