

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

No. 128,709

RAYMOND SIPULT,
Petitioner,

v.

KERRIE LONARD, Kansas Office of the Child Advocate,
Respondent.

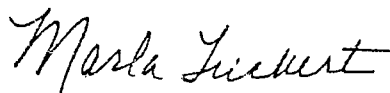
ORDER

The court notes Respondent's response to the petition for writ of mandamus and denies Petitioner's motion to strike the response.

The court denies Petitioner's petition for writ of mandamus. The relief Petitioner seeks is not the kind of relief available from this court in an original action for a writ of mandamus filed under Supreme Court Rule 9.01 (2025 Kan. S. Ct. R. at 63). See K.S.A. 60-801 ("Mandamus is a proceeding to compel some inferior court, tribunal, board, or some corporation or person to perform a specified duty, which duty results from the office, trust, or official station of the party to whom the order is directed, or from operation of law."); *Link, Inc. v. City of Hays*, 268 Kan. 372, 375, 997 P.2d 697 (2000) ("[M]andamus is available only for the purpose of compelling the performance of a clearly defined duty. [Citation omitted.] Mandamus may not be invoked to control discretion. Mandamus does not enforce a right that is in substantial dispute. A party must be clearly entitled to the order sought before mandamus is proper.").

Dated this 2nd day of June 2025.

FOR THE COURT



MARLA LUCKERT, Chief Justice

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ORDER

The court denies Petitioner's motion for rehearing or modification of the court's June 2, 2025, order denying Petitioner's petition for writ of mandamus.

Dated this 30th day of September 2025.

FOR THE COURT



MARLA LUCKERT
Chief Justice

Order

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Appellate Case No. 128709

District Court Case No.

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Respondent.

THE COURT HAS TAKEN THE FOLLOWING ACTION:

SC Order - Motion for Rehearing or Modification - Denied

Denied: motion for rehearing or modification by Petitioner.

Date: 09/30/2025

Douglas T. Shima
Clerk of the Appellate Courts