

The Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana

STATE OF LOUISIANA

No.2020-KP-01112

VS.

JOHN RYAN STEPHENS

IN RE: John Ryan Stephens - Applicant Defendant; Applying For Supervisory Writ,
Parish of Ascension, 23rd Judicial District Court Number(s) 12717, 1st Circuit Court
of Appeal, Number(s) 2020-KW-0499;

February 09, 2021

Writ application denied. See per curiam.

JLW

JDH

SJC

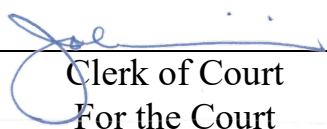
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**ON SUPERVISORY WRITS TO THE TWENTY-THIRD
JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF ASCENSION**

PER CURIAM:

Denied. Applicant's conviction and sentence are final, and he fails to show that his application was timely filed in the district court or that an exception to the time limitation applies. La.C.Cr.P. art. 930.8; *State ex rel. Glover v. State*, 93-2330 (La. 9/5/95), 660 So.2d 1189.

Applicant has now fully litigated his application for post-conviction relief in state court. Similar to federal habeas relief, *see* 28 U.S.C. § 2244, Louisiana post-conviction procedure envisions the filing of a second or successive application only under the narrow circumstances provided in La.C.Cr.P. art. 930.4 and within the limitations period as set out in La.C.Cr.P. art. 930.8. Notably, the legislature in 2013 La. Acts 251 amended that article to make the procedural bars against successive filings mandatory. Applicant's claims have now been fully litigated in accord with La.C.Cr.P. art. 930.6, and this denial is final. Hereafter, unless he can show that one of the narrow exceptions authorizing the filing of a successive application applies, applicant has exhausted his right to state collateral review. The district court is ordered to record a minute entry consistent with this per curiam.