

New Hampshire Supreme Court

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2025-0676	K.B. v. J.B.	12/15/2025	1st N.H. Circuit Court - Berlin Family Division
2025-0679	J.F. v. E.M.	12/31/2025	9th N.H. Circuit Court - Goffstown District Division
2025-0680	In the Matter of Melissa Kelley and Rajashekhar Seelam	12/03/2025	6th N.H. Circuit Court - Concord Family Division
2025-0684	In the Matter of Dustin Rogers and Andrea Rogers	12/03/2025	6th N.H. Circuit Court - Hillsborough Family Division
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2025-0687	M.M. v. A.M.	12/04/2025	9th N.H. Circuit Court - Nashua Family Division
2025-0689	Nathan Fisher v. Galactic Estates	12/09/2025	9th N.H. Circuit Court - Manchester District Division
2025-0691	Appeal of Parkland Medical Center/Hospital Corporation of America/Parallon	12/19/2025	New Hampshire Compensation Appeals Board
2025-0694	Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC v. Anthony Merrill	12/18/2025	Rockingham County Superior Court
2025-0701	State of New Hampshire v. Troy William Turcotte, Jr.	12/03/2025	Strafford County Superior Court
2025-0702	Castle Donovan Three Real Estate, LLC v. Rose Meadow Acres, Inc. & a.	12/30/2025	Hillsborough County Superior Court North
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2025-0707	National Lumber Massachusetts Business Trust v. Paxor Construction LLC & a.	12/09/2025	Hillsborough County Superior Court South
2025-0710	H.S. v. D.P.	12/31/2025	9th N.H. Circuit Court - Manchester Family Division
2025-0712	In the Matter of Bandy Strawn and Michelle Lauer	12/11/2025	3rd N.H. Circuit Court - Ossipee Family Division
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2025-0715	In the Matter of Alexandra Broom and Grant Broom	12/16/2025	10th N.H. Circuit Court - Candia Family Division
2025-0717	State of New Hampshire v. David George Demers	12/16/2025	Strafford County Superior Court
2025-0721	Thomas S. Wood & a. v. Town of Raymond	12/29/2025	Rockingham County Superior Court
2025-0727	In the Matter of Marisa Almeda and Scott Almeda	12/15/2025	10th N.H. Circuit Court - Hampton Family Division
2025-0729	Cambridge Mutual Fire Insurance Company v. OM Investors, LLC	12/17/2025	Belknap County Superior Court

Addendum to Case Acceptance List – Issues on Appeal

December 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025

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).

2025-0568, In re A.B.; In re A.T. – Confidential

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

Whether the trial court erred in finding that the parent failed to correct the conditions that led to the underlying finding of neglect when the parent engaged in all services offered, obtained their own services, and left a domestic violence relationship.

2025-0582, State of New Hampshire v. Edward Farley

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Criminal
Subtype: Violation

Whether the trial court erred in convicting the defendant of violating a town ordinance.

2025-0598, A.B. & a. v. R.B & a.

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

Whether the trial court erred in granting the restraining order in favor of the plaintiffs.

2025-0603, State of New Hampshire v. Genaro Claussells-Vega

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

Whether the trial court erred by not providing Gagne/Girard material to the defense following its in camera review.

2025-0606, R.D. v. V.C.

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

Whether the trial court erred in declining to issue a domestic violence order of protection.

2025-0633, Appeal of Michael Fiorello

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

Whether the Compensation Appeals Board improperly applied the substantial contribution test in this mixed-risk injury case.

2025-0637, State of New Hampshire v. Lisa Marie Michel

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

Whether the defendant was afforded adequate pretrial discovery. Whether the trial court erred in its sentencing decision in this DUI case.

2025-0641, In re Guardianship of S.T.

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Juvenile
Subtype: Guardianship of Minor

Whether the trial court erred by dismissing the guardianship petition without holding a hearing.

2025-0648, In re Guardianship of S.L. – Confidential

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Probate
Subtype: Guardianship of Adult

Whether the trial court erred in its decision appointing a successor guardianship over the person.

2025-0650, In the Matter of Amanda Rochette and Arron Rochette

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

Whether the trial court erred in granting the parties a divorce based on irreconcilable differences and denying the wife's request for divorce on fault-based grounds pursuant to RSA 458:7, VII. Whether the trial court erred in equally dividing the marital estate when the husband failed to comply with discovery rules such that he provided no evidence of property value.

2025-0652, State of New Hampshire v. Michael Chamberlain

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

Whether the trial court erred when it denied the defendant's request for a self-defense jury instruction in relation to the simple assault charge. Whether the trial court erred when it denied the defendant's motion to suppress his statements made while in police custody.

