

State of New York
Court of Appeals

Decisions

February 17, 2026

CASES

3 No. 5
The People &c.,
 Respondent,
 v.
Jason J. Ambrosio,
 Appellant.

Order affirmed.
Opinion by Judge Cannataro.
Chief Judge Wilson and Judges Garcia, Singas,
Troutman and Halligan concur.
Judge Rivera concurs in result in an opinion.

 No. 1
Neyssha Cruz, &c.,
 Appellant,
 v.
David C. Banks et al.,
 Respondents.

Following certification of a question by the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and acceptance of the question by this Court pursuant to section 500.27 of this Court's Rules of Practice, and after hearing argument by counsel for the parties and consideration of the briefs and record submitted, certified question answered in accordance with the opinion herein.
Opinion by Judge Singas.
Chief Judge Wilson and Judges Rivera, Garcia, Cannataro, Troutman and Halligan concur.

4 No. 4
The People &c.,
 Respondent,
 v.
Phillip Dondorfer,
 Appellant.

Order affirmed.
Opinion by Judge Garcia.
Chief Judge Wilson and Judges Rivera, Singas, Cannataro, Troutman and Halligan concur.

4 No. 8
The People &c.,
 Respondent,
 v.
Errick Guerrero,
 Appellant.

Order affirmed.
Opinion by Judge Troutman.
Judges Garcia, Singas and Cannataro concur.
Judge Halligan dissents in an opinion, in which Chief Judge Wilson and Judge Rivera concur.

No. 3
The People &c.,
Respondent,
v.
Agustin Morel,
Appellant.

Order affirmed.
Opinion by Judge Rivera.
Judges Garcia, Singas, Cannataro and Halligan
concur.
Chief Judge Wilson dissents in an opinion, in which
Judge Troutman concurs.

4 No. 7
In the Matter of M.S.

Erie County Department of Social Services,
Respondent;
M.H., &c.,
Appellant.
(And Another Proceeding.)

Orders reversed, without costs, and petitions
dismissed.
Opinion by Chief Judge Wilson.
Judges Rivera, Cannataro and Halligan concur.
Judge Troutman dissents in an opinion in which
Judges Garcia and Singas concur, Judge Singas in a
separate dissenting opinion in which Judge Garcia
concur.

MOTIONS

4 Mo. No. 2025-288
In the Matter of 3750 Monroe Avenue
Associates, LLC,
Appellant,
v.
New York State Department of
Environmental Conservation,
Respondent.

Motion for leave to appeal denied with one hundred dollars costs and necessary reproduction disbursements.

2 Mo. No. 2025-496
The People &c.,
Respondent,
v.
Alex Amoroso,
Appellant.

Motion for leave to appeal dismissed upon the ground that appellant is not a party aggrieved (*see* CPLR 5511).

4 Mo. No. 2025-477
Kenneth Baker, &c.,
Appellant,
v.
State of New York,
Respondent.

Motion for leave to appeal denied with one hundred dollars costs and necessary reproduction disbursements.

1 Mo. No. 2025-613
Scott M. Bloom et al.,
Respondents,
v.
Helmsley Spear, LLC,
Appellant.

Motion for leave to appeal denied with one hundred dollars costs and necessary reproduction disbursements.

2 Mo. No. 2025-552
Jose Castro,
Appellant,
v.
City University of New York,
Respondent.

Motion for leave to appeal denied.
Motion for financial relief dismissed as academic.

1 Mo. No. 2025-492
In the Matter of Kai Ming Chen, et al.,
 Appellants,
 v.
City of New York, et al.,
 Respondents.

Motion for leave to appeal denied.

3 Mo. No. 2025-519
In the Matter of Coney Island Preparatory
Public Charter School, et al.,
 Appellants,
 v.
New York State Education Department, et al.,
 Respondents.

Motion for leave to appeal denied.

3 Mo. No. 2025-504
In the Matter of Peter J. Corines,
 Appellant,
 v.
NYS Department of Education Office of the
Professions,
 Respondent.

Motion to vacate this Court's June 2, 2025 dismissal
order denied.

2 Mo. No. 2025-565
The People &c.,
 Respondent,
 v.
John Doe,
 Appellant.

Motion for leave to appeal denied.
Motion for financial relief dismissed as academic.

