

Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia

ATLANTA, July 17, 2026

The Court of Appeals hereby passes the following order:

A26A2389. KRISTIAN MEADOWS v. ALIVIA ALLEN.

Kristian Meadows filed this direct appeal from the trial court's family violence protective order. However, an application for discretionary appeal is required to obtain review of a protective order entered under the Family Violence Act because such cases are domestic relations cases under OCGA § 5-6-35(a)(2). See *Phaneuf v. Anthony*, 375 Ga. App. 636, 637 (917 SE2d 191) (2025). "Compliance with the discretionary appeals procedure is jurisdictional." *Smoak v. Dept. of Human Resources*, 221 Ga. App. 257, 257 (471 SE2d 60) (1996). Meadows's failure to follow the discretionary appeals procedure deprives us of jurisdiction over this appeal, which is hereby DISMISSED.



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Clerk's Office, Atlanta, 07/17/2026

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.