

Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia

ATLANTA, April 27, 2026

The Court of Appeals hereby passes the following order:

A26D0462. FELISSA GRISSETT v. PATRICIA WILLIAMS.

On January 16, 2026, the trial court dismissed without prejudice Felissa Grissett’s petition seeking a temporary protective order against Patricia Williams. Grissett filed this application for discretionary appeal as to the dismissal order on February 27, 2026.¹ We lack jurisdiction.

A discretionary application must be filed within 30 days of the entry of the order, decision, or judgment sought to be appealed. OCGA § 5-6-35(d). This statutory deadline is jurisdictional, and we cannot accept an application for appeal not made in compliance with OCGA § 5-6-35(d). See *In the Interest of B. R. F.*, 299 Ga. 294, 298 (788 SE2d 416) (2016) (holding that an appellate court lacks jurisdiction over an untimely application for discretionary appeal); *Crosson v. Conway*, 291 Ga. 220, 220(1) (728 SE2d 617) (2012) (“A failure to meet the statutory deadline for filing a discretionary application . . . is a jurisdictional defect.”).

¹ Grissett filed her pleading, which she labeled an “Emergency Petition for Writ of Certiorari,” in the Georgia Supreme Court. The Supreme Court treated the filing as an application for discretionary appeal and transferred the case to this Court. See Case No. S26D0925 (March 26, 2026).

Grissett's application, which was filed 42 days after entry of the order she seeks to appeal, is untimely. Consequently, we are without jurisdiction to consider the application, which is hereby DISMISSED.



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Clerk's Office, Atlanta, 04/27/2026

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.