

COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH DISTRICT OF TEXAS AT BEAUMONT

In re Douglas Eugene Miles

No. 09-25-00501-CR · No. 09-25-00501-CR · Decided January 7, 2026

SUMMARY

The Ninth Court of Appeals of Texas dismissed Douglas Eugene Miles’s original petition for a writ of habeas corpus for lack of jurisdiction. The court held that intermediate courts of appeals lack original habeas jurisdiction over criminal matters and that Texas Code of Criminal Procedure article 11.07 provides the exclusive procedure for felony post-conviction challenges. The court also concluded that Miles’s references to a writ of error, quo warranto, and notice of appeal did not establish an appealable proceeding.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Court of Appeals for the Ninth District of Texas at Beaumont
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Golemon, C.J.; Johnson, J.; Wright, J.
JURISDICTION	Ninth Court of Appeals of Texas at Beaumont
DECIDED	January 7, 2026
DOCKET	09-25-00501-CR
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Miles filed an original pro se petition for a writ of habeas corpus in the court of appeals, challenging the validity of a criminal conviction. The court dismissed the petition for lack of jurisdiction.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Jurisdictional review; the court determined its authority to entertain the original habeas petition as a matter of law.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Nonprecedential; opinion marked Do Not Publish
PARTIES	Douglas Eugene Miles v. State of Texas

TOPICS

- habeas corpus
- appellate jurisdiction
- criminal procedure
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- post-conviction relief

PRACTICE AREAS

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the court of appeals has original habeas corpus jurisdiction to review a criminal conviction.
2. Whether Texas Code of Criminal Procedure article 11.07 provides the exclusive procedure for a felony defendant sentenced to prison to challenge the conviction.
3. Whether Miles's characterizations of the filing as a writ of error, quo warranto complaint, or notice of appeal supplied an alternative basis for jurisdiction.

HOLDINGS

1. An intermediate court of appeals lacks original habeas corpus jurisdiction in criminal matters; its habeas jurisdiction is appellate only.
2. Texas Code of Criminal Procedure article 11.07 provides the exclusive procedure for a defendant convicted of a felony and sentenced to a prison term to challenge the conviction through habeas corpus.
3. Labeling the filing as a writ of error, quo warranto complaint, or notice of appeal does not create jurisdiction to challenge criminal confinement or a criminal conviction in the court of appeals absent an appealable trial-court order.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“An intermediate court of appeals lacks original habeas jurisdiction in criminal law matters.” (at 1)

“After conviction the procedure outlined in this Act shall be exclusive and any other proceeding shall be void and of no force and effect in discharging the prisoner.” (at 1)

“We dismiss the petition for lack of jurisdiction.” (at 3)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Miles sought habeas relief concerning a criminal conviction identified by Trial Cause Number F20-33734. He also characterized his filing as a writ of error, a quo warranto complaint, and a notice of appeal for a new petition for writ of habeas corpus. He did not identify another criminal case, an appealable order denying habeas relief, or facts establishing a basis for the court of appeals to proceed as an appeal.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Miles identified Trial Cause Number F20-33734 in the 252nd District Court of Jefferson County, Texas, and claimed that the judgment of conviction was void. He did not identify an appealable order denying habeas relief. The Ninth Court of Appeals concluded that it lacked original habeas jurisdiction over the criminal matter and dismissed the proceeding.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- Denby v. State, 627 S.W.2d 435 (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] 1981, orig. proceeding)

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