

FIFTEENTH COURT OF APPEALS OF TEXAS

Alejandro Castillo v. Sasha Alejandra Castillo

No. 15-26-00052-CV · No. No. 15-26-00052-CV · Decided April 2, 2026

SUMMARY

The Fifteenth Court of Appeals of Texas dismissed Alejandro Castillo’s appeal for failure to pay the appellate filing fee or respond to the court’s notice requiring payment. The per curiam memorandum opinion relies on Texas Rule of Appellate Procedure 42.3(c) and concerns an appeal from a judgment in a Travis County family-law proceeding.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Fifteenth Court of Appeals of Texas
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Chief Justice Brister; Justice Field; Justice Farris
JURISDICTION	Texas Court of Appeals, Fifteenth Court of Appeals
DECIDED	April 2, 2026
DOCKET	No. 15-26-00052-CV
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Appeal from a judgment of the 261st District Court of Travis County, Texas; the court of appeals dismissed the appeal after the appellant failed to pay the appellate filing fee or respond to the court's notice.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	precedential
PARTIES	Alejandro Castillo v. Sasha Alejandra Castillo

TOPICS

- appellate procedure
- costs
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- appellate procedure
- civil procedure
- family law

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the court of appeals should dismiss the appeal when the appellant failed to pay the appellate filing fee after receiving notice requiring payment within a specified period.

HOLDINGS

1. An appeal may be involuntarily dismissed when the appellant fails to comply with a court notice requiring payment of the appellate filing fee or another specified action within the prescribed period.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The appeal arose from a judgment signed on October 15, 2025. Although the notice of appeal was timely, the appellant did not pay the required appellate filing fee. After receiving notice and an opportunity to cure the deficiency, the appellant neither paid the fee nor otherwise responded.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The trial court signed the underlying judgment on October 15, 2025. Appellant filed a notice of appeal on January 21, 2026, which was deemed timely. After the appellant failed to pay the appellate filing fee, the court notified him on March 2, 2026, that the appeal would be subject to dismissal unless payment was made within ten days; he neither paid nor responded.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

Appeal Dismissed and Memorandum Opinion filed April 2, 2026. In The Fifteenth Court of Appeals NO. 15-26-00052-CV ALEJANDRO CASTILLO, Appellant V. SASHA ALEJANDRA CASTILLO, Appellee On Appeal from the 261st District Court Travis County, Texas Trial Court Cause No. D-1-FM-24-007092 MEMORANDUM OPINION This is an appeal from a judgment signed on October 15, 2025.

The notice of appeal was filed on January 21, 2026, and deemed timely. To date, our records show that Appellant has not paid the appellate filing fee. See Tex. R. App. P. 5 (requiring payment of fees in civil cases unless party is excused by statute or by appellate rules from paying costs); Tex. Gov't Code § 51.207 (appellate fees and costs).

On March 2, 2026, this Court notified Appellant that unless Appellant paid the filing fee within 10 days, the appeal would be subject to dismissal without further notice. Appellant has not paid the filing fee or otherwise responded to the Court's notice.

Accordingly, we dismiss the appeal. See Tex. R. App. P. 42.3(c) (allowing involuntary dismissal of case because appellant has failed to comply with notice from clerk requiring response or other action within specified time). PER CURIAM Panel consists of Chief Justice Brister and Justices Field and Farris. 2

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