



Tennessee Supreme Court
DISCRETIONARY APPEALS
Grants & Denials List
March 30, 2026 - April 3, 2026

GRANTS

Style/Appeal Number	County/Trial Judge/ Trial Court No.	Intermediate Court	Supreme Court Action
<u>Jackson</u>			
STATE OF TENNESSEE v. REBECCA M. DAVIS W2024-00943-SC-R11-CD	Lauderdale County Circuit Court A. Blake Neill 11333	Easter, Timothy L.: Affirm in Part	GRANTED - Application of Rebecca M. Davis; Order filed 03/30/2026 (copy attached)

DENIALS

Style/Appeal Number	County/Trial Judge/ Trial Court No.	Intermediate Court	Supreme Court Action
<u>Nashville</u>			
KENNETH KAMMERS ET AL. v. CLARKSVILLE MONTGOMERY COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM ET AL. M2023-00662-SC-R11-CV	Montgomery County Circuit Court Adrienne Gilliam Fry CC-19-CV-750	Usman, Jeffrey: Affirm	DENIED - Application of Jordynn K., Kenneth Kammers, and Julie Kammers Corlew; Order filed 03/30/2026

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. JOHN DAVID
CUNNINGHAM
M2024-00288-SC-R11-CD

Rutherford County Circuit Court
(CRIMINAL)
Barry R. Tidwell
84128

McMullen, Camille R.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of John
David Cunningham;
Order filed 03/30/2026

DAVERSEA ARMEN FITTS v. STATE OF
TENNESSEE
M2024-00565-SC-R11-PC

Sumner County Criminal Court
Dee David Gay
2019-CR-907

Dyer, J. Ross: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Daversea
Armen Fitts;
Order filed 03/30/2026

JOSEPH PETER MEERSMAN, JR. v. REGIONS
MORGAN KEEGAN TRUST ET AL.
M2024-00885-SC-R11-CV

Davidson County Chancery Court
Anne C. Martin
23-0994-II

Clement Jr., Frank G.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Joseph
Peter Meersman, Jr.;
Order filed 03/30/2026

KARL ROBERT KOKKO ET AL. v. THOMAS L.
MOORE, JR. ET AL.
M2024-00898-SC-R11-CV

Moore County Chancery Court
J. B. Cox
3043

Clement Jr., Frank G.: Affirm in Part

DENIED - Application of Daffney
Driver, Greg Driver, Thomas L.
Moore, Jr., Wendy Moore, and
MOCAR Enterprises, Inc.;
Order filed 03/30/2026

CHEVY CHASE G.I. INVESTORS, L.C. v. AMSURG HOLDINGS, INC. M2024-01187-SC-R11-CV	Davidson County Chancery Court l'Ashea L. Myles 24-0505-III	Clement Jr., Frank G.: Affirm	DENIED - Application of AmSurg Holdings LLC; Order filed 03/30/2026
TAKYRIS SEANDALE SIMMS v. STATE OF TENNESSEE M2024-01667-SC-R11-PC	Davidson County Criminal Court Cynthia Chappell 2018-C-1844	Montgomery Jr., Robert H.: Affirm	DENIED - Application of Takyris Seandale Simms; Order filed 03/30/2026
STATE OF TENNESSEE v. MOHAMED MIRAY M2024-01687-SC-R11-CD	Bedford County Circuit Court Forest A. Durard, Jr. 2CC1-2023-CR-19524	Easter, Timothy L.: Affirm	DENIED - Application of Mohamed Miray; Order filed 03/30/2026
STATE OF TENNESSEE v. BALEKE KROMAH M2024-01793-SC-R11-CD	Rutherford County Circuit Court (CRIMINAL) Barry R. Tidwell 60311, F-64329	Wedemeyer, Robert W.: Dismiss	DENIED - Application of Baleke Kromah; Order filed 03/30/2026
THOMAS WEST v. DAVID GERREGANO, TENNESSEE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE M2025-00165-SC-R11-CV	Davidson County Chancery Court l'Ashea L. Myles 23-0776-III	Stafford, J. Steven: Affirm	DENIED - Application of Thomas West; Order filed 03/30/2026

ROOSEVELT MORRIS v. CHRIS BRUN, WARDEN
M2025-00209-SC-R11-HC

Hickman County Circuit Court
Michael E. Spitzer
24-CV-41

Montgomery Jr., Robert H.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of
Roosevelt Morris;

Order filed 03/30/2026

DAVID C. SANDS v. TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT
OF CORRECTION ET AL.
M2025-01138-SC-R11-CV

Davidson County Chancery Court
Anne C. Martin
24-1444-II

Per Curiam: Case Dispositional
Decision

DENIED - Application of David C.
Sands;

