

Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia

ATLANTA, August 18, 2026

The Court of Appeals hereby passes the following order:

A27A0075. BENJAMIN E. BAIER v. KIMBERLY J. BAIER.

Benjamin E. Baier filed this direct appeal from the trial court's final judgment and decree of divorce. We, however, lack jurisdiction.

Appeals from "judgments or orders in divorce, alimony, and other domestic relations cases" must be made by application for discretionary appeal. See OCGA § 5-6-35(a)(2), (b). 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 the appellant here failed to follow the requisite discretionary application procedure, we lack jurisdiction to consider this direct appeal, which is hereby DISMISSED.



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Clerk's Office, Atlanta, 08/18/2026

*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.