2025-0655, In re X.M. – Confidential

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

Whether the trial court erred by not dismissing the Claremont School District (District) as the legally liable school district under RSA 169-C:20 when the record demonstrates that the child was not a legal resident of the District, which exempts the District from liability for the child's special education program development, monitoring, and costs. Whether the trial court erred by not dismissing the District as the legally liable school district under RSA 169-C:20 when the record demonstrates that the child was court-placed in an out-of-district placement outside of New Hampshire, which exempts the District from special education liability because there is no receiving school district or sending school district as defined by RSA 193:27 and RSA 193:29.

2025-0658, State of New Hampshire v. Courtney Barrett

Rule Type: Rule 7 Discretionary
Type: Criminal
Subtype: Probation Violation

Whether the trial court unsustainably exercised its discretion and/or erred by raising sua sponte the issue of the court's knowledge about the defendant's connection with an unrelated 2015 criminal case pertaining to a different defendant, thereby considering facts not established in any of the present proceedings as a basis for its pretrial detention and sentencing decisions. Whether the trial court, in doing so, violated the defendant's due process and equal protection rights under the New Hampshire Constitution and the United States Constitution.

2025-0662, In the Matter of Jeremiah Smith and Adrienne Beloin

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

Whether the trial court erred in its establishment of the parenting plan.

2025-0664, Appeal of New Hampshire Division of State Police

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

Whether the Personnel Appeals Board's authority to order back pay for reinstated employees pursuant to RSA 21-I:58 (since repealed and replaced by RSA 273-D:3) includes payment of potential overtime pay that the employee expected and anticipated to have been able to earn during the period of separation.

2025-0665, In the Matter of Cheryl Tsetsilas and Branden Tsetsilas

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

Whether the trial court erred by awarding alimony and issuing financial orders without requiring the petitioner to file a sworn financial affidavit, despite the trial court's acknowledgment of the petitioner's lack of compliance. Whether the trial court misapplied RSA 458:16-a by failing to identify, classify, or divide known marital property, including a concealed bank account exceeding \$82,000 and other undisclosed assets and third-party financial support.

2025-0668, State of New Hampshire v. Joseph L. Everett

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Criminal
Subtype: Violation

Whether the trial court erred in convicting the defendant of motor-vehicle violations.

2025-0670, In re Guardianship of W.M.

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Juvenile
Subtype: Guardianship of Minor

Whether the trial court erred by denying the appellant's motions for modification and for a reunification plan without holding a hearing.

2025-0673, In the Matter of Siobhan Charron and Jeremy Charron

Rule Type: Rule 7 Discretionary
Type: Family
Subtype: Post-Divorce

Whether the trial court erred in limiting the petitioner's award of attorney's fees. Whether the trial court erred in declining to find the respondent in contempt for allegedly failing to pay uninsured medical expenses, child support, and attorney's fees.

2025-0676, K.B. v. J.B.

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

Whether the trial court erred in finding that the plaintiff established good cause for the extension of the domestic violence order of protection.

2025-0679, J.F. v. E.M.

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

Whether the trial court erred by granting the plaintiff a civil stalking order of protection.

2025-0680, In the Matter of Melissa Kelley and Rajashekhar Seelam

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

Whether the trial court erred in making an unequal distribution of marital assets.

2025-0684, In the Matter of Dustin Rogers and Andrea Rogers

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

Whether the trial court erred by granting, in part, the respondent's motion in limine to exclude relevant evidence. Whether the trial court's findings and rulings on issues of alimony, the parenting plan, and the division of assets were against the weight of the evidence and/or the evidence was insufficient to support the findings and/or based on the erroneous exclusion of evidence.

2025-0686, Appeal of Hilary Hamer & a.

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

Whether the Housing Appeals Board erred in its interpretation of the City of Dover Zoning Ordinance "Transfer of Development Rights" § 170.29 G (3), which sets forth two methods for transfer of development rights, one involving a density formula, which is treated as a subdivision, and another based on underlying zoning, which is treated as a site plan, by allowing the developer to use the first method (i.e., the formula), but treating the application as a site plan as opposed to a subdivision.

2025-0687, M.M. v. A.M.

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

Whether the trial court erred in granting a domestic violence protective order based solely on hearsay testimony without corroborating physical or documentary evidence.

2025-0689, Nathan Fisher v. Galactic Estates

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

Whether the trial court erred in dismissing this RSA chapter 540-A landlord-tenant prohibited practices case on the basis that the plaintiff was not prepared to proceed to trial.

2025-0691, Appeal of Parkland Medical Center/Hospital Corporation of America/Parallon

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

Whether, in this dispute over the reasonable value of medical services pursuant to RSA 281-A:24, the Compensation Appeals Board erred in determining that the amounts offered by the insuring entity were reasonable and that the amounts charged by the claimant's medical provider were not reasonable.

2025-0694, Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC v. Anthony Merrill

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

Whether the trial court erred in granting a directed verdict in favor of the plaintiff on the defendant's counterclaims in this collection action.

2025-0701, State of New Hampshire v. Troy William Turcotte, Jr.

