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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

RONALD SPENCER MAZZAFERRO,

No. 15-15989

Creditor-Appellant,

D.C. No. 3:14-cv-02623-WHO

v.

MEMORANDUM*

EDITH MAZZAFERRI,

Debtor-Appellee.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Northern District of California
William H. Orrick, III, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted March 8, 2017**

Before: LEAVY, W. FLETCHER, and OWENS, Circuit Judges.

Ronald Spencer Mazzaferro appeals pro se from the district court's order affirming the bankruptcy court's order entering sanctions against Mazzaferro. We have jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 158(d) and 1291. We review de novo the district court's decision on appeal from the bankruptcy court and apply the same

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** The panel unanimously concludes this case is suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2). Accordingly, appellant's request for oral argument, set forth in his motion to consolidate, is denied.

standard of review applied by the district court. *In re AFI Holding, Inc.*, 525 F.3d 700, 702 (9th Cir. 2008). We affirm.

In his opening brief, Mazzaferro fails to address how the district court erred in affirming the bankruptcy court's order imposing sanctions. As a result, he has waived his appeal of this decision. *See Smith v. Marsh*, 194 F.3d 1045, 1052 (9th Cir. 1999) (“[O]n appeal, arguments not raised by a party in its opening brief are deemed waived.”); *Greenwood v. FAA*, 28 F.3d 971, 977 (9th Cir. 1994) (“We review only issues which are argued specifically and distinctly in the opening brief.”).

We reject as without merit Mazzaferro's contentions that the bankruptcy court and the district court violated due process.

To the extent that Mazzaferro challenges the district court's order denying his motion to unseal, the district court did not err in denying the request because Mazzaferro did not seek relief from the bankruptcy court in the first instance but presented the request for the first time on appeal to the district court.

To the extent that Mazzaferro seeks an order from this court directing the bankruptcy court and district court to unseal judicial records, the request is denied.

All pending motions are denied.

AFFIRMED.