

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

Peoples v. Wallace

No. 16, 2026 · No. No. 16, 2026 · Decided June 24, 2026

SUMMARY

The Delaware Supreme Court dismissed Tristan Peoples's appeal from a Family Court matter because he failed to file an opening brief and did not respond to a notice to show cause. The dismissal was deemed unopposed and entered under Delaware Supreme Court Rules 3(b)(2) and 29(b).

CASE DETAILS

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| COURT              | Supreme Court of the State of Delaware                                                                                                       |
| JURISDICTION       | Supreme Court of the State of Delaware                                                                                                       |
| DECIDED            | June 24, 2026                                                                                                                                |
| DOCKET             | No. 16, 2026                                                                                                                                 |
| DISPOSITION        | dismissed                                                                                                                                    |
| PROCEDURAL POSTURE | Appeal from the Family Court of the State of Delaware; dismissed for failure to file an opening brief and respond to an order to show cause. |
| PRECEDENTIAL VALUE | published                                                                                                                                    |
| PARTIES            | Tristan Peoples v. Lauren Wallace                                                                                                            |

TOPICS

- appellate procedure
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PRACTICE AREAS

- Appellate procedure
- Family law

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the appeal should be dismissed because the appellant failed to file an opening brief and failed to respond to the resulting notice to show cause.

HOLDINGS

- An appeal may be dismissed when the appellant fails to file the required opening brief and does not respond to a notice to show cause regarding that failure.

## KEY QUOTATIONS

*“Dismissal of this appeal is therefore deemed to be unopposed.”* (at 2)

*“IT IS ORDERED that this appeal is DISMISSED under Supreme Court Rules 3(b)(2) and 29(b).”* (at 2)

## FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The appellant did not file an opening brief by the May 18 deadline. After receiving a certified-mail notice to show cause on June 2, he neither responded by June 12 nor filed the required opening brief.

## PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Peoples appealed from the Delaware Family Court in File No. CN20-04491 and Petition No. 25-07761. After Peoples failed to file an opening brief by the court-ordered deadline, the Supreme Court issued a notice to show cause; Peoples received the notice but neither responded nor filed an opening brief. The Supreme Court dismissed the appeal as unopposed under Supreme Court Rules 3(b)(2) and 29(b).

## DISPOSITION

dismissed

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