



“A case becomes moot—and this Court loses jurisdiction—when there no longer is an actual controversy or the litigants no longer have a legally cognizable interest in the outcome of the case.” Paige v. State, 2017 VT 54, ¶ 7, 205 Vt. 287. Because the family division now lacks jurisdiction, this Court can no longer grant J.H. the relief that he seeks—to be treated as a youthful offender. Therefore, we do not reach the question of whether to grant permission to appeal and we dismiss the appeal as moot. The temporary stay of the trial court’s order dated October 14, 2021 denying J.H.’s request for youthful-offender status and directing that the matter be set for a hearing in the criminal division is lifted.

BY THE COURT:

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Paul L. Reiber, Chief Justice

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Harold E. Eaton, Jr., Associate Justice

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Karen R. Carroll, Associate Justice

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William D. Cohen, Associate Justice