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v

DAVID LEWIS CLOUT AS TRUSTEE OF THE BANKRUPT ESTATE OF VENETIA LOUISE STORRY BY ESTATE NUMBER WA145 OF 2022/3 & ANOR

[2026] HCADisp 236

B44/2026

1 The applicant seeks special leave to appeal from a judgment of the Court of Appeal of the Supreme Court of Queensland (Bond and Doyle JJA and Kelly J, the "Court of Appeal") dated 2 June 2026, which dismissed an appeal by the applicant from two judgments of the Supreme Court of Queensland (Treston J, the "primary judge") dated 19 November 2025 and 19 December 2025. In the first judgment, the primary judge ordered the appointment of an independent administrator to the estate of the applicant's late father, and in the second judgment the primary judge made orders including orders to remove the applicant as executor of the deceased estate, revoke the grant of probate, and grant letters of administration of the deceased estate to a new administrator.

2 The applicant has also made an application to this Court to stay the orders of the Court of Appeal and the primary judge pending the determination of the special leave application.

3 Further, on 14 August 2026, the applicant made an application to this Court for deferral of the determination of the special leave application until after 24 September 2026, to provide time for the applicant to obtain the assistance of counsel. In the particular circumstances of this case, the application was granted and the determination deferred for one month. However, no further submissions were provided by the applicant by that date.

4 On 2 October 2026, the applicant applied for a further deferral until February 2027 for the same purpose. There is no sufficient basis for further deferral. That application is refused.

5 There is no reason to doubt the correctness of the decision of the Court of Appeal and the application for special leave to appeal therefore has insufficient prospects of success.

6 Special leave to appeal is refused and the applicant's stay application is dismissed.

Edelman J
Gleeson J

8 October 2026