

Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal State of Louisiana

No. 26-C-452

ERIN HAYDEL

VERSUS

DANIEL E. "BECKET" BECNEL, ET AL

IN RE DANIEL E. BECNEL, III
APPLYING FOR SUPERVISORY WRIT FROM THE FORTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT,
PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, STATE OF LOUISIANA, DIRECTED TO THE
HONORABLE KIRK A. VAUGHN, DIVISION "C", NUMBER 72,407

TRUE COPY

September 28, 2026



SUSAN BUCHHOLZ
DEPUTY CLERK

Panel composed of Judges Susan M. Chehardy,
Marc E. Johnson, and Timothy S. Marcel

WRIT DENIED, STAY DENIED AS MOOT

Defendant-relator, Daniel Becnel, requests a stay and seeks expedited supervisory review of the trial court's ruling denying his motion to continue trial in the above-captioned matter, which is set to be heard October 6 through October 8, 2026. Relator indicates that the trial date in this civil matter conflicts with a second-degree murder trial setting in which he is counsel for the defendant.

The trial court's judgment denying the motion indicates that trial has been reset a number of times already, and that counsel previously agreed to the current trial setting. In opposition, respondent states that relator knew of the potential scheduling conflict when he agreed to the October 6-8, 2026 trial dates, and that relator "does not have personal knowledge of any issues relevant to the remaining issues at trial. The trial court has already ruled, and this Honorable Court affirmed, that Becnel was negligent." Finally, relator's attachments indicate he has co-

counsel representing the defendant in the simultaneously scheduled criminal proceedings.

We find no abuse of the trial court's vast discretion in denying relator's motion to continue trial. The writ is denied, and relator's request for a stay is denied as moot.

Gretna, Louisiana, this 28th day of September, 2026.

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TSM

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