

SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA

Ex parte Eternal Life Learning Center, LLC

SC-2026-0156 · No. SC-2026-0156 · Decided May 15, 2026

SUMMARY

The Supreme Court of Alabama denied Eternal Life Learning Center, LLC's petition for a writ of certiorari seeking review of a Court of Civil Appeals decision. The court stated that its denial should not be understood as approving all language, reasoning, or legal statements in the lower court's opinion.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Alabama
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Mendheim, Justice; Stewart, C.J.; Shaw, J.; Bryan, J.; McCool, J.; Mendheim, J.
JURISDICTION	Supreme Court of Alabama
DECIDED	May 15, 2026
DOCKET	SC-2026-0156
DISPOSITION	writ_denied
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Petition for a writ of certiorari to the Alabama Court of Civil Appeals.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published
PARTIES	Eternal Life Learning Center, LLC v. Alabama Department of Human Resources, Kimmi McKinstry, Prince Etta Dunning

TOPICS

- writ of certiorari
- appellate procedure
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- appellate procedure
- civil procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the Supreme Court of Alabama should grant Eternal Life Learning Center, LLC's petition for a writ of certiorari to review the Court of Civil Appeals' decision.

HOLDINGS

- 1. The petition for a writ of certiorari is denied.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“In denying the petition for the writ of certiorari, this Court does not wish to be understood as approving all the language, reasons, or statements of law in the Court of Civil Appeals' opinion.” (2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The opinion contains no substantive factual discussion. It identifies a dispute involving the Alabama Department of Human Resources, Eternal Life Learning Center, LLC, Kimmi McKinstry, and Prince Etta Dunning, but resolves only the petition for certiorari.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The matter arose from proceedings in the Jefferson Circuit Court, case CV-24-901554, and an appeal in the Alabama Court of Civil Appeals, case CL-2025-0269. Eternal Life Learning Center, LLC petitioned the Supreme Court of Alabama for a writ of certiorari. The Supreme Court denied the petition and stated that the denial should not be understood as approving all language, reasons, or statements of law in the Court of Civil Appeals' opinion.

DISPOSITION

writ_denied

CASES CITED

- Horsley v. Horsley, 291 Ala. 782, 280 So. 2d 155 (1973)

OPINION

In re: Alabama Department of Human Resources v. Eternal Life Learning Center, Kimmi McKinstry, and Prince Etta Dunning
PER CURIAM.

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(In re: Alabama Department of Human Resources v. Eternal Life Learning Center, Kimmi McKinstry, and Prince Etta Dunning) (Jefferson Circuit Court: CV-24-901554; Court of Civil Appeals: CL-2025-0269) MENDHEIM, Justice. The petition for the writ of certiorari is denied. SC-2026-0156 In denying the petition for the writ of certiorari, this Court does not wish to be understood as approving all the language, reasons, or statements of law in the Court of Civil Appeals' opinion. *Horsley v. Horsley*, 291 Ala. 782, 280 So. 2d 155 (1973). WRIT DENIED. Stewart, C.J., and Shaw, Bryan, and McCool, JJ., concur. 2