

FOURTH COURT OF APPEALS OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO

In re Bharath Ramanath

No. 04-25-00692-CV · No. No. 04-25-00692-CV · Decided January 28, 2026

SUMMARY

The Fourth Court of Appeals of San Antonio, Texas, denied Bharath Ramanath’s motion for en banc reconsideration in an original mandamus proceeding. The court had previously dismissed the petition for lack of jurisdiction to issue mandamus against a justice of the peace or justice court, absent a need to preserve the appellate court’s jurisdiction.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Fourth Court of Appeals of Texas at San Antonio
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Per Curiam; Rebeca C. Martinez, Chief Justice; Irene Rios, Justice; Lori I. Valenzuela, Justice; Lori Massey Brissette, Justice; Adrian A. Spears II, Justice; H. Todd McCray, Justice; Velia J. Meza, Justice
JURISDICTION	Texas Court of Appeals, Fourth District, San Antonio
DECIDED	January 28, 2026
DOCKET	No. 04-25-00692-CV
DISPOSITION	writ_denied
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Original mandamus proceeding; the court denied relator's motion for en banc reconsideration after previously dismissing the mandamus petition.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	published
PARTIES	Bharath Ramanath, relator v. State of Texas

TOPICS

- writ of certiorari
- appellate jurisdiction
- appellate procedure
- remedies
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- appellate procedure
- remedies

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the court of appeals had jurisdiction to issue a writ of mandamus against a justice of the peace or justice court.
2. Whether Ramanath's motion for en banc reconsideration should be granted.

HOLDINGS

1. The court of appeals lacks jurisdiction to issue a writ of mandamus against a justice of the peace or justice court unless issuing the writ is necessary to preserve the court of appeals' jurisdiction.
2. The motion for en banc reconsideration was denied.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“We dismissed the petition because we lack jurisdiction to issue a writ of mandamus against a justice of the peace or justice court unless it is necessary to preserve our jurisdiction.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The mandamus proceeding arose from proceedings in Bexar County Justice Court in a case styled Calvary Spy I, LLC, as Assignee of Citibank, N.A. v. Bharath Ramanath. Ramanath challenged those justice-court proceedings in the court of appeals.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Ramanath filed a petition for writ of mandamus challenging proceedings in the Bexar County Justice Court. The court dismissed the petition for lack of jurisdiction, denied a timely motion for rehearing, and then denied Ramanath's motion for en banc reconsideration.

DISPOSITION

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