

Matter of Rising Ground v Jeneveia D. T. Willam J.

Motion No: 2026-01359

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Decided on July 02, 2026

Appellate Division, First Department, Motion Decision

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Supreme Court of the State of New York
Appellate Division, First Judicial Department

Present – Hon. Tanya R. Kennedy,
Barbara R. Kapnick
Lizbeth González
Martin Shulman
Marsha D. Michael,

Justice Presiding,

Justices.

In the Matter of a Proceeding for
Termination of Parental Rights Pursuant to
Article 6 of the Family Court Act.

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Motion No. **2026-01359**
Case No. 2026-01235
Docket Nos. B-00820-25
 NN-08153-22

God L. A.,

Pursuant to §384-b of the Social Services
Law of the State of New York.

Rising Ground,
Petitioner-Respondent,

-against-

Jeneveia D. T.,
Respondent,

Willam J.,
Respondent-Appellant.

Will Kathrein, Esq.,
The Legal Aid Society,
Attorney for the Child.

An appeal having been taken to this Court from an order of the Family Court,
New York County, entered on or about December 01, 2025,

And respondent-appellant having moved to stay the Family Court proceedings,
pending hearing and determination of the appeal, and for a waiver of costs, fees, and
expenses on appeal, for assignment of counsel, a free copy of the transcript, and for
related relief,

Now, upon reading and filing the papers, and due deliberation having been had thereon, it is

Ordered that the motion is granted to the extent of (1) assigning, pursuant to County Law article 18-B and Family Court Act § 1120, Randall Carmel, Esq., 59A Hillwood Drive, Huntington Station, New York, New York 11746, Telephone No. 603-313-1951, as counsel for purposes of prosecuting the appeal; (2) directing the Clerk of said Family Court to have transcribed the minutes of the proceedings held therein, for inclusion in the record on appeal, the cost thereof to be charged against the City of New York from funds available therefor, **within 30 days (FCA § 1121[7]) of service of a copy of this order upon the Clerk**; (3) permitting appellant to dispense with any fee for the transfer of the record from the Family Court to this Court; and (4) directing appellant to perfect this appeal, in compliance with section 1250.9 of the Practice Rules of the Appellate Division, **within 60 days** of the filing of the transcripts. **Assigned counsel is directed to immediately serve a copy of this order upon the Clerk of the Family Court. The Clerk of the Family Court shall transfer the record upon receipt of this order.**

Appellant, respondent, and the attorney for the child are directed to enter their initial information for electronic filing in the New York State Courts Electronic Filing System (NYSCEF) pursuant to section 1245.3 of the Electronic Filing Rules of the Appellate Division, and thereafter electronically file their respective briefs. The motion is otherwise denied.

ENTERED: July 02, 2026



Susanna Molina Rojas
Clerk of the Court