

**Ex parte Powell**

A minor received funds, which were deposited into the registry of the court. The minor's mother made various requests for withdrawals using false documents and statements. When discovered, the court entered an order nisi, requiring the mother to show why she should not be held in contempt. The mother was found to be in constructive contempt of court and sentenced to six months in jail plus a \$500 fine. The mother sought a writ of habeas corpus from the court of appeals. Determining that the mother was punished for criminal contempt, the court held that only the Court of Criminal Appeals had the jurisdiction to grant a writ and dismissed the proceeding.