

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL  
FIRST DISTRICT, STATE OF FLORIDA

DAVID PRICHARD,

Petitioner,

v.

NOT FINAL UNTIL TIME EXPIRES  
TO FILE REHEARING MOTION AND  
DISPOSITION THEREOF IF FILED.

CASE NO. 1D03-3511

THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR  
THE STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
OF FLORIDA, et al.,

Respondents.

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Opinion filed December 12, 2003.

Petition for Writ of Mandamus -- Original Jurisdiction.

Paula L. Walborsky, Marie M. Presley, and Mary A. Kane of Walborsky, Presley and Kane, P.A., Tallahassee, for petitioner.

No appearance for respondents.

PER CURIAM.

David Prichard seeks mandamus relief from this court, complaining that although the trial court orally granted a directed verdict on his discrimination claim in

March 2003, it has not entered a written order, and thereby has frustrated his right to seek appellate review. There has been no timely response to our order to show cause why the relief sought by petitioner should not be granted, and as a consequence, no showing has been made that there is some valid basis for the trial court to withhold issuance of a written order. We therefore determine that mandamus relief is warranted and grant Prichard's petition. See State v. Robinson, 813 So. 2d 1072 (Fla. 1st DCA 2002). The trial court is directed to promptly render a written order memorializing its ruling on the motion for directed verdict and entering final judgment thereon.

PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS GRANTED.

WOLF, C.J., ERVIN and PADOVANO, JJ., concur.