Order filed 03/30/2026

RYAN JOA v. J. BARTLEY MCGEHEE, III, M.D. ET
AL
M2025-01654-SC-R11-CV

Davidson County Circuit Court
Amanda Jane McClendon
24C2739

Per Curiam: Case Dispositional
Decision

DENIED - Application of J. Bartley
McGehee and Tennessee
Orthopaedic Alliance, P A;

Order filed 03/30/2026

EDWARD RONNY ARNOLD v. DEBORAH
MALCHOW ET AL.
M2025-02057-SC-R11-CV

Davidson County Circuit Court
Amanda Jane McClendon
19C-3007, 20C-2199

Per Curiam: Case Dispositional
Decision

DENIED - Application of Edward
Ronny Arnold and Motion for
Default Judgment;

Order filed 03/31/2026

Knoxville

DAVID MARTIN, TRUSTEE OF THE JOINT
REVOCABLE TRUST OF CLAUDE S. JERNIGAN
AND JO ANN JERNIGAN v. TREVOR D. HILL
E2023-00091-SC-R11-CV

Hamilton County Chancery Court
Pamela A Fleenor
12-0139

Clement Jr., Frank G.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Trevor
Hill, Forrest Hill, Knoxville, LLC,
and The Hill, LLC;

Order filed 03/30/2026

SCOTT HENSLEY v. LAWRENCE SLATTERY ET
AL.
E2023-01768-SC-R11-CV

Jefferson County Chancery Court
Telford E. Forgety, Jr.
17-CV-5

McClarty, John W.: Remand

DENIED - Application of Robert E.
Johnson, Kathy Slattery,
Lawrence Slattery, SoKno
Properties, LLC and Scott
Hensley;

Order filed 03/30/2026

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. SERENA N.
HAMMOND
E2024-00357-SC-R11-CD

Knox County Criminal Court
G. Scott Green
122688

Easter, Timothy L.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Serena
N. Hammond;

CCA Opinion designated "Not for
Citation" pursuant to Sup. Crt.
Rule 4 § E;

Order filed 03/30/2026

STATE EX REL ADOLPHUS PELLE v. BO
PERKINSON
E2024-00644-SC-R11-CV

McMinn County Circuit Court
J. Michael Sharp
2022-CV-298

Frierson II, Thomas R.: Affirm in Part

DENIED - Application of Van R.
Irion;

Order filed 03/30/2026

PRYOR BACON, III ET AL. v. CAROLYN
POYNTON SANDLIN ET AL.
E2024-00674-SC-R11-CV

Hamilton County Chancery Court
Jeffrey M. Atherton
22-0404

Frierson II, Thomas R.: Reverse

DENIED - Application of Pryor E.
Bacon, III and Jennifer Hon
Bacon;

Order filed 03/30/2026

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. JAMES ROBERT
HOWELL
E2024-00961-SC-R11-CD

Knox County Criminal Court
Steven Wayne Sword
121034

Dyer, J. Ross: Affirm

DENIED - Application of James
Robert Howell;

Order filed 03/30/2026

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. EZEKIEL ABRAHAM
SCHMALTZ
E2024-01107-SC-R11-CD

Knox County Criminal Court
Hector Sanchez
119795

Sword, Steven W.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Ezekiel
Abraham Schmaltz;

Order filed 03/30/2026

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. JONATHAN LOUIS
NELSON
E2024-01217-SC-R11-CD

Washington County Criminal Court
Lisa Rice
47561

Campbell Sr., John W.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Jonathan
Louis Nelson;

Order filed 03/30/2026

<p>THE EDWARD JACKSON YOUNGER FAMILY IRREVOCALBE TRUST, BY AND THROUGH ANGELA TRACY YOUNGER, TRUSTEE, ET AL. v. EVELYN W. ROSS, PERSONALLY AND INDIVIDUALLY AND AS SETTLOR OF THE EVELYN W. ROSS IRREVOCABLE LIFE INSURANCE TRUST, ET AL. E2024-01338-SC-R11-CV</p>	<p>Knox County Chancery Court William T Ailor 192654-2</p>	<p>Frierson II, Thomas R.: Modify in Part</p>	<p>DENIED - Application of Robert P. Freeman; Order filed 03/30/2026</p>
<p>STATE OF TENNESSEE v. JEROME COLE, JR. E2024-01456-SC-R11-CD</p>	<p>Knox County Criminal Court Steven Wayne Sword 128041</p>	<p>Campbell Sr., John W.: Affirm</p>	<p>DENIED - Application of Jerome Cole, Jr.; Order filed 03/30/2026</p>
<p>STATE OF TENNESSEE v. CONSTANCE MONIEKA EVERY E2024-01606-SC-R11-CD</p>	<p>Knox County Criminal Court D. Kelly Thomas, Jr. 121689</p>	<p>Campbell Sr., John W.: Affirm</p>	<p>DENIED - Application of Constance Monieka Every; Order filed 03/30/2026</p>
<p>BRITTNEY FAITH SWAFFORD v. STATE OF TENNESSEE E2024-01666-SC-R11-PC</p>	<p>Sevier County Circuit Court James L. Gass 21-CR-28193</p>	<p>Wilson, Matthew J.: Affirm</p>	<p>DENIED - Application of Brittney Faith Swafford, Pro Se Motion to Proceed as a Poor Person, and Pro Se Motion for Appointment of Counsel; Order filed 03/30/2026</p>

