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IN THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Raymond Sipult — PETITIONER  
(Your Name)

vs.

Herrie Lonard — RESPONDENT(S)

ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO

THE Supreme Court OF KANSAS  
(NAME OF COURT THAT LAST RULED ON MERITS OF YOUR CASE)

PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

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## QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether a state supreme court's denial of a writ of mandamus violates the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment when the petitioner demonstrates a clear legal right to the requested relief.
2. Whether the refusal of a state official to act, when challenged through a writ of mandamus, constitutes a federal question warranting review by the United States Supreme Court.
3. Whether a state court's denial of a motion for rehearing or modification exceeds the scope of judicial discretion when the petition involves matters affecting the rights and welfare of a minor under state supervision.

## PARTIES ON RECORD

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## TABLE OF AUTHORITIES

### Cases

Link, Inc. v. City of Hays, 268 Kan. 372, 375, 997 P.2d 697 (2000)

### Statutes / Rules

KSA 60-801 et seq.

Supreme Court Rule 9.01, 2025 Kan. S. Ct. R. at 63

U.S. Const. amend. XIV, §1 (Due Process Clause)

## OPINIONS BELOW

The opinion of the Kansas Supreme Court denying the motion for rehearing or modification, Case No. 128,709, dated September 30, 2025, issued by Chief Justice Marla Luckert, is reproduced in the Appendix at App. 1.

The Kansas Supreme Court previously denied the petitioner's petition for mandamus relief on June 2, 2025, stating that the relief sought is not the kind of relief available from this Court in an original action for writ of mandamus.

## JURISDICTION

The judgment of the Kansas Supreme Court was entered on September 30, 2025. This Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1257(a).

## CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS INVOLVED

U.S. Const. amend. XIV, §1 (Due Process Clause)

Any relevant federal statutes (if applicable)

## STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Petitioner sought a writ of mandamus directing the Kansas Office of the Child Advocate to perform a duty required by law. Following the denial of the original writ, Petitioner filed a motion for rehearing or modification, which the Kansas Supreme Court denied on September 30, 2025. The denial prevents Petitioner from obtaining relief authorized under state law and implicates federal constitutional rights.

Previously, on June 2, 2025, the Kansas Supreme Court, through Chief Justice Marla Luckert, denied Petitioner's petition for mandamus relief, finding that the requested relief is not the type available under Kansas Supreme Court Rule 9.01, KSA 60-801 et seq., and relevant case law (*Link, Inc. v. City of Hays*). Mandamus may only compel performance of a clearly defined duty and cannot control discretion or enforce insubstantial rights.

## REASONS FOR GRANTING THE WRIT

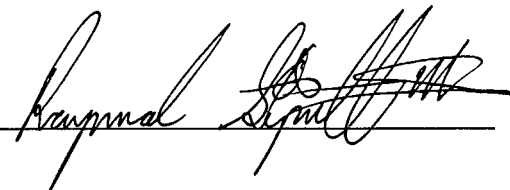
- I. The decision conflicts with the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.
- II. The case presents important federal questions.

III. The lower court exceeded its discretion.

## CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Court grant the petition for a writ of certiorari.

Respectfully submitted,

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## APPENDIX

1. Kansas Supreme Court order denying motion for rehearing or modification, Case No. 128,709, dated September 30, 2025 (App. 1)
2. Kansas Supreme Court order denying mandamus relief, Case No. 128,709, dated June 2, 2025 (App. 2)
3. Any relevant lower court orders or exhibits (App. 3—  )

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**CONCLUSION**

The petition for a writ of certiorari should be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond [Signature]

Date: MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> 2026