

TEXAS COURT OF APPEALS, THIRD DISTRICT, AT AUSTIN

In re Raymond E. Carr

No. 03-26-00555-CV · No. 03-26-00555-CV · Decided June 24, 2026

SUMMARY

The Texas Court of Appeals for the Third District denied Raymond E. Carr's petition for writ of mandamus seeking to compel the Harris County district clerk to file and docket his lawsuit. The court held that it lacked mandamus jurisdiction because Harris County is outside the court's district and Carr had not shown that the writ was necessary to enforce the court's jurisdiction.

OPINION

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PER CURIAM.

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ORIGINAL PROCEEDING FROM HARRIS COUNTY

MEMORANDUM OPINION

Raymond E. Carr has filed a petition for writ of mandamus asking this Court to direct the district court clerk for Harris County to file and docket his lawsuit. This Court's mandamus jurisdiction is expressly limited by statute to: (1) writs against a trial court judge in this Court's district, and (2) all writs necessary to enforce our jurisdiction. See Tex. Gov't Code § 22.221. As to the former, the Third Court of Appeals has jurisdiction of appeals from the trial courts located in Bastrop, Bell, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Coke, Comal, Concho, Fayette, Hays, Irion, Lampasas, Lee, Llano, McCulloch, Milam, Mills, Runnels, San Saba, Schleicher, Sterling, Tom Green, Travis, and Williamson counties. See id. § 22.201(d). This is an original proceeding from Harris County. See id. § 22.221. Thus, we have no jurisdiction to issue a writ of mandamus outside this Court's district. See id. As to the latter, Relator has not demonstrated that the exercise of our writ power is necessary to enforce our jurisdiction in this case. Therefore, Relator has not established that we have jurisdiction to issue the writ he seeks. For these reasons, the petition for writ of mandamus is denied. See Tex. R. App. P. 52.8(a). _____ Karin Crump, Justice Before Chief Justice Byrne, Justices Theofanis and Crump Filed: June 24, 2026 2