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. JOSHUA M.
HAMMONDS
E2024-01839-SC-R11-CD

Washington County Criminal Court
Stacy L. Street
47276

Dyer, J. Ross: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Joshua
McKinley Hammonds and
Motion for Appointment of
Counsel;

GRANTED - Motion to Accept
Late-Filed Application for
Permission to Appeal;

Order filed 03/30/2026

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. DAVID A. YOST
E2025-00263-SC-R11-CD

Knox County Criminal Court
G. Scott Green
125071

Hixson, Kyle A.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of David A.
Yost, Jr. and Motion for
Appointment of Counsel;

STRICKEN - Pro Se Application for
Permission to Appeal;

Order filed 03/30/2026

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. DEON LAMONTE
YOUNG
E2025-00294-SC-R11-CD

Hamblen County Criminal Court
Alex E. Pearson
23-CR-486

Ayers, Jill Bartee: Dismiss

DENIED - Application of Deon
Lamonte Young;

Order filed 03/30/2026

ANTWAIN SALES v. TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT
OF CORRECTION
E2025-00319-SC-R11-CV

Morgan County Chancery Court
Tom McFarland
23-29

Clement Jr., Frank G.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Antwain
Tapaige Sales;
Order filed 03/30/2026

TRAVIS S. GILLIAM v. STATE OF TENNESSEE
E2025-01079-SC-R11-PC

Hawkins County Criminal Court
Alex E. Pearson
2024CR124, 24CR164

Greenholtz, Tom, Hixson, Kyle A.,
Sword, Steven W.: Case
Dispositional Decision

DENIED - Application of Travis
Scott Gilliam; Request to be
declared indigent is unnecessary
and request for counsel is moot;
Order filed 03/30/2026

MICHAEL J. WRIGHT v. THE COURSE AT
COUNCIL FIRE, INC., ET AL.
E2025-01582-SC-R11-CV

Hamilton County Circuit Court
Alexander Keith McVeagh
23C615

Per Curiam: Case Dispositional
Decision

DENIED - Application of Michael
J. Wright;
Order filed 03/30/2026

JECOBIE BRADLEY v. STATE OF TENNESSEE
E2025-01738-SC-R11-ECN

Sullivan County Criminal Court
James F. Goodwin, Jr.
570555

Greenholtz, Tom, Hixson, Kyle A.,
Sword, Steven W.: Case
Dispositional Decision

DENIED - Application of Jacobie
Bradley;
Order filed 03/30/2026

Jackson

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. CAPRICE LASHON
PEETE
W2024-00715-SC-R11-CD

Tipton County Circuit Court
A. Blake Neill
10548

Campbell Sr., John W.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Caprice
Peete;

STRICKEN - Pro Se Application for
Permission to Appeal;

Order filed 03/31/2026

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. JOSEPH WERT
W2024-01192-SC-R11-CD

Carroll County Circuit Court
Donald E. Parish
21-CR-80

Hixson, Kyle A.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Joseph
Wert;

Order filed 03/31/2026

MARILYN BUTCHER ET AL. v. SHELBY COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
W2024-01202-SC-R11-CV

Shelby County Circuit Court
Valerie L Smith
CT-3389-21

Armstrong, Kenny W.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Shelby
County Board of Education;

Order filed 03/31/2026

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. AARON JOSEPH
COUVERTIER
W2024-01526-SC-R11-CD

Madison County Circuit Court
Joseph T. Howell
24-303

McMullen, Camille R.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Aaron
Joseph Couvertier;

