



Tennessee Supreme Court
DISCRETIONARY APPEALS
Grants & Denials List
December 9, 2024 - December 13, 2024

GRANTS

Style/Appeal Number	County/Trial Judge/ Trial Court No.	Intermediate Court	Supreme Court Action
<u>Jackson</u>			
IN RE BENTLEY E. W2023-00846-SC-R11-PT	Obion County Chancery Court W. Michael Maloan 35-195	Armstrong, Kenny W.: Reverse Stafford, J. Steven: Dissent	GRANTED AND REMANDED TO CHANCERY COURT - Application of Colby B. and Brittany B.; Order filed 12/11/2024 (copy attached)

DENIALS

Style/Appeal Number	County/Trial Judge/ Trial Court No.	Intermediate Court	Supreme Court Action
<u>Nashville</u>			
MARSHALL G. TATE v. STATE OF TENNESSEE M2022-01358-SC-R11-PC	Franklin County Circuit Court Bradley Sherman 20-CR-174	Wilson, Matthew J.: Affirm	DENIED - Application of Marshall G. Tate; Order filed 12/10/2024

JOHN DOE v. JANE ROE
M2023-00045-SC-R11-CV

Davidson County Circuit Court
Thomas W. Brothers
20C795

Davis, Kristi M.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Jane Roe;
Order filed 12/11/2024

MICHAEL VITELLARO v. DONNA GOODALL
M2023-00246-SC-R11-CV

Wilson County Circuit Court
Michael Wayne Collins
20-CV-654

Usman, Jeffrey: Reverse

DENIED - Application of Donna
Goodall;
Order filed 12/10/2024

BRIAN C. FRELIX v. STATE OF TENNESSEE
M2023-00291-SC-R11-PC

Williamson County Circuit Court
Joseph A. Woodruff
CR-190587

Holloway Jr., Robert L.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Brian
Cameron Frelix;
Order filed 12/10/2024

VAUGHN HARRIS v. STATE OF TENNESSEE
M2023-01025-SC-R11-PC

Davidson County Criminal Court
Cynthia Chappell
2019-D-3061

Wilson, Matthew J.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Vaughn
Harris;
GRANTED - Motion to Accept the
Late-Filed Application;
DISMISSED - Additional
Application filed Pro Se;
Order filed 12/11/2024

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. BUFORD DUDLEY
CREIGHTON
M2023-01295-SC-R11-CD

Davidson County Criminal Court
Steve R. Dozier
2023-A-103

Holloway Jr., Robert L.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Buford
Dudley Creighton;

Order filed 12/11/2024

ROBERT WAYNE GARNER v. STATE OF
TENNESSEE
M2023-01337-SC-R11-ECN

Giles County Circuit Court
David L. Allen
16783

Wilson, Matthew J.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Robert
Wayne Garner;

GRANTED - Motion to Accept the
Late-Filed Application;

Order filed 12/11/2024

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. SEDRICK DARNELL
CUMMINGS
M2023-01345-SC-R11-CD

Coffee County Circuit Court
William A. Lockhart
2023-CR-48688

McMullen, Camille R.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Sedrick
Darnell Cummings;

Order filed 12/10/2024

CORTNEY R. LOGAN v. STATE OF TENNESSEE
M2023-01391-SC-R11-ECN

Davidson County Criminal Court
Jennifer Smith
2009-C-2822

Ayers, Jill Bartee: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Cortney
Rashawn Logan;

Order filed 12/10/2024

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. VERNICE DARLENE
FARRAR
M2023-01440-SC-R11-CD

Rutherford County Circuit Court
(CRIMINAL)
James A. Turner
83499A

Dyer, J. Ross: Affirm

DENIED – Application filed by Vernice Darlene Farrar’s attorney;
Court waives filing deadline in the interest of justice (TRAP Rule
11(b)); Pro Se Motion for Appointment of Counsel, Pro Se Motion to
Proceed as a Poor Person, and Additional Application filed Pro Se;

GRANTED – Motion to Accept Late-Filed Application;

Order filed 12/11/2024

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. JAMES E. JOHNSON
M2023-01477-SC-R11-CD

Davidson County Criminal Court
Jennifer Smith
2000-C-1624

Dyer, J. Ross: Affirm

DENIED - Application of James E.
Johnson;

Order filed 12/10/2024

CHRISTOPHER A. DUNCAN v. STATE OF
TENNESSEE
M2023-01549-SC-R11-PC

Cheatham County Circuit Court
Larry J. Wallace
17870

Montgomery Jr., Robert H.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of
Christopher A. Duncan;

