

New Hampshire Supreme Court

Case Acceptance List

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2026-0150	Steven Rand & a. v. State of New Hampshire	04/02/2026	Rockingham County Superior Court
2026-0155	John Doe v. Kingston Police Department	04/16/2026	Rockingham County Superior Court
2026-0156	Thomas Battcock-Emerson v. Yoann Hispa	04/03/2026	10th N.H. Circuit Court - Derry District Division
2026-0182	In re R.L.	04/10/2026	6th N.H. Circuit Court - Concord Probate Division
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2026-0188	State of New Hampshire v. Katon Lang	04/16/2026	Hillsborough County Superior Court North
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2026-0192	In re J.M.	04/22/2026	1st N.H. Circuit Court - Colebrook Family Division
2026-0198	Appeal of Town of Rindge	04/24/2026	New Hampshire Housing Appeals Board
2026-0199	Kevin Jones v. Justin Gargiulo & a.	04/24/2026	Rockingham County Superior Court
2026-0201	Caidan Berube v. David Chestnut	04/16/2026	9th N.H. Circuit Court - Manchester District Division
2026-0206	A.A. v. R.W.	04/03/2026	6th N.H. Circuit Court - Concord District Division
2026-0207	Julian Hurry v. Alex Zalpa & a.	04/02/2026	Hillsborough County Superior Court North
2026-0210	State of New Hampshire v. Brandon Maloy	04/03/2026	Strafford County Superior Court
2026-0213	In re J.B.	04/10/2026	7th N.H. Circuit Court - Rochester Family Division - Rochester
2026-0216	K.V. v. C.B.	04/03/2026	2nd N.H. Circuit Court - Haverhill Family Division
2026-0218	State of New Hampshire v. Stephanie Beard	04/13/2026	Hillsborough County Superior Court North
2026-0219	In the Matter of Zachary Corliss and Amanda Goupil-Corliss	04/03/2026	6th N.H. Circuit Court - Franklin Family Division
2026-0222	State of New Hampshire v. Jason Thompson	04/09/2026	Merrimack County Superior Court
2026-0223	R.O. v. G.M.	04/09/2026	2nd N.H. Circuit Court - Haverhill District Division
2026-0225	Rosemary Pierce v. Concord Housing Authority	04/02/2026	Merrimack County Superior Court
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2026-0229	In re C.L.	04/15/2026	4th N.H. Circuit Court - Laconia Family Division
2026-0231	Wendy Giroux & a. v. State of New Hampshire	04/09/2026	Merrimack County Superior Court
2026-0234	Kenneth T. Michaud v. Town of Campton Police Department	04/08/2026	Grafton County Superior Court
2026-0235	State of New Hampshire v. Sherry Samuel	04/08/2026	Merrimack County Superior Court
2026-0236	DK Homes, LLC v. Hackel Development, Inc. & a.	04/08/2026	Hillsborough County Superior Court South
2026-0238	State of New Hampshire v. Michael A. Durocher	04/27/2026	2nd N.H. Circuit Court - Littleton District Division
2026-0250	State of New Hampshire v. Grace Woodham	04/29/2026	Grafton County Superior Court
2026-0251	T.N. v. J.M.	04/22/2026	6th N.H. Circuit Court - Concord Family Division
2026-0253	Bharat Rathi v. City of Nashua & a.	04/16/2026	Hillsborough County Superior Court South
2026-0258	G.W. v. S.J.	04/29/2026	9th N.H. Circuit Court - Manchester District Division
2026-0266	Zac Correia v. Kimberly Brandolini	04/29/2026	9th N.H. Circuit Court - Nashua District Division

Addendum to Case Acceptance List – Issues on Appeal

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The following summaries of the issues on appeal have been prepared by clerk’s office staff for the convenience of the public. The Supreme Court has neither approved nor reviewed any of the summaries. The parties’ filings and the applicable record — not these summaries — define and establish the issues that the Supreme Court will consider in a case. Please note that, in the interest of brevity, some issues in a listed case may have been combined or not summarized.

In these summaries, “Rule Type” refers to the particular Supreme Court Rule under which the case has been docketed. “Type” and “Subtype” refer to the case type and case subtype, as determined in accordance with the definitions in the State Court Guide to Statistical Reporting, a publication of the Court Statistics Project (a joint project of the National Center for State Courts and the Conference of State Court Administrators).

2025-0797, State of New Hampshire v. Thomas M. Grenier

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Criminal
Subtype: Misdemeanor

Whether the trial court erred in precluding cross-examination of the victim as to the grant of immunity that the victim sought and obtained prior to testifying.

2026-0049, V.C. v. W.C.

