

COURT OF APPEALS OF TEXAS, EIGHTH DISTRICT, EL PASO

In re Joshua Christopher Ryan

No. 08-26-00239-CV (Tex. App.—El Paso June 9, 2026) · No. No. 08-26-00239-CV · Decided June 9, 2026

SUMMARY

The Eighth District Court of Appeals of Texas denied Joshua Christopher Ryan’s petition for writ of mandamus seeking to halt trial-court proceedings, vacate orders and actions, sustain a plea to the jurisdiction, and dismiss related cases. The court also struck the petition because it disclosed prohibited sensitive data identifying a minor and dismissed pending motions as moot.

CASE DETAILS

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| COURT                 | Court of Appeals of Texas, Eighth District, El Paso                                                     |
| WRITING FOR THE COURT | Maria Salas Mendoza, Chief Justice; Palafox, Justice; Soto, Justice                                     |
| JURISDICTION          | Court of Appeals of Texas, Eighth District, El Paso                                                     |
| DECIDED               | June 9, 2026                                                                                            |
| DOCKET                | No. 08-26-00239-CV                                                                                      |
| DISPOSITION           | writ_denied                                                                                             |
| PROCEDURAL POSTURE    | Original proceeding on a petition for writ of mandamus.                                                 |
| STANDARD OF REVIEW    | Mandamus relief was denied because Ryan did not establish that he was entitled to the requested relief. |
| PRECEDENTIAL VALUE    | published                                                                                               |
| PARTIES               | Joshua Christopher Ryan, Relator v. The State of Texas                                                  |

TOPICS

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PRACTICE AREAS

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether Ryan established entitlement to writ-of-mandamus relief concerning the underlying trial-court proceedings and orders.

2. Whether the petition had to be struck for violating Texas Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.9(a)(3) by including prohibited sensitive information identifying a minor.

## HOLDINGS

1. Ryan did not establish that he was entitled to the requested mandamus relief, so the court denied the petition.
2. A petition containing the name of a child who was a minor when the underlying suit was filed violates Texas Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.9(a)(3) and may be struck.

## FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Ryan filed a petition for writ of mandamus seeking broad relief concerning proceedings in an underlying trial-court action, including vacatur of a transfer order and dismissal for lack of jurisdiction. His petition also disclosed the name of a child who was a minor when the underlying suit was filed.

## PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Ryan sought mandamus relief to halt proceedings in the trial court, vacate an order transferring the underlying case to the 65th District Court, vacate actions allegedly taken after a prior judge's recusal, sustain his plea to the jurisdiction, dismiss the underlying action with prejudice, and dismiss related cases. The court denied mandamus relief, dismissed pending motions as moot, and struck the petition because it included prohibited sensitive information identifying a minor.

## DISPOSITION

writ\_denied

## CASES CITED

- In re R.B., No. 05-21-01063-CV, 2022 WL 202986, at \*1 (Tex. App.—Dallas Jan. 24, 2022, orig. proceeding) (mem. op.)
- In re Read, No. 05-23-00028-CV, 2023 WL 355145, at \*1 (Tex. App.—Dallas Jan. 23, 2023, orig. proceeding) (mem. op.)

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