

Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia

ATLANTA, October 07, 2026

The Court of Appeals hereby passes the following order:

A27A0528. ANN BUCKINGHAM f/k/a ANN DOSS v. ANDREW DOSS.

In this post-divorce proceeding, the trial court found Ann Buckingham, formerly known as Ann Doss, in contempt of the parties' final divorce decree and ordered her incarcerated until she paid the purge amount of \$115,941.46. Buckingham then filed this direct appeal from the incarceration order. We lack jurisdiction.

Appeals from orders in divorce and other domestic relations cases, including orders holding persons in contempt of such orders, must be made by application for discretionary appeal. See OCGA § 5-6-35(a)(2). "Compliance with the discretionary appeals procedure is jurisdictional." *Smoak v. Dep't of Human Res.*, 221 Ga. App. 257, 257 (471 SE2d 60) (1996). Thus, to challenge the incarceration order, Buckingham was required to file an application for discretionary appeal pursuant to OCGA § 5-6-35(a)(2). See *Norman v. Ault*, 287 Ga. 324, 330-31(6) (695 SE2d 633) (2010). Her failure to do so deprives this Court of jurisdiction over this direct appeal, which is hereby DISMISSED.



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Clerk's Office, Atlanta, 10/07/2026

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 Coley Smith

, Clerk.