

**STATE OF LOUISIANA  
COURT OF APPEAL, SECOND CIRCUIT  
430 Fannin Street  
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No. 57,063-KW

STATE OF LOUISIANA

VERSUS

PRESTON L. THURMAN

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On application of Preston L. Thurman for SUPERVISORY WRIT in No. 2024-F-042 on the docket of the Fifth Judicial District, Parish of WEST CARROLL, Judge John Clay Hamilton.

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Before ROBINSON, HUNTER, and ELLENDER, JJ.

**WRIT DENIED.**

The applicant, Preston Thurman, seeks supervisory review of the trial court's February 11, 2026, ruling denying his motion to be declared indigent for purposes of waiving the costs of his appeal. On the showing made, the writ is denied. La. R.S. 15:175(A)(1)(b); La. R.S. 15:175(B)(1); *State v. Jones*, 97-2593 (La. 3/4/98), 707 So. 2d 975.

Shreveport, Louisiana, this 10 day of June, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_ DR \_\_\_\_\_ DJE \_\_\_\_\_

MLH **HUNTER, J.**, This case is a result of a belief that if you can pay an attorney, then surely you can pay all costs. I sympathize with defendant's argument. His funds have largely been exhausted because of his incarceration and the cessation of his income. However, the way the statute is interpreted, you must be poor, destitute, on public assistance, with no resources whatsoever to be granted indigent status. Defendant should not have to financially prostrate himself for a

declaration of indigency as this could have the unintended effect of delaying the administration of justice.

(It is unfortunate the perception of qualified lawyers providing conditionality protected indigent defense has come under such scrutiny.)

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