

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

Langston v. Hennley

No. 51, 2026 · No. No. 51, 2026 · Decided March 18, 2026

SUMMARY

The Delaware Supreme Court dismissed an appeal from interlocutory procedural orders entered by a Family Court Commissioner in a protection from abuse proceeding. The court also deemed the appellant's mandamus petition unopposed after the appellant failed to respond to a show-cause notice.

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE NATHAN LANGSTON,¹ § §
Petitioner Below, § No. 51, 2026 Appellant, § § Court Below—Family Court v. § of the State of
Delaware § SARAH HENNLEY, § File No. CN26-01168 § Petition No. 26-01196 Respondent
Below, § Appellee. § Submitted: March 10, 2026 Decided: March 18, 2026 ORDER (1) The
appellant filed a notice of appeal seeking review of orders entered by a Family Court
Commissioner relating to procedural matters in a protection from abuse proceeding.

The appellant also filed documents styled as a petition for a writ of mandamus. The Senior Court
Clerk issued a notice, by certified mail, directing the appellant to show cause why the appeal
should not be dismissed because the orders are interlocutory and this Court lacks jurisdiction to
consider an appeal from the decision of a Family Court Commissioner.

The notice also directed the appellant to show cause why the writ petition should not be dismissed
because it fails to demonstrate entitlement to mandamus relief. 1 The Court previously assigned
pseudonyms to the parties under Supreme Court Rule 7(d).

(2) Postal records reflect that the postal service attempted delivery of the certified mail on
February 12 and 17, 2026, but no authorized recipient was available; notice of the attempted
delivery was left at the address.

On February 26, 2026, the Chief Deputy Clerk reissued the notice to show cause by first-class
mail. The appellant having failed to respond to the notice to show cause within the required ten-
day period, dismissal of this action is deemed unopposed. NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS
ORDERED, under Supreme Court Rules 3(b)(2) and 29(b), that the appeal is DISMISSED. BY
THE COURT: /s/ Collins J. Seitz, Jr. Chief Justice 2

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