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Civil
Subtype: Civil Stalking

Whether the trial erred in finding “good cause” for the extension of the protective order, despite (the defendant argues) investigative findings of no crime, absence of threat, and no demonstrable evidence to support the order being necessary to provide for the safety and well-being of the plaintiff.

2026-0057, In re A.J. – Confidential

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Juvenile
Subtype: Termination of Parental Rights

Whether the trial court erred in finding that DCYF made reasonable efforts to assist the parent in correcting the conditions that led to the removal of the child. Whether the trial court erred when it determined that termination of parental rights was in the child’s best interest.

2026-0064, In the Matter of Justin Wilcox and Darcy Wilcox

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Family
Subtype: Divorce Decree

Whether the trial court erred in granting the petitioner a parenting schedule that that allows unsupervised parenting time and eventually requires equal parenting time between the parties. Whether the trial court erred in considering monetary gifts given to the respondent by her mother to support awarding the petitioner more than 50% of the marital property, including equity in the marital home.

2026-0089, Appeal of New Hampshire Department of Energy

Rule Type: Rule 10 Administrative
Type: Administrative
Subtype: Agency Other - Rule 10

Whether the “Alternative Regulation Framework” established by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission under RSA 374:3-a is an unlawful alternative form of regulation because it allows the inclusion of “any return on any plant, equipment, or capital improvement which has not first been found by the commission to be prudent, used, and useful” in distribution rates paid by electric customers, in direct contravention of the prohibition in RSA 378:28. Whether the commission acted unlawfully in establishing a form of alternative regulation without making specific findings as to each of the required factors in N.H. Code of Admin. Rules Puc 206.06(b), as required by N.H. Code of Admin. Rules Puc 206.07(c).

2026-0111, M.N. v. C.C.

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Civil
Subtype: Civil Stalking

Whether the trial court erred in granting a civil stalking order of protection against the defendant.

2026-0128, State of New Hampshire v. Brian C. Lucas

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Criminal
Subtype: Misdemeanor

Whether the trial court erred when it found sufficient evidence to prove the charge of reckless operation of a motor vehicle.

2026-0146, Appeal of The Lawson Group

Rule Type: Rule 10 Administrative
Type: Administrative
Subtype: Worker's Compensation

Whether, in a dispute involving two insurers and the claimant’s harm resulting from a vaccine administered on January 6, 2021, the New Hampshire Compensation Appeals Board erred by failing to find AIM Mutual responsible for medical services rendered on August 3, 2022, August 24, 2022, and April 3, 2024, given that AIM Mutual was on the risk since February 1, 2021 (but not on January 6, 2021).

2026-0148, State of New Hampshire v. Jonas M. Vasquez

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Criminal
Subtype: Felony

Whether the trial court erred in deciding not to dismiss the indictment alleging attempted aggravated felonious sexual assault. Whether the trial court erred in permitting the forensic examiner and one civilian witness to testify about the complainant’s disclosure of the sexual assault.

2026-0150, Steven Rand & a. v. State of New Hampshire

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Civil
Subtype: Civil - Other

Whether the supreme court should overrule Claremont Sch. Dist. v. Governor, 138 N.H. 183 (1993), and its progeny, restore the original meaning of Part II, Article 83, and hold that Part II, Article 83 does not mandate a qualitative standard of education that must be met and does not impose a financial standard or arrangement that must be met.

2026-0155, John Doe v. Kingston Police Department

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Civil
Subtype: Civil - Other

Whether the trial court erred in upholding the New Hampshire Department of Justice's decision to maintain the plaintiff's name on the Exculpatory Evidence Schedule.

2026-0156, Thomas Battcock-Emerson v. Yoann Hispa

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Civil
Subtype: Small Claim

Whether the trial court erred in finding for the defendant in this small claim action.

2026-0182, In re R.L. - Confidential

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Probate
Subtype: Involuntary Commitment

Whether the trial court erred in finding beyond a reasonable doubt that continuing placement at New Hampshire Hospital is in the respondent's best interest and is the least restrictive placement available.

2026-0187, State of New Hampshire v. Maria Cordero

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Criminal
Subtype: Misdemeanor

Whether the trial court erred in not dismissing the State's case (operating after suspension) for insufficient evidence as to the element of knowledge. Whether the trial court erred in excluding certain evidence as to mental state.

2026-0188, State of New Hampshire v. Katon Lang

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Criminal
Subtype: Felony

Whether the trial court erred in its rulings on hearsay objections and various other evidentiary challenges. Whether, during jury deliberations, the trial court erred by providing jurors with an additional definition of the crime of felon in possession of a weapon.

2026-0189, State of New Hampshire v. Abigail Ordway

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Criminal
Subtype: Felony

Whether the trial court erred in granting the defendant's motion to suppress evidence based on the trial court's finding that the officer lacked a reasonable suspicion to request the defendant's name and date of birth once the officer had confirmed the validity of the defendant's license plate, which was the basis for the motor-vehicle stop.

