Order

Michigan Supreme Court
Lansing, Michigan

April 3, 2026

169012

Megan K. Cavanagh,
Chief Justice

Brian K. Zahra
Richard H. Bernstein
Elizabeth M. Welch
Kyra H. Bolden
Kimberly A. Thomas
Noah P. Hood,
Justices

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN,
Plaintiff-Appellee,

v

SC: 169012
COA: 365933
Jackson CC: 2022-000301-FH

GRANT JOSEPH VAHOVICK,
Defendant-Appellant.

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By order of December 19, 2025, the plaintiff was directed to answer the application for leave to appeal the July 11, 2025 judgment of the Court of Appeals. On order of the Court, the answer having been received, the application for leave to appeal is again considered. We direct the Clerk to schedule oral argument on the application. MCR 7.305(I)(1). The parties shall file supplemental briefs in accordance with MCR 7.312(E), addressing whether the Jackson Circuit Court pierced the veil of judicial impartiality and whether the defendant is entitled to a new trial as a result.

The Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan and the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan are invited to file briefs amicus curiae. Other persons or groups interested in the determination of the issue presented in this case who are not exempt from the motion requirement under MCR 7.312(H) may move the Court for permission to file briefs amicus curiae.

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I, Elizabeth Kingston-Miller, Clerk of the Michigan Supreme Court, certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the order entered at the direction of the Court.

April 3, 2026

Clerk