Order filed 03/31/2026

<p>VICTOR VALLE v. ROBERT ADAMS, JR., WARDEN W2024-01699-SC-R11-HC</p>	<p>Hardeman County Circuit Court A. Blake Neill 2024-CR-178</p>	<p>Easter, Timothy L.: Affirm</p>	<p>DENIED - Application of Victor Valle; Court waives filing deadline in the interest of justice (TRAP Rule 11(b));</p>
			<p>Order filed 03/31/2026</p>
<p>STATE OF TENNESSEE v. TONY S. WALKER W2024-01721-SC-R11-CD</p>	<p>Gibson County (Trenton) Circuit Court Roy B. Morgan, Jr. 15248</p>	<p>Campbell Sr., John W.: Affirm</p>	<p>DENIED - Application of Tony S. Walker;</p>
			<p>Order filed 03/31/2026</p>
<p>STATE OF TENNESSEE EX REL. MARLINEE IVERSON, COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE v. WANDA HALBERT W2025-00097-SC-R11-CV</p>	<p>Shelby County Circuit Court Felicia Corbin Johnson CT-3270-24</p>	<p>Stafford, J. Steven: Affirm in Part</p>	<p>DENIED - Application of Wanda Halbert;</p>
			<p>Order filed 03/31/2026</p>
<p>STATE OF TENNESSEE v. DORYON BOOTH W2025-00249-SC-R11-CD</p>	<p>Shelby County Criminal Court James Jones, Jr. W2300591</p>	<p>Campbell Sr., John W.: Affirm</p>	<p>DENIED - Application of Doryon Booth;</p>
			<p>Order filed 03/30/2026</p>

STEVEN GRIFFIN v. ROBERT ADAMS, WARDEN W2025-00743-SC-R11-HC	Hardeman County Circuit Court A. Blake Neill 24-CR-188	Sword, Steven W.: Affirm	DENIED - Application of Steven Griffin; Order filed 03/30/2026
EWAYNA MECHELLE BROWN v. BRUCE EDWARD THOMAS W2025-00934-SC-R11-CV	Shelby County Chancery Court James R. Newsom CH-24-0937	Clement Jr., Frank G.: Affirm	DENIED - Application of Ewayna Mechelle Brown; Order filed 03/30/2026
COURTNEY MEANS v. STATE OF TENNESSEE W2025-01101-SC-R11-PC	Shelby County Criminal Court Jennifer Johnson Mitchell 03-05193, 03-05200	Campbell Sr., John W., Dyer, J. Ross, Wilson, Matthew J.: Case Dispositional Decision	DENIED - Application of Courtney Means; Order filed 03/30/2026
CHRISTOPHER HODGE v. STATE OF TENNESSEE W2025-01156-SC-R11-PC	Lauderdale County Circuit Court A. Blake Neill 7359	Campbell Sr., John W., Dyer, J. Ross, McMullen, Camille R.: Case Dispositional Decision	DENIED - Application of Christopher Hodge; Order filed 03/30/2026
MICHAEL DALE RIMMER v. STATE OF TENNESSEE W2025-01982-SC-R10-PD	Shelby County Criminal Court Chris Craft 98-01033-34	Dyer, J. Ross, McMullen, Camille R., Wilson, Matthew J.: Case Dispositional Decision	DENIED - Rule 10 Application of Michael Dale Rimmer; Costs are taxed to the State of Tennessee;

Order filed 03/31/2026

URSHAWN MILLER v. STATE OF TENNESSEE
W2025-01997-SC-R10-PD

Madison County Circuit Court
Donald H. Allen
16-435

Campbell Sr., John W., Dyer, J. Ross,
McMullen, Camille R.: Case
Dispositional Decision

DENIED - Rule 10 Application of
Urshawn Miller; Costs are taxed
to the State of Tennessee;

Order filed 03/31/2026

JAMES HAWKINS v. STATE OF TENNESSEE
W2025-02015-SC-R10-PD

Shelby County Criminal Court
Chris Craft
08-06057

McMullen, Camille R., Wedemeyer,
Robert W., Wilson, Matthew J.: Case
Dispositional Decision

DENIED - Rule 10 Application of
James Hawkins; Costs taxed to
the State of Tennessee;

Order filed 04/02/2026

CHARLES RICE v. STATE OF TENNESSEE
W2025-02029-SC-R10-PD

Shelby County Criminal Court
Chris Craft
01-00035

Dyer, J. Ross, McMullen, Camille R.,
Wilson, Matthew J.: Case
Dispositional Decision

DENIED - Rule 10 Application of
Charles Rice; Costs are taxed to
the State of Tennessee;

Order filed 03/31/2026

SEDRICK CLAYTON v. STATE OF TENNESSEE
W2025-02045-SC-R10-PD

Shelby County Criminal Court
Jennifer Fitzgerald
12-03160

Campbell Sr., John W., Dyer, J. Ross,
Wilson, Matthew J.: Case
Dispositional Decision

DENIED - Rule 10 Application of
Sedrick Clayton; Costs are taxed
to the State of Tennessee;

