

DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, FOURTH
DISTRICT

Kathleen Pierre Bryan v. Ricardo Bryan

No. 4D2024-3319 (Fla. 4th DCA Dec. 10, 2025) · No. 4D2024-3319 · Decided December 10, 2025

SUMMARY

The Florida Fourth District Court of Appeal reviewed a final judgment of dissolution of marriage. It reversed and remanded because the judgment lacked required findings concerning timesharing, parental communication, and jurisdiction under sections 61.13(2)(b) and 61.046(14)(b), while affirming the judgment in all other respects.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	District Court of Appeal of the State of Florida, Fourth District
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Per Curiam; Kuntz, C.J.; Ciklin, J.; Shaw, J.
JURISDICTION	District Court of Appeal of the State of Florida, Fourth District
DECIDED	December 10, 2025
DOCKET	4D2024-3319
DISPOSITION	reversed_and_remanded
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Appeal from a final judgment of dissolution of marriage.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published
PARTIES	Kathleen Pierre Bryan v. Ricardo Bryan

TOPICS

dissolution of marriage

child custody

family law procedure

appellate procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

family law

appellate procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the final judgment of dissolution contained the findings required by section 61.13(2)(b), Florida Statutes (2024).
- Whether the parenting plan contained the jurisdictional findings required by section 61.046(14)(b), Florida Statutes (2024).

3. Whether the former wife's remaining arguments warranted appellate relief.

HOLDINGS

1. A final judgment of dissolution must contain the required findings on all applicable elements of section 61.13(2)(b), including specific timesharing terms and the methods the parents will use to communicate with the children.
2. A parenting plan must include the jurisdictional findings required by section 61.046(14)(b), Florida Statutes (2024).
3. The former wife's remaining arguments did not warrant relief and were affirmed without further discussion.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“We agree with the former wife that the final judgment does not contain required findings on all elements of section 61.13(2)(b), Florida Statutes (2024), such as specific timesharing terms and the methods the parents will use to communicate with the children, among others.” (at 2)

“Accordingly, we reverse and remand for the trial court to include the required findings of these sections in the final judgment.” (at 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The appeal arose from a final judgment dissolving the marriage of Kathleen Pierre Bryan and Ricardo Bryan. The judgment did not include all findings required by section 61.13(2)(b), Florida Statutes (2024), including specific timesharing terms and methods for parental communication with the children. The parenting plan also lacked jurisdictional findings required by section 61.046(14)(b), Florida Statutes (2024).

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Kathleen Pierre Bryan appealed the final judgment of dissolution of marriage entered by the Circuit Court for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County. The Fourth District Court of Appeal agreed that the judgment and parenting plan lacked required statutory findings, affirmed the judgment in part, reversed it in part, and remanded.

DISPOSITION

reversed_and_remanded

REMAND INSTRUCTIONS

The trial court must include in the final judgment the required findings under sections 61.13(2)(b) and 61.046(14)(b), Florida Statutes (2024), including the omitted timesharing, parental communication, and jurisdictional findings.

OPINION

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PER CURIAM.

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FOURTH DISTRICT

KATHLEEN PIERRE BRYAN,

Appellant, v.

RICARDO BRYAN,

Appellee. No. 4D2024-3319 [December 10, 2025] Appeal from the Circuit Court for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, Broward County; Lauren Alperstein, Judge; L.T. Case No. 22-008435 FMCE. Jerry L. Rumph, Jr. and Olivia M. Brooks of Brooks Law, Tallahassee, for appellant. Ricardo Bryan, North Lauderdale, pro se. PER CURIAM. Kathleen Pierre Bryan (the “former wife”) appeals a final judgment of dissolution of marriage. We agree with the former wife that the final judgment does not contain required findings on all elements of section 61.13(2)(b), Florida Statutes (2024), such as specific timesharing terms and the methods the parents will use to communicate with the children, among others. Moreover, the parenting plan does not make jurisdictional findings required by section 61.046(14)(b), Florida Statutes (2024). Accordingly, we reverse and remand for the trial court to include the required findings of these sections in the final judgment. We affirm with respect to the former wife’s remaining arguments without further discussion. Affirmed in part, reversed in part, and remanded. KUNTZ, C.J., CIKLIN and SHAW, JJ., concur. * * * Not final until disposition of timely-filed motion for rehearing. 2