

**Motion Granted; Appeal Dismissed and Memorandum Opinion filed July 25, 2017.**



**In The**

**Fourteenth Court of Appeals**

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**NO. 14-17-00474-CV**

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**HMR FUNDING, LLC, Appellant**

**V.**

**MELFORD ANKRUM AND BEST TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INC.,  
Appellees**

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**On Appeal from the 215th District Court  
Harris County, Texas  
Trial Court Cause No. 2015-15269**

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**M E M O R A N D U M   O P I N I O N**

On June 15, 2017, appellant filed a notice of appeal from an interlocutory order signed June 13, 2017 denying appellant's motion to dismiss pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 91a. Rule 91a allows a party to move to dismiss a cause of action on the ground that it has no basis in law or in fact. *See Wooley v. Schaffer*, 447 S.W.3d 71, 74 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2014, pet. filed) (citing Tex.R. Civ. P. 91 a.1).

Appellees filed a motion to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction on June 20, 2017. Appellees contend the June 13, 2015 order was not an appealable order and the appeal should be dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.

An order denying a motion to dismiss is an interlocutory order. Appellate courts have jurisdiction to consider immediate appeals of interlocutory orders only if a statute explicitly provides appellate jurisdiction. *Stary v. DeBord*, 967 S.W.2d 352, 352-53 (Tex. 1998); *ReadyOne Indus., Inc. v. Guillen-Chavez*, 394 S.W.3d 724, 726 (Tex. App.—El Paso 2012, no pet.) (citing Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code Ann. §§ 51.012, 51.014).

Because there is no specific statutory authorization, an interlocutory appeal is not permitted in this situation. *See In re Essex Ins. Co.*, 450 S.W.3d 524, 528 (Tex. 2014) (granting mandamus relief after finding relator had no adequate remedy by appeal to challenge the denial of a motion to dismiss); *S. Cent. Houston Action v. Stewart*, 14-15-00088-CV, 2015 WL 1508699, at \*1 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] Mar. 31, 2015, no pet.) (holding that appellate court has no jurisdiction over the denial of a motion to dismiss under Rule 91a).

Accordingly, appellees' motion to dismiss is granted and the appeal is ordered dismissed.

PER CURIAM

Panel consists of Justices Christopher, Brown, and Wise.