

COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE THIRTEENTH DISTRICT OF TEXAS,
CORPUS CHRISTI–EDINBURG

In re 7-Eleven, Inc.

No. 13-25-00628-CV (Tex. App.—Corpus Christi–Edinburg Nov. 26, 2025) (mem. op.) · No. No. 13-25-00628-CV · Decided November 26, 2025

SUMMARY

The Thirteenth Court of Appeals of Texas dismissed 7-Eleven, Inc.’s petition for writ of mandamus for want of jurisdiction. The court held that the petition challenged the judge of the 229th District Court of Starr County, which lies within the Fourth Court of Appeals District rather than the Thirteenth Court’s geographic district. The court also found no basis to exercise mandamus jurisdiction to enforce its own jurisdiction.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Court of Appeals for the Thirteenth District of Texas, Corpus Christi–Edinburg
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Justice Cron; Chief Justice Tijerina; Justice Fonseca
JURISDICTION	Texas Court of Appeals, Thirteenth District
DECIDED	November 26, 2025
DOCKET	No. 13-25-00628-CV
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	7-Eleven, Inc. petitioned for a writ of mandamus challenging the trial court's denial of its motions for leave to designate responsible third parties.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Mandamus requires the relator to establish that the trial court clearly abused its discretion and that the relator lacks an adequate remedy by appeal. The relator also must provide an appendix and record sufficient to support relief.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	published memorandum opinion
PARTIES	7-Eleven, Inc. v. The State of Texas

TOPICS

- writ of certiorari
- subject matter jurisdiction
- appellate jurisdiction
- appellate procedure
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

civil procedure

appellate procedure

remedies

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the Thirteenth Court of Appeals had jurisdiction to issue a writ of mandamus against the judge of the 229th District Court of Starr County.
2. Whether the petition could invoke the court's authority to issue writs necessary to enforce its jurisdiction.

HOLDINGS

1. The Thirteenth Court of Appeals lacks jurisdiction to issue a writ of mandamus against the judge of the 229th District Court of Starr County because Starr County is outside the Thirteenth Court's geographic district and lies within the Fourth Court of Appeals District.
2. The Thirteenth Court of Appeals could not exercise its authority to issue a writ necessary to enforce its jurisdiction because 7-Eleven did not contend that such relief was necessary and the record did not indicate that it was.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“A writ of mandamus is an extraordinary remedy available only when the trial court clearly abused its discretion and the party seeking relief lacks an adequate remedy on appeal.” (at 1)

“Thus, we lack jurisdiction to issue a writ against the judge of the 229th District Court of Starr County.” (at 2)

“Accordingly, we dismiss the petition for writ of mandamus for want of jurisdiction.” (at 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

7-Eleven sought mandamus relief from the denial of motions for leave to designate responsible third parties. The challenged order was issued by the judge of the 229th District Court of Starr County. Starr County lies within the geographic district of the Fourth Court of Appeals, not the Thirteenth Court of Appeals.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The proceeding arose from trial court cause number DC-24-64 in the 229th District Court of Starr County. The Thirteenth Court of Appeals dismissed the mandamus petition after determining that it lacked geographic jurisdiction over the Starr County district court and that the petition did not invoke the court's jurisdiction-enforcement authority.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- In re Ill. Nat'l Ins., 685 S.W.3d 826, 834 (Tex. 2024) (orig. proceeding)
- In re H.E.B. Grocery Co., 492 S.W.3d 300, 302 (Tex. 2016) (orig. proceeding) (per curiam)
- Walker v. Packer, 827 S.W.2d 833, 840 (Tex. 1992) (orig. proceeding)
- In re Cook, 394 S.W.3d 668, 671 (Tex. App.—Tyler 2012, orig. proceeding)

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