

COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

Torin Pope v. US Bank National Association

Pope · No. A15A0967 · Decided February 11, 2015

SUMMARY

The Georgia Court of Appeals dismissed Torin Pope’s direct appeal from a state-court judgment arising from a dispossessory action. The court held that because the state-court order resolved a de novo appeal from magistrate court, Pope was required to use the discretionary appeal procedures under OCGA § 5-6-35(a)(11), and his failure to do so deprived the court of jurisdiction.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia
JURISDICTION	Georgia
DECIDED	February 11, 2015
DOCKET	A15A0967
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Pope directly appealed to the Court of Appeals of Georgia from a state-court judgment affirming a magistrate-court judgment in a dispossessory action.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published Court of Appeals of Georgia order; precedential treatment is not otherwise specified in the source.
PARTIES	Torin Pope v. US Bank National Association

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the Court of Appeals of Georgia had jurisdiction over a direct appeal from a state-court order disposing of a de novo appeal from a magistrate-court decision.

2. Whether a party appealing such an order was required to use the discretionary-appeal procedures under OCGA § 5-6-35(a)(11).

HOLDINGS

1. A party seeking review in the Court of Appeals of an order disposing of a de novo appeal from a magistrate-court decision must follow the discretionary-appeal procedures.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Pope’s failure to do so deprives us of jurisdiction over this appeal, which is hereby DISMISSED.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The case arose from a dispossessory action brought in magistrate court. Both the magistrate court and the state court entered judgment in favor of US Bank National Association.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The action began as a dispossessory proceeding in magistrate court, where judgment was entered for US Bank National Association. Pope appealed to the state court, which also entered judgment for the bank. Pope then filed a direct appeal in the Court of Appeals, without following the discretionary-appeal procedures.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- Strachan v. Meritor Mortgage Corp. East, 216 Ga. App. 82, 453 S.E.2d 119 (1995)