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Criminal
Subtype: Bail Issue

Whether the superior court erred by upholding the circuit court's preventative detention without issuing written finding of facts required by RSA 597:2 and Part 1, Article 15 of the New Hampshire Constitution. Whether preventative detention becomes unconstitutional when the underlying allegations are contradicted by a sworn recantation, no additional evidence of danger or risk of flight exists, and the court cancels a scheduled Richards hearing without rescheduling it while continuing detention.

2025-0702, Castle Donovan Three Real Estate, LLC v. Rose Meadow Acres, Inc. & a.

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

Whether the trial court erred in crediting the tenant-defendant's affirmative defense of impossibility when the parties freely and expressly agreed pursuant to a lease agreement that "any failure by tenant to perform any of the agreements or covenants contained in the lease" could be cured via a process set forth in the agreement, thereby implicitly waiving any claim of impossibility that the defendant could otherwise assert.

2025-0703, State of New Hampshire v. Steven Simonds

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

Whether the trial court erred in granting the State's petition for recommitment under RSA 651:8-b.

2025-0705, Francesca Tramboulakis & a. v. CM Resort, LLC & a.

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

Whether the trial court erred by concluding that the plaintiffs' claims against Cranmore Mountain Resort are barred by RSA 225-A:24 (the ski "immunity" statute). Whether the trial court erred by concluding that the plaintiffs' claims are barred by a contractual waiver of liability.

2025-0706, In the Matter of Douglas Desautels and Eugenia Desautels

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

Whether the trial court misapprehended or misapplied the factors relative to the distribution of marital assets as set forth in RSA 458:16-a. Whether the trial court erred by failing to consider evidence presented at the final hearing relating to RSA 458:16-a, II(b), (c), (m), and (o).

2025-0707, National Lumber Massachusetts Business Trust v. Paxor Construction LLC & a.

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

Whether a foreign business that becomes defunct prior to judgment, was administratively dissolved, and lost its certificate of authority prior to judgment can be replaced as the plaintiff by way of a post-judgment substitution with another foreign business that has not obtained a certificate of authority, when the case involved the transaction of business in New Hampshire. Whether the trial court erred by treating the language of RSA 293-A:15.02 as discretionary, when the statute provides that a foreign business transacting business in New Hampshire cannot prosecute a lawsuit without a certificate of authority and that a substituting party must obtain a certificate of authority.

2025-0710, H.S. v. D.P.

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

Whether the trial court erred by granting the plaintiff a domestic violence order of protection.

2025-0712, In the Matter of Bandy Strawn and Michelle Lauer

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

Whether the trial court erred by granting the respondent's motion for relocation, including whether the respondent met her burden of proving that the relocation is for a legitimate purpose and that the proposed location is reasonable in light of that purpose and whether relocation is in the best interest of the child.

2025-0713, In the Matter of Jacob Borgards and Kristen Arvanitis Gagne

Rule Type: Rule 7 Mandatory
Type: Family
Subtype: Parenting Plan – unmarried parents

Whether the trial court erred by relying on an alleged domestic-violence incident as a factual basis for restricting a parent's parental rights and responsibilities when the underlying criminal charge had been dismissed prior to the final parenting hearing. Whether the trial court misapplied RSA 461-A:6, including the domestic-violence and best-interest factors, by basing its decision on unverified allegations rather than the actual record before the court.

2025-0715, In the Matter of Alexandra Broom and Grant Broom

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

Whether the trial court unsustainably exercised its discretion by departing from RSA 461-A:2's policy favoring approximately equal parenting time without making the specific, current findings required by RSA 461-A:6, relying instead on outdated work and military deployment history and generalized observations of bonding and demeanor, despite evidence of the respondent's present availability and ability to co-parent. Whether the trial court erred by granting the petitioner permanent, unilateral tie-breaking authority over all major decisions without making the specific findings required by RSA 461-A:5 and RSA 461-A:6 to rebut the presumption favoring joint decision-making responsibility.

2025-0717, State of New Hampshire v. David George Demers

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

Whether the trial court in this DUI case erred by allowing the State to introduce hearsay evidence that referred to the defendant's driving. Whether the trial court erred by not dismissing the State's case for insufficient evidence that the defendant operated on a way.

2025-0721, Thomas S. Wood & a. v. Town of Raymond

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

Whether the trial court erred by finding that the plaintiffs failed to meet their burden of establishing unequivocal donative intent for public use in order to prove dedication of Audette Road by the abutting landowners.

2025-0727, In the Matter of Marisa Almeda and Scott Almeda

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

Whether the trial court erred by awarding the petitioner all of the property that she inherited during and over the course of the parties' marriage.

2025-0729, Cambridge Mutual Fire Insurance Company v. OM Investors, LLC

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

Whether the trial court erred in granting summary judgment to the insured, declaring that the subject insurance policy's "Communicable Disease Exclusion" did not preclude coverage for an underlying lawsuit alleging that the tort victim contracted Legionnaire's disease, notwithstanding that the policy's plain language says: "This insurance does not apply to 'bodily injury' . . . arising out of the actual or alleged transmission of a communicable disease."