In The

Court of Appeals

Ninth District of Texas at Beaumont

NO. 09-15-00347-CV

IN THE INTEREST OF B.J.D.

On Appeal from the 253rd District Court Liberty County, Texas Trial Cause No. CV 1509661

MEMORANDUM OPINION

On August 21, 2015, Leonard Joseph DeJean filed a notice of appeal from an order denying a motion for dismissal in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship. We notified the parties that our jurisdiction was not apparent from the notice of appeal and that the appeal would be dismissed for want of jurisdiction unless a response demonstrating this Court's jurisdiction was filed by September 16, 2015. The appellant did not file a response. The appellee did respond, informing the Court that the trial court's August 20, 2015 order is interlocutory, and requested that the appeal be dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.

Generally, an appeal may be taken only from a final judgment. *Lehmann v. Har-Con Corp.*, 39 S.W.3d 191, 195 (Tex. 2001). Interlocutory orders may be appealed only if a statute authorizes an accelerated appeal. *Bally Total Fitness Corp. v. Jackson*, 53 S.W.3d 352, 352 (Tex. 2001); *see* Tex. R. App. P. 28.1. The appellant has not filed a response showing that a judgment or an appealable order has been signed. *See* Tex. R. App. P. 42.3. We dismiss the appeal. *See* Tex. R. App. P. 43.2(f).

APPEAL DISMISSED.

LEANNE JOHNSON
Justice

Submitted on September 30, 2015 Opinion Delivered October 1, 2015

Before McKeithen, C.J., Kreger and Johnson, JJ.