

MISSISSIPPI COURT OF APPEALS

Tommy Wright, Sr. d/b/a Affordable/Hi-Tech Enterprises, LLC v.
Joseph Brisco, Kevin Winters and Warren County Missionary
Baptist Association

No. 2025-CP-00258-COA (Miss. Ct. App. Jan. 27, 2026) · No. 2025-CP-00258-COA · Decided January 27,
2026

SUMMARY

The Mississippi Court of Appeals affirmed a chancery court judgment requiring Tommy Wright to convey seven parcels of real property, clear and grade a lot, and pay attorney's fees under a written contract with the Warren County Missionary Baptist Association. The court held that Wright, proceeding pro se, failed to demonstrate reversible error because his brief lacked adequate citations to legal authority and the appellate record as required by Mississippi Rule of Appellate Procedure 28.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Mississippi Court of Appeals
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Lassitter St. Pé, J.; Barnes, C.J.; Carlton, P.J.; Wilson, P.J.; Westbrooks, J.; McDonald, J.; Lawrence, J.; McCarty, J.; Emfinger, J.; Weddle, J.
JURISDICTION	Mississippi Court of Appeals
DECIDED	January 27, 2026
DOCKET	2025-CP-00258-COA
DISPOSITION	affirmed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Wright appealed the Warren County Chancery Court's denial of his petition for rescission, order requiring him to convey seven parcels of real property and clear and grade one lot, and award of attorney's fees to the Association.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The trial court's judgment is presumptively correct, and the appellant bears the burden of demonstrating error.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	published
PARTIES	Tommy Wright, Sr. d/b/a Affordable/Hi-Tech Enterprises, LLC v. Joseph Brisco, Kevin Winters, Warren County Missionary Baptist Association

TOPICS

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PRACTICE AREAS

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the chancery court erred in enforcing the written contract despite alleged procedural and substantive errors, including alleged attorney misconduct and judicial bias.
2. Whether the chancery court clearly erred in finding that Wright's trailer reduced the Association's parking capacity from twenty cars to two cars.
3. Whether the chancery court improperly considered Wright's medical condition.

HOLDINGS

1. An appellant who fails to provide reasons for contentions and citations to supporting authorities and portions of the record fails to comply with Mississippi Rule of Appellate Procedure 28(a)(7), creating a procedural bar to appellate consideration of the assignments of error.
2. A trial court's judgment is presumptively correct, and the appellant must demonstrate reversible error to obtain relief on appeal.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Our appellate courts have “consistently held that failure to cite any authority is a procedural bar, and a reviewing court is under no obligation to consider the assignment” of error.” (§5)

“A trial court’s judgment is presumptively correct[,] and the appellant must demonstrate error to this Court.” (§6)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Wright entered a written contract to sell the Association seven parcels of real property for \$20,000. He also agreed to remove a house from one parcel at 1416 Martin Luther King Boulevard in Vicksburg and to grade the lot after removal. After the parties' relationship deteriorated, Wright sought rescission; following trial, the chancellor ordered conveyance of the parcels, removal and grading-related performance, and payment of attorney's fees.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Wright sued the Warren County Missionary Baptist Association in chancery court concerning a written contract for the sale of seven parcels of real property. The Association counterclaimed, and after trial the chancellor denied Wright's petition for rescission, ordered conveyance and performance of the property-related obligations, and awarded attorney's fees. Wright timely appealed; the Association did not file an appellee's brief. The Court of Appeals affirmed.

