

FLORIDA THIRD DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL

Raziel Ofer v. Metropolitan Mortgage Company, LLC, et al.

Ofer · No. 3D24-1845 · Decided December 17, 2025

SUMMARY

The Florida Third District Court of Appeal adopted a commissioner’s report finding that Raziel Ofer likely fabricated an email and related metadata and made unsupported allegations against opposing counsel and a judge. The court sanctioned Ofer by barring any future filings before the court without review and signature by a Florida Bar member in good standing. The court dismissed the appeal and denied pending motions as moot.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Florida Third District Court of Appeal
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Chief Judge SCALES; Judge LINDSEY; Judge BOKOR
JURISDICTION	Florida Third District Court of Appeal
DECIDED	December 17, 2025
DOCKET	3D24-1845
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	After dismissing the appeal for ongoing failure to comply with and contempt of a lower tribunal discovery order, the court retained jurisdiction to determine whether the appellant fabricated an email and committed fraud on the court. Following an evidentiary hearing by an appointed commissioner and an order to show cause, the court adopted the commissioner's report, imposed filing restrictions as a sanction, dismissed the appeal, and denied pending motions as moot.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The court reviewed the commissioner's factual findings based on the evidentiary hearing and determined that the appellant failed to show cause why the report should not be adopted. The opinion does not state a separate formal standard of review.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published
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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the court should adopt the commissioner's findings concerning the origin and authenticity of the purported email.
2. Whether the appellant should be sanctioned for filing unsupported allegations and allegedly fraudulent materials in the appellate court.
3. Whether the appeal should be dismissed after the court imposed sanctions.

HOLDINGS

1. The court adopted and approved the commissioner's report because the appellant failed to identify evidence undermining its findings or supporting an alternative conclusion.
2. Sanctions were warranted because the appellant failed to show cause why sanctions should not be imposed for filing unsubstantiated allegations and a purportedly fraudulent email in the appellate court.
3. The appellant was barred from filing anything before the Third District unless the filing was reviewed and signed by a member in good standing of the Florida Bar.

KEY QUOTATIONS

"[T]he court may impose sanctions for any violation of these rules, or for the filing of any proceeding, motion, brief, or other document that is frivolous or in bad faith. Such sanctions may include reprimand, contempt, striking of briefs or pleadings, dismissal of proceedings, costs, attorneys' fees, or other sanctions."
(4)

"Raziel Ofer is barred from any filing before this Court absent the review and signature of a member in good standing of the Florida Bar." (4)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The appellant filed in the appellate court a purported email accusing counsel for Drexel Financial Services, LLC, and a judge of bribery. Despite repeated requests and court orders, he did not provide a native-format copy of the email. An appointed commissioner found no credible evidence that appellee or its counsel created or sent the email, determined that the purported metadata did not establish its origin, and found discrepancies indicating that the document was likely fabricated. The commissioner also found the appellant's testimony not credible.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The appeal arose from the Circuit Court for Miami-Dade County, case number 22-3487-CA-01. On August 22, 2025, the Third District dismissed the appeal for ongoing noncompliance with and contempt of a discovery order but retained jurisdiction concerning the authenticity of an email attached to an appellate filing. An appointed

commissioner conducted an evidentiary hearing and found that the appellant failed to substantiate his allegations and likely fabricated the email and metadata. After the appellant responded to an order to show cause, the appellate court adopted and approved the report, imposed sanctions, dismissed the appeal, and denied pending motions as moot.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- Azran Miami 2, LLC v. US Bank Tr., N.A., 343 So. 3d 673, 682 (Fla. 3d DCA 2022)

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