DISMISS and Opinion Filed August 18, 2022



In The Court of Appeals Hifth District of Texas at Dallas

No. 05-22-00398-CV

IN THE INTEREST OF P.R.D.S. AND P.S., CHILDREN

On Appeal from the 256th Judicial District Court Dallas County, Texas Trial Court Cause No. DF-09-14454

MEMORANDUM OPINION

Before Justices Myers, Carlyle, and Goldstein Opinion by Justice Myers

Appellant appeals from an order in a suit to modify the parent-child relationship. We questioned our jurisdiction over the appeal because the order is signed by the associate judge and, subject to certain exceptions not applicable here, has not triggered the deadline for filing the appeal. *See* Tex. Fam. Code Ann. § 201.016(b), (c). We instructed appellant to file, by July 15, 2022, a letter brief addressing the jurisdictional issue and cautioned her that failure to comply may result in dismissal of the appeal without further notice. As of today's date, appellant has not responded.

Because the referring court has not signed the order of the associate judge, the notice of appeal is premature and we lack jurisdiction. We dismiss the appeal. *See* TEX. R. APP. P. 42.3(a).

/Lana Myers//

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Court of Appeals Fifth District of Texas at Dallas

JUDGMENT

IN THE INTEREST OF P.R.D.S. AND P.S., CHILDREN

No. 05-22-00398-CV

On Appeal from the 256th Judicial District Court, Dallas County, Texas Trial Court Cause No. DF-09-14454. Opinion delivered by Justice Myers. Justices Carlyle and Goldstein participating.

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

Judgment entered this 18th day of August, 2022.