DISPOSITION

affirmed

CASES CITED

- Jones v. Miss. Dep't of Emp. Sec., 129 So. 3d 224, 225 (¶¶7-8) (Miss. Ct. App. 2013)
- Jones v. Jones, 307 So. 3d 1229, 1231 (¶8) (Miss. Ct. App. 2020)
- Norman v. Anderson Reg'l Med. Ctr.
- Parks v. Parks

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI NO. 2025-CP-00258-COA
TOMMY WRIGHT, SR. D/B/A APPELLANT AFFORDABLE/HI-TECH ENTERPRISES, LLC
v. JOSEPH BRISCO, KEVIN WINTERS AND APPELLEES WARREN COUNTY
MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION DATE OF JUDGMENT: 01/28/2025 TRIAL JUDGE:
HON. DEBRA MICHELLE GILES COURT FROM WHICH APPEALED: WARREN COUNTY
CHANCERY COURT ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT: TOMMY WRIGHT SR. (PRO SE)
ATTORNEY FOR APPELLEES: KIMBERLY WALKER NAILOR NATURE OF THE CASE:
CIVIL - CONTRACT DISPOSITION: AFFIRMED - 01/27/2026 MOTION FOR REHEARING
FILED: BEFORE CARLTON, P.J., LAWRENCE AND LASSITTER ST. PÉ, JJ. LASSITTER ST.
PÉ, J., FOR THE COURT: ¶1.

Tommy Wright agreed in a written contract to sell seven parcels of real property to the Warren County Missionary Baptist Association (“the Association”) for \$20,000. Wright also agreed to remove a house from the property at 1416 Martin Luther King Boulevard in Vicksburg and to grade the lot after removal. ¶2. At some point, the relationship between Wright and the Association broke down, and Wright filed a complaint against the Association in the Warren County Chancery Court.

The Association counterclaimed against Wright, and the matter proceeded to a trial. Neither pleading was included in the record on appeal. Following the trial, the chancellor denied Wright’s “petition for rescission” and ordered Wright to convey title to seven parcels of property to the Association, to clear and grade the lot on one of the parcels, and to pay attorney’s fees to the Association. ¶3.

Wright timely appealed and presents three issues for our review, which we quote here: (1) Did the trial court err in enforcing the contract due to procedural and substantive errors, including the conduct of an over-aggressive lawyer and a biased judge?

(2) Was the trial court's finding that Wright's trailer reduced the Association's parking lot from twenty cars to two cars incorrect? (3) Did the trial court improperly consider Wright's medical condition, which was raised to ensure proceedings were not delayed or misinterpreted? ¶4. Wright's brief contains no citations to the record or caselaw beyond mentioning two case names without citation to the Southern Reporter or explanation of their holdings or application to his appeal.¹ The Association did not file an appellee's brief. ¶5.

Rule 28 of the Mississippi Rules of Appellate Procedure requires appellants to state "the reasons for th[eir] contentions" and provide "citations to the authorities, statutes, and parts of the record relied on" to support their arguments to the Court. M.R.A.P. 28(a)(7). Our appellate courts have "consistently held that failure to cite any authority is a procedural bar, and a reviewing court is under no obligation to consider the assignment" of error.

Jones v. Miss. Dep't of Emp. Sec., 129 So. 3d 224, 225 (¶7) (Miss. Ct. App. 2013). This rule applies equally to pro se litigants, who "should be held to the same rules of procedure and 1 Wright states: "Relevant Mississippi case law supports the arguments for reversal.

In *Norman v. Anderson Reg'l Med. Ctr.*, the court emphasized the importance of procedural fairness and the proper consideration of evidence. Additionally, the presumption of mental capacity and the burden of proof in such cases are well-established in *Parks v. Parks*." 2 substantive law as represented parties." *Id.* at (¶8). ¶6. "A trial court's judgment is presumptively correct[,] and the appellant must demonstrate error to this Court." *Jones v. Jones*, 307 So.

3d 1229, 1231 (¶8) (Miss. Ct. App. 2020). Wright wholly failed to demonstrate error to this Court by failing to provide citation to relevant authorities or the parts of the record containing error. ¶7. Accordingly, the judgment of the chancery court is AFFIRMED. BARNES, C.J., CARLTON AND WILSON, P.J.J., WESTBROOKS, McDONALD, LAWRENCE, McCARTY, EMFINGER AND WEDDLE, JJ., CONCUR.