

FOURTH COURT OF APPEALS OF TEXAS, SAN ANTONIO

In re Andrew Thomas Leach

No. 04-25-00834-CV · No. No. 04-25-00834-CV · Decided January 7, 2026

SUMMARY

The Fourth Court of Appeals of Texas denied Andrew Thomas Leach’s petition for writ of mandamus seeking to compel transfer of an underlying family-law case from Val Verde County to Guadalupe County. The court also denied as moot his emergency motion for temporary relief seeking to stay proceedings and a scheduled venue-transfer hearing.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Fourth Court of Appeals of Texas, San Antonio
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Rebeca C. Martinez, Chief Justice; Lori Massey Brissette, Justice; Velia J. Meza, Justice
JURISDICTION	Fourth Court of Appeals, San Antonio, Texas
DECIDED	January 7, 2026
DOCKET	No. 04-25-00834-CV
DISPOSITION	writ_denied
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Original proceeding in which relator sought a writ of mandamus compelling transfer of the underlying family-law case from Val Verde County to Guadalupe County, together with emergency temporary relief staying proceedings.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	published
PARTIES	Andrew Thomas Leach v. State of Texas

TOPICS

- appellate procedure
- venue
- family law procedure
- remedies

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- family law

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether Andrew Thomas Leach established entitlement to mandamus relief compelling transfer of the underlying case from Val Verde County to Guadalupe County.
2. Whether emergency temporary relief staying proceedings should be granted while the venue-transfer issue was pending.

HOLDINGS

1. The relator did not establish that he was entitled to mandamus relief, so the petition for writ of mandamus was denied.
2. The emergency motion for temporary relief was denied as moot.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Having considered the petition, record, and emergency motion to stay, this court has determined that relator has not established that he is entitled to the relief sought.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The underlying proceeding, styled In the Interest of L.T.L., A.P.L., C.B.L., and J.J.L., was pending in the 63rd Judicial District Court of Val Verde County. Andrew Thomas Leach sought transfer of that case to Guadalupe County and requested a stay of proceedings while the transfer issue was considered.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Andrew Thomas Leach filed a petition for writ of mandamus on December 26, 2025, seeking to compel transfer of the underlying case. He also filed an emergency motion to stay proceedings, including a January 5, 2026 hearing on the motion to transfer venue. The court denied the mandamus petition and denied the emergency motion as moot.

DISPOSITION

writ_denied

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

Fourth Court of Appeals San Antonio, Texas MEMORANDUM OPINION No. 04-25-00834-CV IN RE Andrew Thomas LEACH Original Proceeding 1 PER CURIAM Sitting: Rebeca C. Martinez, Chief Justice Lori Massey Brissette, Justice Velia J. Meza, Justice Delivered and Filed: January 7, 2026 PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS DENIED; EMERGENCY MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF DENIED AS MOOT Relator filed his petition for writ of mandamus on December 26, 2025, seeking to compel the transfer of the underlying case from Val Verde County to Guadalupe County.

Relator also filed an emergency motion for temporary relief seeking to stay all proceedings in the underlying matter, including a hearing on the motion to transfer venue that is scheduled for January 5, 2026. Having considered the petition, record, and emergency motion to stay, this court has determined that relator has not established that he is entitled to the relief sought.

The petition for writ of mandamus is DENIED. The emergency motion for temporary relief is DENIED AS MOOT. PER CURIAM 1 This proceeding arises out of Cause No. 2024-0070-FAM, styled In the Interest of L.T.L., A.P.L., C.B.L., and J.J.L., Children, pending in the 63rd Judicial District Court, Val Verde County, Texas, the Honorable Walden Shelton presiding.