

LOUISIANA COURT OF APPEAL, FIRST CIRCUIT

State of Louisiana in the Interest of H.C.

2025 KW 1227 · No. 2025 KW 1227 · Decided March 12, 2026

SUMMARY

The Louisiana Court of Appeal, First Circuit denied a supervisory writ concerning the denial of a motion to expunge. The court explained that expungement matters are reviewed under its civil appellate jurisdiction and that an appeal requires a signed written judgment containing proper decretal language; it also noted that filing documents directly with the appellate court does not suspend appeal delays.

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

STATE OF LOUISIANA COURT OF APPEAL, FIRST CIRCUIT STATE OF LOUISIANA NO. 2025 KW 1227 IN THE INTEREST OF H.C. MARCH 12, 2026 In Re: H.C., applying for supervisory writs, 22nd Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Tammany, No. 9493-Jdd. BEFORE: MILLER, EDWARDS, AND FIELDS, JJ. WRIT DENIED.

We note that expungement matters are reviewed by this court under its civil appellate jurisdiction. See *State v. Green*, 2020-0066 (La. App. 1st Cir. 12/30/20), 318 So.3d 146, 149. The writ application filed with this court does not contain a copy of a signed written judgment demonstrating the district court's ruling on relator's motion for expungement.

The district court's ruling of October 28, 2025, denying relator's motion to expunge will be an appealable civil judgment once a written judgment is Signed by the district court judge dismissing petitioner's claims and containing the proper decretal language identifying (a) the party in whose favor the judgment is rendered, (b) identify the party against whom the judgment is rendered, and (c) identify the relief granted or denied.

See *Carter v. Williamson Eye Center*, 2001-2016 (La. App. 1st Cir. 11/27/02), 837 So.2d 43. Once a written judgment is signed in this matter, an appeal can be taken from the district court by filing a motion for appeal, along with an order for the judge's signature showing the return date of the appeal, within the time delays set out in Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure article 2087.

Filing documents directly with this court does not suspend the running of appeal delays. See La. Code Civ. P. art. 2121; *Strickland v. Layrisson*, 96-1280 (La. App. 1st Cir. 6/20/97), 696 So.2d 621, writ denied, 97-1940 (La. 11/14/97), 704 So.2d 228. SMM BDE COURT OF APPEAL, FIRST CIRCUIT F COURT FOR THE COURT

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