2026-0190, John Doe v. University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Civil
Subtype: Civil - Other

Whether the trial court erred by failing to apply the standard of review specified in RSA 91-A:7-c, II when adjudicating an appeal of the decision by the Right-to-Know Ombudsman.

2026-0192, In re J.M. - Confidential

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Juvenile
Subtype: Termination of Parental Rights

Whether the trial court erred in finding that DCYF made reasonable efforts to assist the parent in reunification. Whether the trial court erred in concluding that the parent failed to correct the conditions that led to the neglect finding. Whether the trial court erred when it determined that termination of parental rights was in the child's best interest.

2026-0198, Appeal of Town of Rindge

Rule Type: Rule 10 Administrative
Type: Administrative
Subtype: Municipal Board Decision

Whether the New Hampshire Housing Appeals Board (HAB) erred in reversing the decision of the Town of Rindge Zoning Board of Adjustment, which had denied the property owner's request for two variances to allow a multi-family development. Whether the HAB erred in its interpretation and application of the unnecessary hardship standard as set forth in RSA 674:33, I(a)(2)(E).

2026-0199, Kevin Jones v. Justin Gargiulo & a.

Rule Type: Rule 8 Interlocutory Appeal
Type: Civil
Subtype: Tort/Contract/Real Property

The interlocutory appeal statement from Rockingham County Superior Court presents the following issues, among others: Is it an error of law to find that RSA 227-J:8 provides an exclusive remedy for timber trespass? Is it an error of law to find that the RSA 227-J:8 statutory penalty provides a complete remedy to the plaintiff?

2026-0201, Caidan Berube v. David Chestnut

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Civil
Subtype: Small Claim

Whether the trial court erred in granting judgment for the plaintiff in this small claim action.

2026-0206, A.A. v. R.W.

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Civil
Subtype: Civil Stalking

Whether the trial court erred in dismissing the plaintiff's petition for a civil stalking order of protection, where the trial court found that the petition did not meet the standards for relief set forth in RSA 633:3-a.

2026-0207, Julian Hurry v. Alex Zalpa & a.

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Civil
Subtype: Tort/Contract/Real Property

Whether the trial court erred in granting summary judgment to a defendant on the plaintiff's vicarious liability claims and by refusing to allow the traveling employee doctrine to inform the respondeat superior analysis. Whether the trial court erred in granting summary judgment to a defendant on the plaintiff's negligent hiring, training, and supervision claim.

2026-0210, State of New Hampshire v. Brandon Maloy

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Criminal
Subtype: Felony

Whether the trial court erred in denying the defendant's pretrial motion to suppress statements made by the defendant. Whether the trial court erred in allowing the State to play the entirety of the Child Advocacy Center interview video for the jury. Whether the trial court erred in not allowing the defense to cross-examine the victim on matters deemed by the court to be prior bad acts.

2026-0213, In re J.B. - Confidential

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Juvenile
Subtype: Abuse/Neglect

Whether the trial court erred in finding that the parent abused the child pursuant to RSA 169-C:3 II (b), as alleged in DCYF's petition, when the evidence presented was insufficient to show that the child was intentionally physically injured.

2026-0216, K.V. v. C.B.

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Family
Subtype: Domestic Violence

Whether the trial court erred in determining that there was sufficient evidence to find that a domestic violence order of protection was warranted.

2026-0218, State of New Hampshire v. Stephanie Beard

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Criminal
Subtype: Felony

Whether the trial court erred in finding that the defendant had been restored to competency. Whether the trial court erred in admitting evidence of the M-FAST test. Whether the trial court erred in not giving jury instructions requested by the defendant.

2026-0219, In the Matter of Zachary Corliss and Amanda Goupil-Corliss

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Family
Subtype: Divorce Decree

Whether the trial court, in deciding the legal residence of the child for school attendance under RSA 461-A:4, erred when it determined that the quality of the school district was more important than the stability of a parent's residence. Whether the trial court erred in deciding that the child should start her school career in the best school possible, when the trial court made the separate determination that the residence of the parent in that school district was less stable.

2026-0222, State of New Hampshire v. Jason Thompson

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Criminal
Subtype: Misdemeanor

Whether the trial court erred in denying defendant's motion to dismiss for insufficient evidence of stalking and violating a protective order and in denying the defendant's motion to redact contents of text message exhibits based on New Hampshire Rules of Evidence Rules 403 and 404(b).

2026-0223, R.O. v. G.M.

