

Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia

ATLANTA, June 30, 2026

The Court of Appeals hereby passes the following order:

A26A2317. IN THE INTEREST OF J. P., A CHILD (FATHER et al).

The biological father and paternal grandmother of J. P. sought to modify child custody. On February 16, 2026, the trial court denied the requests to modify custody, and the father and grandmother filed a notice of appeal from this ruling on May 28, 2026. We, however, lack jurisdiction.

A notice of appeal must be filed within 30 days of the entry of an appealable judgment. OCGA § 5-6-38 (a). The proper and timely filing of a notice of appeal is an absolute requirement to confer jurisdiction on this Court. *Ebeling v. State*, 355 Ga. App. 469, 469 (844 SE2d 518) (2020). Here, the notice of appeal was filed 101 days after entry of the trial court's order. Under these circumstances, we lack jurisdiction to consider this appeal, which is hereby DISMISSED.



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Clerk's Office, Atlanta, 06/30/2026

*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.