

Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia

ATLANTA, April 30, 2026

The Court of Appeals hereby passes the following order:

A26A1681. GLENN S. WRIGHTSON v. THOMAS F. YOST.

On December 18, 2025, the trial court issued a final order granting defendant Thomas Yost’s motion to dismiss plaintiff Glenn Wrightson’s complaint. Wrightson then filed a “Motion for Reconsideration, or in the Alternative, Motion for Clarification and Leave to Amend.” On March 16, 2026, the trial court issued an “Order Denying Motion for Reconsideration,” finding no basis to reverse or reconsider its previous ruling. On March 18, 2026, Wrightson filed a notice of appeal. Yost has filed a motion to dismiss the appeal, arguing that the appeal is untimely from the December 18, 2025 order and is improper from the March 16, 2026 order. We agree.

A notice of appeal must be filed within 30 days of entry of the judgment or trial court order sought to be appealed. OCGA § 5-6-38(a). The proper and timely filing of a notice of appeal is an absolute requirement to confer jurisdiction upon this Court. *Perry v. Paul Hastings, LLP*, 362 Ga. App. 140, 141 (866 SE2d 855) (2021). The denial of a motion for reconsideration is not itself appealable and does not extend the time for filing a notice of appeal. *Savage v. Newsome*, 173 Ga. App. 271, 271 (326 SE2d 5) (1985).

Here, Wrightson’s appeal is untimely as to the December 18, 2025 order, as his notice of appeal was filed 90 days after entry of that order. And Wrightson’s appeal is improper as to the March 16, 2026 order, because that order denied his motion for

reconsideration.¹ Thus, the motion to dismiss is hereby GRANTED, and this appeal is hereby DISMISSED.



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Clerk's Office, Atlanta, 04/30/2026

*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.

¹ We reject Wrightson's argument that the March 16, 2026 order is directly appealable because his motion to reconsider sought (1) clarification of the December 18, 2025 order, and (2) leave to amend his complaint. The trial court made clear in the March 16, 2026 order that it was simply denying Wrightson's request that it exercise its discretion to reconsider its previous ruling. See *Bell v. Cohran*, 244 Ga. App. 510, 511 (536 SE2d 187) (2000) ("[A] discretionary motion to set aside is simply a request for the trial court to reconsider its decision, and . . . the denial of such a motion is not an appealable judgment.") (punctuation omitted). See also *Howell v. Beaully, LLC*, 337 Ga. App. 898, 901(2) (789 SE2d 214) (2016) ("This is a [C]ourt for the correction of errors of law made by the trial courts, and an error of law has as its basis a specific ruling made by the trial court. In the absence of such a specific ruling, there is nothing for us to review.") (citation and punctuation omitted).