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Civil
Subtype: Civil Stalking

Whether the trial court erred in granting a civil stalking order, when the first incident alleged occurred over four years prior and there existed no evidence of a continuity of purpose to use that incident to support a stalking order in 2026. Whether the trial court erred in failing to apply RSA 633:3-a, 2(a) to a specific confrontation between the parties as a protected act, when the defendant, acting in an administrative role for an association, upon noticing the plaintiff's acts, immediately called the local police to enforce the maintenance limitations on the private road that prohibited the plaintiff from plowing it.

2026-0225, Rosemary Pierce v. Concord Housing Authority

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Civil
Subtype: Tort/Contract/Real Property

Whether the trial court erred in granting the defendant's motion to dismiss the plaintiff's complaint.

2026-0227, N.W. v. T.S.

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Civil
Subtype: Civil Stalking

Whether the trial court erred in dismissing the case based on its finding that the defendant had not stalked the plaintiff.

2026-0228, Charles Corey v. Town of Brookline & a.

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Civil
Subtype: Tort/Contract/Real Property

Whether the trial court erred in ruling that the plaintiff's allegations of intentional infliction of emotional distress, which should have been viewed in the light most favorable to the plaintiff, did not constitute a basis for legal relief. Whether the trial court erred in ruling that the plaintiff's allegations of wrongful termination, which should have been viewed in the light most favorable to the plaintiff, did not sufficiently allege actions protected by public policy.

2026-0229, In re C.L. – Confidential

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Juvenile
Subtype: Termination of Parental Rights

Whether the trial court erred in finding that DCYF made reasonable efforts to assist the parent in correcting the conditions that led to the neglect. Whether the trial court erred in finding that the parent failed to correct the conditions that led to the neglect finding. Whether the trial court erred when it determined that termination of parental rights was in the child's best interest.

2026-0231, Wendy Giroux & a. v. State of New Hampshire

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Civil
Subtype: Civil – Other

Whether the trial court misapplied the standard for ruling on a motion to dismiss, and erroneously dismissed the plaintiffs' equal protection claims as a result, by deciding that the plaintiffs cannot qualify as similarly situated to Group II members with ten or more years of creditable service as of January 1, 2012, notwithstanding well-pleaded factual allegations contained in the complaint supporting that the plaintiffs were similarly situated. Whether the trial court erred when it failed to acknowledge the specifically non-contractual nature of the plaintiffs' retrospective application of law argument pursuant to Part I, Art. 23 of the New Hampshire Constitution and, instead, engaged in a wholly contract-based analysis.

2026-0234, Kenneth T. Michaud v. Town of Campton Police Department

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Civil
Subtype: Civil – Other

Whether the trial court erred in failing to award the plaintiff attorney's fees despite finding that the plaintiff's lawsuit was necessary to enforce compliance with the provisions of RSA 91-A.

2026-0235, State of New Hampshire v. Sherry Samuel

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Criminal
Subtype: Felony

Whether, in this Medicaid fraud case, the trial court erred in granting the defendant's motion to suppress evidence obtained via a "Use and Disclosure Order."

2026-0236, DK Homes, LLC v. Hackel Development, Inc. & a.

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Civil
Subtype: Tort/Contract/Real Property

Whether the trial court erred in denying the defendants' emergency motion to exclude and in admitting a supplemental expert report provided only two business days prior to the start of trial that reflected a material change to the expert's opinions. Whether the trial court erred by failing to submit a second supplemental special verdict form to the jury addressing facial inconsistencies in the special verdict form prior to the court's dismissing the jury.

2026-0238, State of New Hampshire v. Michael A. Durocher

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Criminal
Subtype: Misdemeanor

Whether the trial court erred in taking judicial notice of an uncertified bail order. Whether the trial court erred in finding the defendant guilty based upon the conclusion that judicial notice of the bail order was sufficient to demonstrate knowledge.

2026-0250, State of New Hampshire v. Grace Woodham

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Criminal
Subtype: Criminal - Other

Whether the trial court erred in denying the defendant's request for the return of seized property.

2026-0251, T.N. v. J.M.

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Family
Subtype: Domestic Violence

Whether the trial court erred in dismissing the case based on its finding that the plaintiff did not satisfy her burden to obtain a domestic violence order of protection.

2026-0253, Bharat Rathi v. City of Nashua & a.

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Civil
Subtype: Tort/Contract/Real Property

Whether the trial court erred in granting the defendants' motion to dismiss the case with prejudice.

2026-0258, G.W. v. S.J.

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Civil
Subtype: Civil Stalking

Whether the trial court erred in granting the civil stalking order of protection against the defendant.

2026-0266, Zac Correia v. Kimberly Brandolini

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Civil
Subtype: Landlord/Tenant - RSA 540-A

Whether the trial court erred in granting the plaintiff-tenant's petition under RSA 540-A:4, finding that the defendant-landlord willfully failed to investigate the tenant's report of infestation of pests, in violation of RSA 540-A:3, V-a.