

STATE OF LOUISIANA
COURT OF APPEAL, SECOND CIRCUIT
430 Fannin Street
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No. 57,200-CW

RONALD VAN HOOK

VERSUS

BAILEY MINCHEW, ZOIE KAITLYNN HOWARD,
STIHL SMITH, JERRY BROWN AND BROWN REALTY,
JOHN DOE (1-5)

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On application of Ronald Van Hook for SUPERVISORY WRIT AND STAY in
No. 31,580 on the docket of the Thirty Seventh Judicial District, Parish of
CALDWELL, Judge Jimmie C. Peters, Ad Hoc.

Ronald Van Hook

In Proper Person

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Before PITMAN, STONE, and COX, JJ.

**WRIT DENIED IN PART; WRIT GRANTED IN PART; REMANDED FOR
PERFECTION AS AN APPEAL.**

Applicant Ronald Van Hook seeks review of the trial court's ruling of July 8, 2026, denying his motion to recuse and awarding attorneys' fees as well as the July 13, 2026, ruling of the trial court denying his request to proceed in *forma pauperis*. Applicant also seeks a stay and a data preservation order. That portion of the trial court's July 8, 2026, ruling sanctioning applicant under La. C.C.P. art. 863 by casting him with \$3,506.25 in attorneys' fees for the defendants Bailey Minchew and Zoie Kaitlynn Howard; and sanctioning applicant by casting him with \$3,016.70 in attorneys' fees for the defendants Jerry Brown, Brown Realty Co. of Rayville, Inc., and Stihl Smith, is a partial final appealable judgment. La. C.C.P. art. 1915(6); La. C.C.P. art. 1841(B)(2). The applicant's notice of intent to seek supervisory review of this portion of the ruling was timely as a motion for

appeal, and under *Shows v. Shows*, 434 So. 2d 1090 (La. 1983), the trial court's order setting the return date is hereby treated as an order of appeal. Accordingly, this writ is granted in part for remand of this matter to the trial court for perfection as an appeal of that ruling. In all other respects, this writ is denied.

The applicant's "Emergency Request for Stay and Data Preservation Order Pursuant to Rule 4-4," filed July 30, 2026, is denied.

Shreveport, Louisiana, this 19 day of August, 2026.

SDS JGP JSC

FILED: August 19, 2026

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