

In the Court of Appeals Second Appellate District of Texas at Fort Worth

No. 02-21-00378-CV

IN THE INTEREST OF C.R., A CHILD

On Appeal from the 325th District Court Tarrant County, Texas Trial Court No. 325-704950-21

Before Kerr, Birdwell, and Bassel, JJ. Memorandum Opinion by Justice Kerr

MEMORANDUM OPINION

Appellant S.R., proceeding pro se, attempts to appeal from an "Order Denying Request for Recusal" signed by the presiding judge of the Eighth Administrative Judicial Region. *See generally* Tex. R. Civ. P. 18a, 18b(b). We notified S.R. of our concern that we lack jurisdiction over this appeal because the "Order Denying Request for Recusal" did not appear to be a final judgment or appealable interlocutory order. We informed her that unless she or any party desiring to continue the appeal filed a response within ten days showing grounds for continuing the appeal, we would dismiss it for want of jurisdiction. *See* Tex. R. App. P. 42.3(a), 44.3. Ten days have passed, and we have received no response.

"An order denying a motion to recuse may be reviewed only for an abuse of discretion *on appeal from the final judgment*." Tex. R. Civ. P. 18a(j)(1)(A) (emphasis added). The trial-court clerk has informed us that there is no final judgment in this case. Accordingly, we dismiss the appeal for want of jurisdiction. *See* Tex. R. App. P. 42.3(a), 43.2(f); Tex. R. Civ. P. 18a(j)(1)(A); *Thayer v. Thayer*, Nos. 02-14-00025-CV, 02-14-00026-CV, 2014 WL 982433, at *1 (Tex. App.—Fort Worth Mar. 13, 2014, no pet.) (per curiam) (mem. op.) (explaining that an order denying a recusal motion is not an appealable interlocutory order and may be reviewed only "on appeal from the final judgment" (quoting Tex. R. Civ. P. 18a(j)(1)(A))).

/s/ Elizabeth Kerr Elizabeth Kerr Justice

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