

FIFTEENTH COURT OF APPEALS OF TEXAS

In re Cedric M. Scott, PhD v. General Land Office of the State of Texas

In re Scott · No. 15-25-00227-CV · Decided December 9, 2025

SUMMARY

This document is a pro se relator’s motion for emergency relief under Texas Rule of Appellate Procedure 52.10 in a pending mandamus proceeding. The relator asks the Texas Fifteenth Court of Appeals to stay and prohibit enforcement of orders allegedly issued by a constitutionally disqualified trial judge, preserve the status quo, and grant temporary relief without prior notice. The motion concerns an underlying Travis County whistleblower action involving the General Land Office of the State of Texas.

CASE DETAILS

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| COURT              | Fifteenth Court of Appeals of Texas                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| JURISDICTION       | Texas                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| DECIDED            | December 9, 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| DOCKET             | 15-25-00227-CV                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| PROCEDURAL POSTURE | Relator filed a motion for emergency temporary relief under Texas Rule of Appellate Procedure 52.10 while a petition for writ of mandamus was pending. The motion sought a stay of orders allegedly issued by a recused trial judge, prohibition of enforcement or reliance on those orders, and preservation of the status quo without prior notice. |
| PRECEDENTIAL VALUE | none; motion filing rather than judicial opinion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| PARTIES            | Cedric M. Scott, PhD, Relator v. General Land Office of the State of Texas, Real Party of Interest                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

TOPICS

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PRACTICE AREAS

- appellate procedure
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## QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the court of appeals should grant temporary emergency relief under Texas Rule of Appellate Procedure 52.10 to preserve its jurisdiction and prevent alleged irreparable harm while a mandamus petition is pending.
2. Whether the court should grant temporary relief without prior notice because immediate intervention was allegedly necessary to prevent irreparable injury or protect appellate jurisdiction.

## FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The motion alleges that Judge Cory R. Liu issued orders in a whistleblower case while constitutionally disqualified because he had previously represented a party. According to the motion, those orders included a compelled-deposition order, orders setting hearings, and denials of dispositive motions. Relator further alleges that the judge recused himself on November 21, 2025, no successor judge had been appointed, and enforcement of the challenged orders would cause irreparable professional, financial, and procedural harm.

## PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The matter originated in the 250th Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas, in Trial Court Cause No. D-1-GN-25-000006. Relator alleged that Judge Cory R. Liu recused himself on November 21, 2025, after issuing orders compelling a deposition, denying dispositive motions, and affecting the case's procedure. Relator filed a mandamus petition on December 5, 2025, accepted for filing on December 8, and filed this emergency-relief motion on December 9, 2025. The source contains the motion but no appellate ruling on it.

## CASES CITED

- Buckholts I.S.D. v. Glaser, 632 S.W.2d 146, 148-49 (Tex. 1982)
- In re McAllen Medical Center, 275 S.W.3d 458, 466 (Tex. 2008)