

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

OP 26-0354

MICHAEL R. HAGMAN,

Petitioner,

v.

MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT,  
LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY, HONORABLE  
CHRISTOPHER D. ABBOTT, Presiding,

Respondent.

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ORDER

Michael R. Hagman has filed a Petition for Writ of Supervisory Control over the First Judicial District Court, Lewis and Clark County, and the Honorable Christopher D. Abbott. This Court observes that Hagman mistakenly refers to the District Court as the Justice Court in his Petition. He did serve Judge Abbott and the Deputy County Attorney a copy of his Petition. M. R. App. P. 14(5). Hagman requests this Court to direct the District Court to rule on Hagman's pending motion to dismiss in a 2025 criminal case. Hagman has also moved this Court to stay the underlying criminal case due to the same argument that the court has not ruled on the "dispositive" motion to dismiss.

Pursuant to the Montana Constitution, this Court has supervisory control over all other courts; however, supervisory control is appropriate on a case-by-case basis. M. R. App. P. 14(3). "This extraordinary remedy can be invoked when the case involves purely legal questions and urgent or emergency factors make the normal appeal process inadequate." *State v. Spady*, 2015 MT 218, ¶ 11, 380 Mont. 179, 354 P.3d 390. A petitioner must demonstrate a case with these factors, along with one of the three listed criteria under our rules. M. R. App. P. 14(3).

Hagman's petition for extraordinary relief and his motion are not well-taken. Hagman seeks to delay his District Court cases with filing original proceedings in this

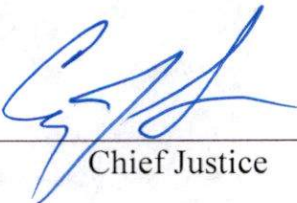
Court. *See Hagman v. First Judicial District Court*, No. OP 26-0339, Order denying writ of supervisory control of a civil case (Mont. Jun. 2, 2025). Hagman has not shown a case with purely legal questions or any urgency. He has not demonstrated that the District Court is proceeding under a mistake of law, causing a gross injustice. To render a decision on a motion is inherently a discretionary act. According to his attachments, the court has issued rulings on other motions. Hagman has a remedy; he may seek an appeal upon receipt of a final, written judgment. Section 46-20-104, MCA; M. R. App. P. 4(5)(b)(i). Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Hagman's Petition for Supervisory Control is DENIED and DISMISSED;
2. Hagman's Motion for Stay is DENIED;
3. Hagman hereinafter shall SUBMIT a Motion for Leave to File when seeking to file any original proceeding with this Court. The Motion for Leave to File shall be three pages in length, notarized, signed, and dated for consideration by the Court. Only until this Court grants the Motion for Leave to File will the Clerk of Supreme Court file the pleading or original proceeding. The Clerk of Supreme Court shall RETURN any other original proceedings that lack a Motion for Leave to File. This pre-filing requirement will EXPIRE when Hagman seeks an appeal of his District Court cases; and
4. This matter is CLOSED as of this Order's date.

The Clerk is directed to provide a copy of this Order to: the Honorable Christopher D. Abbott, District Court Judge; Lisa Kallio, Clerk of District Court, under Cause No. DDC-2026-94; counsel of record; and Michael Renae Hagman personally.

DATED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026.

  
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Chief Justice

Katherine M. Bidegaray

James Jeremiah Green

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Joan Rice

Justices