

Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia

ATLANTA, June 03, 2026

The Court of Appeals hereby passes the following order:

A26A2073. DONNELL VAUGHN v. PRINCESS MORGAN.

In this divorce case, the trial court ordered Donnell Vaughn to pay Princess Morgan attorney fees, pursuant to OCGA § 9-15-14. Vaughn filed a direct appeal. We, however, lack jurisdiction.

“Appeals from judgments or orders in divorce, alimony, and other domestic relations cases,” including orders holding persons in contempt of such orders, must be initiated by filing an application for discretionary review. OCGA § 5-6-35(a)(2), (b); see *Onyemobi v. Onyemobi*, 375 Ga. App. 538, 538, 540-541 (916 SE2d 738) (2025). Additionally, an appeal from a trial court order awarding OCGA § 9-15-14 attorney fees must also be initiated by filing an application for discretionary review. OCGA § 5-6-35(a)(10), (b); *Capricorn Systems v. Godavarthy*, 253 Ga. App. 840, 841–42 (560 SE2d 730) (2002).

“Compliance with the discretionary appeals procedure is jurisdictional.” *Smoak v. Dep’t of Human Res.*, 221 Ga. App. 257, 257 (471 SE2d 60) (1996).

Accordingly, for the reasons set forth above, this appeal is hereby DISMISSED.



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Clerk's Office, Atlanta, 06/03/2026

*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.