



NUMBER 13-16-00342-CV

COURT OF APPEALS

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT OF TEXAS

CORPUS CHRISTI - EDINBURG

IN THE INTEREST OF A.L.P. AND V.P.

On appeal from the 332nd District Court
of Hidalgo County, Texas.

MEMORANDUM OPINION

**Before Chief Justice Valdez and Justices Rodriguez and Benavides
Memorandum Opinion Per Curiam**

Appellant, Maria M. Chavez, appearing *pro se*, attempted to perfect an appeal pursuant to §201.015 of the Texas Family Code. See TEX. FAM. CODE § 201.015 (West, Westlaw through 2015 R.S.)(addressing de novo hearing of an associate judge's ruling before the referring court). Appellant's notice of appeal states she is appealing findings, conclusions, or recommendations made by the master at a hearing on June 26, 2016.

Upon review of the documents before the Court, it appeared that there was no final, appealable judgment. On August 4, 2016, the Clerk of this Court notified appellant of this defect so that steps could be taken to correct the defect, if it could be done. See TEX. R. APP. P. 37.1, 42.3. Appellant was advised that, if the defect was not corrected within ten days from the date of receipt of the notice, the appeal would be dismissed for want of jurisdiction. Appellant failed to respond to the Court's notice.

In terms of appellate jurisdiction, appellate courts only have jurisdiction to review final judgments and certain interlocutory orders identified by statute. *Lehmann v. Har-Con Corp.*, 39 S.W.3d 191, 195 (Tex. 2001). Because the report of an associate judge is not a final, appealable order or judgment, this Court does not have jurisdiction over this appeal. Accordingly, the appeal is DISMISSED FOR WANT OF JURISDICTION. See TEX. R. APP. P. 42.3(a),(c).

PER CURIAM

Delivered and filed the
8th day of September, 2016.