

LOUISIANA COURT OF APPEAL, FIRST CIRCUIT

Spencer Graham Winkles v. Kristen Graham Winkles

No. 2026 CW 0389 · No. 2026 CW 0389 · Decided March 30, 2026

SUMMARY

The Louisiana Court of Appeal, First Circuit declined to consider Kristen Graham Winkles's supervisory writ application because it failed to include required affidavits and supporting pleadings, orders, notices, minutes, and other documentation. The court stated that supplementation or rehearing would not be considered and set April 29, 2026, as the deadline for any new application complying with the applicable appellate rules.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Louisiana Court of Appeal, First Circuit
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Theriot, J.; Balfour, J.; Haggerty, J., serving pro tempore
JURISDICTION	Louisiana Court of Appeal, First Circuit
DECIDED	March 30, 2026
DOCKET	2026 CW 0389
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Kristen Graham Winkles applied for supervisory writs from the Twenty-Second Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Tammany.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unknown
PARTIES	Kristen Graham Winkles v. Spencer Graham Winkles

TOPICS

- writ of certiorari
- appellate procedure
- family law procedure
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- appellate procedure
- family law

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the court of appeal should consider a supervisory writ application that failed to include the affidavit and supporting documents required by the Uniform Rules of Louisiana Courts of Appeal.

HOLDINGS

1. The court will not consider a supervisory writ application that fails to include the required affidavit, the challenged ruling, and the pertinent pleadings, opposition materials, minutes, notice of intent, return-date order, and, when applicable, the evidentiary hearing transcript and admitted evidence.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“WRIT NOT CONSIDERED.”

“This writ application failed to include the affidavit required by Rule 4-4(A) of the Uniform Rules of Louisiana Courts of Appeal, failed to comply with Rule 4-4(B), and failed to include a copy of the judgment, order or ruling complained of, each pleading on which the judgment, order or ruling was founded, including the petition, a copy of any opposition and attachments thereto filed by a party in the trial court or a statement that no opposition was filed, a copy of pertinent court Minutes and the file-stamped notice of intent and return date order, in violation of Rule 4-5(C) (6), (8), (9), (10) and (11) of the Uniform Rules of Louisiana Courts of Appeal.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The opinion concerns a supervisory writ application arising from a family-law proceeding involving Kristen Graham Winkles. The application did not include the affidavit required by Rule 4-4(A), did not comply with Rule 4-4(B), and omitted the judgment or ruling challenged and multiple supporting pleadings and records required by Rule 4-5(C). The opinion also states that, if an evidentiary hearing occurred, the application was required to include the pertinent transcript and admitted evidence.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The relator sought supervisory review of a ruling in the Twenty-Second Judicial District Court for St. Tammany Parish. The court of appeal declined to consider the writ application because it omitted required documents and failed to comply with several Uniform Rules of Louisiana Courts of Appeal. The court stated that supplementation or rehearing would not be considered but permitted a new, compliant application to be filed by April 29, 2026.

DISPOSITION

other

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

STATE OF LOUISIANA COURT OF APPEAL, FIRST CIRCUIT SPENCER GRAHAM WINKLES NO. 2026 CW 0389 VERSUS KRISTEN GRAHAM WINKLES MARCH 30, 2026 In Re: Kristen Graham Winkles, applying for supervisory writs, 22nd Judicial District Court, Parish of St. Tammany, No. 202517736. BEFORE: THERIOT, BALFOUR, AND HAGGERTY,! JJ. WRIT NOT CONSIDERED. This writ application failed to include the affidavit required by Rule

4-4(A) of the Uniform Rules of Louisiana Courts of Appeal, failed to comply with Rule 4-4(B), and failed to include a copy of the judgment, order or ruling complained of, each pleading on which the judgment, order or ruling was founded, including the petition, a copy of any opposition and attachments thereto filed by a party in the trial court or a statement that no opposition was filed, a copy of pertinent court Minutes and the file-stamped notice of intent and return date order, in violation of Rule 4-5(C) (6), (8), (9), (10) and (11) of the Uniform Rules of Louisiana Courts of Appeal.

In addition, if an evidentiary hearing was held, this court requires a copy of the pertinent hearing transcript and a copy of all evidence admitted at the hearing. Supplementation of this writ application and/or an application for rehearing will not be considered. Uniform Rules of Louisiana Courts of Appeal, Rules 2-18.7 & 4-9.

In the event relator seeks to file a new application with this court, it must contain all pertinent documentation, including the missing items noted herein, and must comply with Uniform Rules of Louisiana Courts of Appeal, Rule 2-12.2. Any new application must be filed on or before April 29, 2026, and must contain a copy of this ruling. MRT BDH “COURT OF APPEAL, FIRST CIRCUIT
UTY CL FOR THE COURT lHaggerty, J., serving pro tempore, by special appointment of the Louisiana Supreme Court.