

pleadings prepared by lawyers, *see Haines v. Kerner*, 404 U.S. 519, 520 (1972), the Court identifies no basis for its jurisdiction. This matter does not present a federal question. Because all parties either reside in or conduct business in Virginia, and the amount in controversy does not exceed \$75,000, this Court does not have diversity jurisdiction in this matter. Moreover, this federal district court is without jurisdiction to review the rulings of the General District Court. Rather, such an appeal properly is brought before the Alexandria Circuit Court. *See Va. Code* § 16.1-132.

The Court will dismiss this action for lack of subject matter jurisdiction. An Order consistent with this Memorandum Opinion is issued separately.

SO ORDERED.

DATE: 8/18/09



United States District Judge