1 Mo. No. 2025-611
Nabil Ebrahim,
 Appellant,
 v.
Twin Development, LLC,
 Respondent.

Motion for leave to appeal denied with one hundred
dollars costs and necessary reproduction
disbursements.

1 Mo. No. 2025-467
In the Matter of Bakulesh Kshatriya, &c.,
Appellant,
v.
Office of Chief Medical Examiner of New
York City et al.,
Respondents.

Motion for leave to appeal denied.

2 Mo. No. 2025-675
In the Matter of Jeffrey Marenfeld,
Appellant,
v.
Ann Marie Belinfante et al.,
Respondents,
et al.,
Respondent.

Motion for leave to appeal dismissed on the ground
that the issues presented have become moot.

3 Mo. No. 2025-505
Donald R. Mentipty, &c.,
Appellant,
v.
Nancy Foster et al.,
Respondents.

Motion for leave to appeal denied.

2 Mo. No. 2025-495
The People &c.,
Respondent,
v.
Justin Mierisch,
Appellant.

On the Court's own motion, appeal dismissed,
without costs, upon the ground that no substantial
constitutional question is directly involved.
Motion for leave to appeal denied.
Motion for financial relief dismissed as academic.

1 Mo. No. 2025-421
In the Matter of the People &c. et al.,
Respondents,
v.
Northern Leasing Systems, Inc., et al.,
Appellants,
et al.,
Respondents.

Motion for leave to appeal denied with one hundred
dollars costs and necessary reproduction
disbursements.
Judges Rivera and Cannataro took no part.

1 Mo. No. 2025-515
In the Matter of the People &c. et al.,
 Respondents,
 v.
Northern Leasing Systems, Inc., et al.,
 Appellants,
et al.,
 Respondents.

Motion by Alta Group LLC for leave to appear
amicus curiae on the motion for leave to appeal
herein granted and the brief is accepted as filed.
Judges Rivera and Cannataro took no part.

1 Mo. No. 2025-516
In the Matter of the People &c. et al.,
 Respondents,
 v.
Northern Leasing Systems, Inc., et al.,
 Appellants,
et al.,
 Respondents.

Motion by Small Business Finance Association for
leave to appear amicus curiae on the motion for leave
to appeal herein granted and the brief is accepted as
filed.
Judges Rivera and Cannataro took no part.

1 Mo. No. 2025-734
Flavio R. Nunez,
 Appellant,
 v.
Global Launch, LLC,
 Respondent,
et al.,
 Defendant.

Motion for leave to appeal denied upon the ground
that an appeal lies as of right (*see* CPLR 5601 [a]).

2 Mo. No. 2025-541
The People &c.,
 Respondent,
 v.
Jose Antonio Rodas,
 Appellant.

Motion for leave to appeal denied.

1 Mo. No. 2025-571
Shelley Rubin,
Appellant,
v.
Nisha Sabharwal, et al.,
Respondents,
et al.,
Defendants.

Motion for leave to appeal denied with one hundred dollars costs and necessary reproduction disbursements.

2 Mo. No. 2025-488
In the Matter of SR PPW, LLC,
Appellant,
v.
City of New York, et al.,
Respondents.

Motion for leave to appeal denied.

1 Mo. No. 2025-499
Tedford's Tenancy, LLC,
Appellant,
v.
City of New York, et al.,
Respondents.

Motion for leave to appeal denied.

1 Mo. No. 2025-574
Tedford's Tenancy, LLC,
Appellant,
v.
City of New York, et al.,
Respondents.

Motion by Pacific Legal Foundation for leave to appear amicus curiae on the motion for leave to appeal herein granted and the brief is accepted as filed.

4 Mo. No. 2025-526
In the Matter of Kara Walawender, &c.,
Respondent,
v.
Antonio T.,
Appellant.

Motion for leave to appeal dismissed as untimely (*see* CPLR 5513 [b]).
Motion for financial relief dismissed as academic.

1 Mo. No. 2025-605
In the Matter of Uni-Rty Corporation et al.,
 Appellants,
 v.
New York Guangdong Finance, Inc., et al.,
 Respondents.

Motion for leave to appeal denied.

1 Mo. No. 2025-614
In the Matter of Zurich American Insurance
Company,
 Appellant,
 v.
HBC US Holdings, Inc.,
 Respondent.
(And Another Proceeding.)

Motion for leave to appeal denied with one hundred
dollars costs and necessary reproduction
disbursements.