

**STATE OF LOUISIANA  
COURT OF APPEAL, SECOND CIRCUIT  
430 Fannin Street  
Shreveport, LA 71101  
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No. 56,569-CW

DONEYL TAYLOR

VERSUS

ERIC CLARK

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On application of Eric Clark for SUPERVISORY WRIT in No. 590,969 on the docket of the First Judicial District, Parish of CADD0, Judge Michael A. Pitman.

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Eric Clark

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Before STEPHENS, ROBINSON, and ELLENDER, JJ.

**WRIT GRANTED IN PART AND MADE PEREMPTORY; WRIT DENIED IN PART.**

Applicant Eric Clark seeks review of the trial court’s May 2, 2025, “Judgment,” denying his “Petition for Suspensive Appeal and Motion to Vacate or Annul Judgment.” In this case, at the time applicant’s appellate counsel enrolled as counsel of record, counsel had also requested to receive notice of any orders relating to this matter. Yet only applicant’s trial counsel was mailed notice of judgment. We find that by filing the “Request for Notice of Trial, Hearings, and Orders,” on August 30, 2024, counsel and applicant reasonably anticipated that notice of judgment would be mailed to appellate counsel. Because notice of judgment was not furnished as requested, applicant was denied his constitutional right to pursue an appeal in this matter. Considering that appeals are favored as well as the unique circumstances presented here, we grant this writ in part to reverse that portion of the ruling denying the petition for suspensive appeal. As to that portion of the trial court’s ruling denying applicant’s motion to vacate and annul judgment the writ is denied in part. Any issue regarding the validity of the

judgment can be raised in the appeal. This matter is remanded for perfection of the appeal.

Shreveport, Louisiana, this 25 day of June, 2025.

MS JLR DJE

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