

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, APPELLATE DIVISION,
SECOND JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Aberbach-Marolda v. Cherner

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SUMMARY

The Appellate Division, Second Department, dismissed an appeal from an order denying the defendant's motion to vacate the note of issue and trial readiness order. The court held that the right to directly appeal the order terminated upon entry of judgment, and that the issues were reviewable on the appeal from the judgment.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Mark C. Dillon, J.P.; Betsy Barros, J.; Paul Wooten, J.; William G. Ford, J.
JURISDICTION	Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department
DECIDED	April 8, 2026
DOCKET	2019-02951
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Defendant appealed from an order denying his motion to vacate the note of issue and trial readiness order in an action including a breach-of-contract claim.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published
PARTIES	Daniel Cherner v. Susanne Aberbach-Marolda

TOPICS

- final judgment rule
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PRACTICE AREAS

- appellate procedure
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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the defendant could maintain a direct appeal from an order denying his motion to vacate the note of issue and trial readiness order after entry of the judgment in the action.

HOLDINGS

1. The direct appeal from the order had to be dismissed because entry of the judgment terminated the right of direct appeal from the order; the issues raised were properly brought up for review on the appeal from the judgment.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The underlying action included claims to recover damages for breach of contract. The defendant moved to vacate the note of issue and trial readiness order, and the Supreme Court denied that motion. The defendant appealed from that order, while a related appeal from the judgment was decided concurrently.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Supreme Court, Westchester County, denied the defendant's motion to vacate the note of issue and trial readiness order. The defendant appealed, but the Appellate Division dismissed the appeal because entry of the judgment terminated the right of direct appeal from the earlier order; the issues raised were reviewable on the appeal from the judgment.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- Matter of Aho, 39 NY2d 241, 248
- Aberbach-Marolda v. Cherner, ___ AD3d ___ [Appellate Division Docket No. 2019-09826; decided herewith]