Order filed 12/11/2024

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. WILLIAM S. CLEEK, III
M2023-01609-SC-R10-CD

Davidson County Criminal Court
Barry R. Tidwell
2023-A23

Easter, Timothy L., Holloway Jr.,
Robert L., Wedemeyer, Robert W.:
Case Dispositional Decision

DENIED - Rule 10 Application of
William S. Cleek, III; Costs are
taxed to William S. Cleek, III;

Order filed 12/11/2024

MATTHEW SMOTHERMAN v. SAMINA WAZIR
M2024-00584-SC-R11-JV

Marshall County Juvenile Court
Lee Bussart
2024-PAT-1

Per Curiam: Case Dispositional
Decision

DENIED - Application of Samina
Wazir;

Order filed 12/10/2024

MUSTAFA ABDULLAH v. STATE OF TENNESSEE M2024-00593-SC-R11-PC	Davidson County Criminal Court Steve R. Dozier 2000-A-588	Ayers, Jill Bartee, Easter, Timothy L., Wedemeyer, Robert W.: Case Dispositional Decision	DENIED - Application of Mustafa Abdullah; Order filed 12/10/2024
XIAOYUN GAO v. MKB HOLDINGS, LLC, ET AL. M2024-01540-SC-R11-CV	Williamson County Circuit Court Deanna B. Johnson 20-CV-67	Per Curiam: Case Dispositional Decision	DENIED - Application of Xiaoyun Gao; Order filed 12/10/2024
DEBBIE ANN BOLTON, SURVIVING CHILD OF DECEDENT RUTH CLARA SUMMERS v. GALLATIN CENTER FOR REHABILITATION & HEALING, LLC M2024-01591-SC-R10-CV	Sumner County Circuit Court Joe Thompson 83CC1-2020-CV-613	Per Curiam: Case Dispositional Decision	DENIED - Rule 10 Application of Gallatin Center for Rehabilitation & Healing, LLC; Costs taxed to Gallatin Center for Rehabilitation & Healing, LLC; Order filed 12/12/2024
<u>Knoxville</u>			
STATE OF TENNESSEE v. SCOTT ALLEN BRIGGS E2022-01463-SC-R11-CD	Blount County Circuit Court David Reed Duggan C-25903	Montgomery Jr., Robert H.: Affirm	DENIED - Application of Scott Allen Briggs; Order filed 12/10/2024

BRAYLEN BENNETT v. STATE OF TENNESSEE E2022-01746-SC-R11-PC	Knox County Criminal Court Steven Wayne Sword 107676	Campbell Sr., John W.: Affirm	DENIED - Application of Braylen N. Bennett; Order filed 12/10/2024
JAY WILLIAM EDWARDS v. STATE OF TENNESSEE E2023-00410-SC-R11-PC	Knox County Criminal Court Hector Sanchez 120370	McMullen, Camille R.: Affirm	DENIED - Application of Jay William Edwards; Order filed 12/10/2024
STATE OF TENNESSEE v. RANDY SCOTT BIBLE E2023-00593-SC-R11-CD	Hamblen County Criminal Court Alex E. Pearson 18CR261	Wedemeyer, Robert W.: Affirm	DENIED - Application of Randy Scott Bible; Order filed 12/11/2024
FRED AUSTON WORTMAN, III v. ERIC SHIRKEY E2023-00763-SC-R11-CV	Morgan County Circuit Court Michael S. Pemberton 2020-CV-27	Swiney, D. Michael: Affirm	DENIED - Application of Fred Auston Wortman, III; Order filed 12/10/2024
STATE OF TENNESSEE v. TREVOR RACHELL CULLOM, ALIAS E2023-00965-SC-R11-CD	Knox County Criminal Court G. Scott Green 117642	Montgomery Jr., Robert H.: Affirm	DENIED - Application of Trevor Rachell Cullom; Order filed 12/10/2024

Jackson

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. GARY LYNN HART
W2023-01103-SC-R11-CD

Chester County Circuit Court
Donald H. Allen
21-CR-4

Campbell Sr., John W.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Gary
Lynn Hart;

Order filed 12/11/2024

RONNIE BENNETT v. TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
W2023-01200-SC-R11-CV

Shelby County Chancery Court
JoeDae L. Jenkins
CH- 18-0878-III

McClarty, John W.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Ronnie
Bennett;

Order filed 12/11/2024

STATE OF TENNESSEE v. DEWEY HUGGINS
W2023-01284-SC-R11-CD

Fayette County Circuit Court
J. Weber McCraw
20-CR-154

McMullen, Camille R.: Affirm

DENIED - Application of Dewey
Huggins;

Order filed 12/11/2024