

FOURTH COURT OF APPEALS OF TEXAS, SAN ANTONIO

Sonia Dina Campa v. Demetrious Bulis

Campa v. Bulis, No. 04-26-00286-CV (Tex. App.—San Antonio June 3, 2026) · No. 04-26-00286-CV · Decided June 3, 2026

SUMMARY

The Fourth Court of Appeals of Texas dismissed Sonia Dina Campa’s appeal for lack of jurisdiction because her notice of appeal was filed after the applicable deadline. The court held that, despite a timely motion for new trial, the notice was filed late and no motion for extension was filed; Campa also failed to respond to the court’s show-cause order.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Fourth Court of Appeals of Texas, San Antonio
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Per Curiam; Irene Rios; Lori I. Valenzuela; Lori Massey Brissette
JURISDICTION	Fourth Court of Appeals, San Antonio, Texas
DECIDED	June 3, 2026
DOCKET	04-26-00286-CV
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Appellant attempted to appeal a final judgment awarding possession of real property to appellee in a forcible detainer action. The court of appeals dismissed the appeal for lack of jurisdiction because the notice of appeal was untimely and no extension motion was filed.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The court determined its jurisdiction based on the timeliness of the notice of appeal under the Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published
PARTIES	Sonia Dina Campa v. Demetrious Bulis

TOPICS

- appellate jurisdiction
- appellate procedure
- civil procedure
- motion for new trial
- real estate

PRACTICE AREAS

- Appellate procedure
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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the court of appeals had jurisdiction when the notice of appeal was filed after the applicable deadline and no motion for extension of time was filed.

HOLDINGS

1. A timely notice of appeal is necessary to invoke the court of appeals' jurisdiction, and because Campa filed her notice of appeal after the ninety-day deadline applicable following her timely motion for new trial, without filing a motion for extension, the appeal had to be dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“A timely notice of appeal is necessary to invoke this court’s jurisdiction.” (-1-)

“Accordingly, we dismiss this appeal for lack of jurisdiction.” (-2-)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The trial court entered a final judgment awarding possession of real property to Demetrious Bulis in an underlying forcible detainer action. Sonia Dina Campa timely filed a motion for new trial, extending the deadline for her notice of appeal to ninety days after the judgment was signed, or March 12, 2026. She filed her notice of appeal on April 1, 2026, did not file a motion for extension, and did not respond to the appellate court's order to show cause.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The County Court at Law No. 10 of Bexar County signed the final judgment on December 12, 2025. Because appellant timely filed a motion for new trial, the notice of appeal was due March 12, 2026, and any extension motion was due March 27, 2026. Appellant filed the notice of appeal on April 1, 2026, filed no extension motion, and did not respond to the appellate court's order to show cause.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- In re L.R.S., No. 04-20-00507-CV, 2020 WL 7365444, at *1 (Tex. App.—San Antonio Dec. 16, 2020, no pet.) (mem. op.)
- Verburgt v. Dorner, 959 S.W.2d 615, 617 (Tex. 1997)
- Campbell v. Leal, No. 04-12-00654-CV, 2012 WL 5874622, at *1 (Tex. App.—San Antonio Nov. 21, 2012, no pet.)

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

Fourth Court of Appeals San Antonio, Texas MEMORANDUM OPINION No. 04-26-00286-CV Sonia Dina CAMPA, Appellant v. Demetrious BULIS, Appellee From the County Court at Law No. 10, Bexar County, Texas Trial Court No. 2025CV10163 Honorable David J. Rodriguez, Judge Presiding PER CURIAM Sitting: Irene Rios, Justice Lori I. Valenzuela, Justice Lori Massey Brissette, Justice Delivered and Filed: June 3, 2026 DISMISSED FOR LACK OF JURISDICTION “A timely notice of appeal is necessary to invoke this court’s jurisdiction.” In re L.R.S., No. 04-20-00507-CV, 2020 WL 7365444, at *1 (Tex.

App.—San Antonio Dec. 16, 2020, no pet.) (mem. op.). Generally, a party’s notice of appeal must be filed within thirty days after a judgment is signed. See TEX. R. APP. P. 26.1. However, if any party timely files a motion for new trial, a motion to modify judgment, a motion to reinstate under Rule 165a of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, or a proper request for findings of fact and conclusions of law, the notice of appeal must be filed within ninety days after a judgment is signed.

See id. 26.1(a). Appellant attempts to appeal the trial court’s final judgment awarding possession of real property to the appellee in the underlying forcible detainer action. The trial court signed the final judgment on December 12, 2025.

Because appellant timely filed a motion for new trial, the notice of appeal was due to be filed on March 12, 2026. See TEX. R. APP. P. 26.1. A motion for extension of time to file the notice of appeal was due on March 27, 2026. See TEX. R. APP. P. 26.3.

However, appellant did not file her notice of appeal until April 1, 2026, and she did not file a motion for extension of time. On April 27, 2026, we advised appellant that it appeared her notice of appeal was not timely filed, and we ordered appellant to show cause in writing, on or before May 11, 2026, why this appeal should not be dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.

See TEX. R. APP. P. 42.3(a); *Verburgt v. Dorner*, 959 S.W.2d 615, 617 (Tex. 1997). To date, appellant has not responded to our order. Accordingly, we dismiss this appeal for lack of jurisdiction. See *Campbell v. Leal*, No. 04-12- 00654-CV, 2012 WL 5874622, at *1 (Tex. App.—San Antonio Nov. 21, 2012, no pet.) (“[A]bsent a timely filed notice of appeal, we must dismiss the appeal.” (citing *Verburgt*, 959 S.W.2d at 617)); TEX. R. APP.

P. 26.1; TEX. R. APP. P. 42.3(a). PER CURIAM -2-