

DISMISS and Opinion Filed November 16, 2021



**In The
Court of Appeals
Fifth District of Texas at Dallas**

No. 05-21-00804-CV

**ANITA HUTCHINGS AND HAYLEY HUTCHINGS, Appellants
V.
PBONE PRADERA, L.L.C., Appellee**

**On Appeal from the Justice Court Precinct 3
Collin County, Texas
Trial Court Cause No. 03-EV-21-00530**

MEMORANDUM OPINION

Before Chief Justice Burns, Justice Molberg, and Justice Smith
Opinion by Chief Justice Burns

Appellants appeal from a judgment of a justice court. Because it appeared the judgment is not reviewable by this Court, we instructed appellants to file a letter brief explaining how we have jurisdiction over this appeal with an opportunity for appellee to respond.

A justice court judgment cannot be appealed directly to a court of appeals. *See* TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. § 22.220(a); *Tejas Elevator Co. v. Concord Elevator, Inc.*, 982 S.W.2d 578, 579 (Tex. App.—Dallas 1998, no pet.) (mem. op.).

In their letter brief, appellants assert we have jurisdiction (1) “[a]s of right by virtue of an entitlement which arises from certain legal conditions or circumstances”,

(2) because the judgment amount of \$17,428 exceeds the amount in controversy of \$10,000 for justice courts¹, and (3) “statutory disqualification of Collin County Court at Law Judge Chris Hill.” Section 22.220(a) of the Texas Government Code defines the jurisdiction of courts of appeals. None of appellants’ assertions support jurisdiction in this Court of a judgment from a justice court. Accordingly, we dismiss the appeal for want of jurisdiction. *See* TEX. R. APP. P. 42.3(a).

/Robert D. Burns, III/
ROBERT D. BURNS, III
CHIEF JUSTICE

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¹ Appellants are mistaken. The amount in controversy for a justice court is \$20,000, exclusive of interest. *See* TEX. GOV’T Code ANN. § 27.031(a)(1).



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JUDGMENT

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00530.

Opinion delivered by Chief Justice
Burns. Justices Molberg and Smith
participating.

In accordance with this Court's opinion of this date, the appeal is
DISMISSED.

Judgment entered November 16, 2021