

**Petition for Writ of Mandamus Denied and Memorandum Opinion filed
September 1, 2023.**



In The

Fourteenth Court of Appeals

NO. 14-23-00641-CV

IN RE DEBRA LOUISE MCLEOD, Relator

**ORIGINAL PROCEEDING
WRIT OF MANDAMUS
County Court at Law
Waller County, Texas
Trial Court Cause No. 20-08-23606**

MEMORANDUM OPINION

On August 30, 2023, relator Debra Louise McLeod filed in this Court a petition for writ of mandamus, a motion for leave to file mandamus record under seal, and a motion for temporary relief from August 4, 2023 “status divorce” rendition. *See* Tex. Gov’t Code Ann. § 22.221; *see also* Tex. R. App. P. 52. In the

petition, relator asks this Court to compel the Honorable Robert J. Kern, visiting judge sitting by assignment of the County Court at Law of Waller County, to set aside the trial court's August 4, 2023 oral ruling granting a "status divorce."

Although an oral ruling can sometimes be the subject of a mandamus, the trial court asked for a written order and has set a hearing for entry of that order. Relator will have an opportunity at that hearing to make the arguments that she has made in this mandamus. Accordingly, we deny relator's petition for writ of mandamus without prejudice for lack of a written order. Additionally, all pending motions are denied as moot.

PER CURIAM

Panel consists of Chief Justice Christopher and Justices Jewell and Zimmerer.