

UNREPORTED  
IN THE APPELLATE COURT  
OF MARYLAND

No. 165

September Term, 2025

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IN THE MATTER OF JAMES JULIUS  
JONES, JR.

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Friedman,  
Kehoe, S.,  
Kenney, James A., III  
(Senior Judge, Specially Assigned),

JJ.

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PER CURIAM

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\*This is a per curiam opinion. Under Rule 1-104, the opinion is not precedent within the rule of stare decisis nor may it be cited as persuasive authority.

James Julius Jones, Jr., appellant, appeals from an order issued by the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County denying his petition for a name change. Appellant’s birth certificate states that his name is **JAMES JULIUS JONES, JR.** The name is capitalized and in bold, as are numerous other identifying words in the birth certificate including his birth month and gender. In his petition, appellant requested his name to be changed from **JAMES JULIUS JONES, JR.** to James Julius Jones, Jr. In denying the petition, the court found that both names were the same, even though his name had been capitalized and bolded on the birth certificate. We agree that, despite the difference in font and capitalization, there is no difference between appellant’s current name and the “new” name he requested in his petition. Consequently, the court did not abuse its discretion in denying his petition for a name change.

**JUDGMENT OF THE CIRCUIT  
COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE’S  
COUNTY AFFIRMED. COSTS TO  
BE PAID BY APPELLANT.**