

FIRST DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL OF FLORIDA

**Korey Leon Bales, Former Husband v. Jennifer Joan Bales, Former
Wife**

No. 1D2023-2587 (Fla. 1st DCA May 21, 2025) · No. 1D2023-2587 · Decided May 21, 2025

OPINION

Korey Leon Bales, Former Husband v. Jennifer Joan Bales, Former Wife

PER CURIAM.

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STATE OF FLORIDA

_____ No. 1D2023-2587 _____
KOREY LEON BALES, Former Husband, Appellant, v. JENNIFER JOAN BALES, Former
Wife, Appellee. _____ On appeal from the Circuit Court for Santa
Rosa County. T. Michael Jones, Judge. May 21, 2025 PER CURIAM. The petition for dissolution
was still “pending” in the circuit court on July 1, 2023, when the amendment to section 61.08,
Florida Statutes (2023), eliminating permanent alimony took effect. See Stockdale v. Stockdale,
No. 1D2024-1371, 2025 WL 1062621 (Fla. 1st DCA April 9, 2025) (concluding a dissolution
petition was “pending” where final judgment was not rendered by the effective date of the
alimony reform amendment). We REVERSE the final judgment awarding permanent alimony and
REMAND for further proceedings consistent with this opinion. ROBERTS, ROWE, and
KELSEY, JJ., concur. _____ Not final until disposition of any
timely and authorized motion under Fla. R. App. P. 9.330 or 9.331.
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