

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF OHIO
FOURTH APPELLATE DISTRICT
JACKSON COUNTY

The State of Ohio ex rel. :
Jackson County Child Support :
Enforcement Agency, et al., : Case No. 00CA15

Plaintiffs-Appellees, :

v. : DECISION AND JUDGMENT ENTRY
 : RELEASED: 1-28-02

Mark W. Long, :

Defendant-Appellant. :

APPEARANCES:

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ABELE, P.J.

This is an appeal from a Jackson County Common Pleas Court judgment that (1) established paternity; and (2) established future support. The amount of "back support" was, however, deferred until a later hearing. Thus, the issue of the child support arrearage remains unresolved.

[Cite as *State ex rel. Jackson Cty. Child Support Enforcement Agency v. Long*, 2002-Ohio-408.]

Ohio appellate courts have jurisdiction to review the final orders or judgments of lower courts within their districts. Section 3(B)(2), Article IV, Ohio Constitution; R.C. 2501.02; Prod. Credit Assn. v. Hedges (1993), 87 Ohio App.3d 207. See, also, Kouns v. Pemberton (1992), 84 Ohio App.3d 499. If an order is not final and appealable pursuant to R.C. 2505.02, a court of appeals does not have jurisdiction to consider the matter and it must be dismissed. In the case sub judice, there has been no final determination of child support arrearages.

Upon consideration, this appeal is hereby **DISMISSED** for lack of a final appealable order. When the trial court enters a final order, this appeal may be refiled.

APPEAL DISMISSED.

[Cite as *State ex rel. Jackson Cty. Child Support Enforcement Agency v. Long*, 2002-Ohio-408.]

JUDGMENT ENTRY

It is ordered that the appeal be dismissed and that appellees recover of appellant costs herein taxed.

It is ordered that a special mandate issue out of this Court directing the Jackson County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division, to carry this judgment into execution.

A certified copy of this entry shall constitute that mandate pursuant to Rule 27 of the Rules of Appellate Procedure.

Exceptions.

Harsha, J. & Kline, J.: Concur

For the Court

BY:

Peter B. Abele
Presiding Judge

NOTICE TO COUNSEL

Pursuant to Local Rule No. 14, this document constitutes a final judgment entry and the time period for further appeal commences from the date of filing with the clerk.