

Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia

ATLANTA, May 06, 2026

The Court of Appeals hereby passes the following order:

A26A1669. SHAYLA PRATCHER v. HIGHPOINT DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS, LLC.

This dispossessory matter originated in magistrate court. Following an adverse ruling, Shayla Pratcher filed a petition for review in superior court. The superior court issued a writ of possession, and Pratcher filed this direct appeal. We, however, lack jurisdiction.

Appeals from decisions of superior courts reviewing decisions of lower courts by petition for review must be initiated by filing an application for discretionary review. OCGA § 5-6-35(a)(1). “Compliance with the discretionary appeals procedure is jurisdictional.” *Smoak v. Dep’t of Human Res.*, 221 Ga. App. 257, 257 (471 SE2d 60) (1996). Because Pratcher seeks to appeal a decision of the superior court reviewing a decision of the magistrate court, she was required to file an application for discretionary review and her failure to do so deprives us of jurisdiction over this direct appeal.

Accordingly, we hereby DISMISS this appeal.



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Clerk's Office, Atlanta, 05/06/2026

I certify that the above is a true extract from the minutes of the Court of Appeals of Georgia.

Witness my signature and the seal of said court hereto affixed the day and year last above written.

Christina Bailey Smith

, Clerk.

