

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 San Antonio 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 staying proceedings.

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	Texas Court of Appeals, Fourth District, San Antonio
DECIDED	January 7, 2026
DOCKET	No. 04-25-00834-CV
DISPOSITION	writ_denied
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Original proceeding in which the relator sought mandamus relief compelling transfer of an underlying family-law case from Val Verde County to Guadalupe County, along with emergency temporary relief staying proceedings.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published
PARTIES	Andrew Thomas Leach v. State of Texas

TOPICS

- venue
- writ of certiorari
- appellate procedure
- mootness
- family law procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- family law
- appellate procedure
- venue
- remedies

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether Andrew Thomas Leach established entitlement to a writ of mandamus compelling transfer of the underlying case from Val Verde County to Guadalupe County.
2. Whether emergency temporary relief staying proceedings should be granted.

HOLDINGS

1. The relator did not establish that he was entitled to mandamus relief compelling transfer of the underlying case from Val Verde County to Guadalupe County.
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 was a family-law case involving L.T.L., A.P.L., C.B.L., and J.J.L., children. The case was pending in the 63rd Judicial District Court of Val Verde County before Judge Walden Shelton. The relator sought transfer of that case to Guadalupe County and requested a stay pending resolution of the transfer issue.

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 sought an emergency stay of proceedings, including a January 5, 2026 hearing on the venue-transfer motion. The Fourth Court of Appeals denied the mandamus petition and denied the emergency motion as moot.

DISPOSITION

writ_denied

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

Fourth Court of Appeals San Antonio, Texas January 7, 2026 No. 04-25-00834-CV IN RE Andrew Thomas LEACH Original Proceeding 1 ORDER Sitting: Rebeca C. Martinez, Chief Justice Lori Massey Brissette, Justice Velia J. Meza, Justice 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. It is so ORDERED on January 7, 2026. _____

Rebeca C. Martinez, Chief Justice IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said court on this 7th day of January, 2026.

Caitlin A. McCamish, Clerk of Court 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.