

FOURTEENTH COURT OF APPEALS OF TEXAS

Deanne M. Hodge and Beverly A. Barr v. Pine Hill Homes, LP

Hodge v. Pine Hill Homes · No. 14-15-00591-CV · Decided July 23, 2015

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

ACCEPTED 14-15-00591-CV FOURTEENTH COURT OF APPEALS HOUSTON, TEXAS 7/23/2015 6:40:08 PM CHRISTOPHER PRINE CLERK FOURTEENTH COURT OF APPEALS CIVIL APPEAL MEDIATION DOCKETING STATEMENT FILED IN RETURN WITHIN 15 DAYS TO: 14th COURT OF APPEALS HOUSTON, TEXAS CLERK, FOURTEENTH COURT OF APPEALS; 7/23/2015 6:40:08 PM 301 FANNIN, ROOM 245; HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002CHRISTOPHER A. PRINE Clerk ***For Civil Appeals, see Section V for information about the Pro Bono Program sponsored and administered by the Pro Bono Committees of the Appellate Practice Sections of the State Bar of Texas and the Houston Bar Association.

I. General Information: Appellant(s): Appellate Cause No.: Deanne M. Hodge 14-15-00591-CV Beverly A. Barr Trial Ct. Cause No.: 2011-33839 Appellee(s): County: Pine Hill Homes, LP Harris Trial Court: 190th Judicial District Court Other: II. Timetable: Appeal stayed by bankruptcy. Date bankruptcy filed: N/A List: name of bankruptcy court: bankruptcy case number: style of bankruptcy filing: III.

Jurisdiction: Will you challenge this court's jurisdiction? No ☒ Yes IV. Indigency Of Party (TRAP 32.1(k)): (Attach file-stamped copy of affidavit) Filed Event Date N/A Check as appropriate Affidavit filed No ☒ Yes Contest filed No ☒ Yes Date ruling on contest due: Ruling on contest: Sustained Overruled V. Pro Bono Pilot Program: The Pro Bono Committees of the Appellate Practice Sections of the State Bar of Texas and the Houston Bar Association are participating in a Pro Bono Program to place a limited number of civil appeals with appellate counsel who will represent the appellant/appellee in the appeal before the Fourteenth Court of Appeals.

The Pro Bono Committee is solely responsible for screening and selecting the civil cases for inclusion in the Pilot Program based upon a number of discretionary criteria, including the financial means of the appellee. If a case is selected by the Committee, and can be matched with appellate counsel, that counsel will take over representation of the appellee without charging legal fees.

More information regarding this program can be found in the Pro Bono Pilot Program Pamphlet available in paper form at the Clerk's Office or on the Internet at <http://www.tex-app.org> and

<http://www.hba.org/folder-sections/sec-appellate.htm>. If your case is selected and matched with a volunteer lawyer, you will receive a letter from the Pro Bono Pilot Committee within thirty (30) to forty-five (45) days after submitting this Docketing Statement.

NOTE: There is no guarantee that, if you submit your case for possible inclusion in the Pro Bono Program, the Pro Bono Committee will select your case and that pro bono counsel can be found to represent you. Accordingly, you should not forego seeking other counsel to represent you in this proceeding. By signing your name below, you are authorizing the Pro Bono Committee to transmit publicly available facts and information about your case, including parties and background, through selected Internet sites and a Listserv to its pool of volunteer appellate attorneys.

1. Do you want this case to be considered for inclusion in the Pro Bono Pilot Program? Yes No
X If you answered “Yes” to Question V.1, then please answer the following questions. 2. Do you authorize the Pro Bono Committee to contact your trial counsel of record in this matter to answer questions the committee may have regarding the appeal? Please note that any such conversations would be maintained as confidential by the Pro Bono Committee and the information used solely for the purposes of considering the case for inclusion in the Pro Bono Program.

Yes No X 3. If you have not previously filed an affidavit of indigency and attached a file-stamped copy of that affidavit, does your income exceed 200% of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Federal Poverty Guidelines? These guidelines can be found in the Pro Bono Program Pamphlet as well as on the Internet at <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/06poverty.shtml>.

Yes X No 4. Are you willing to disclose your financial circumstances to the Pro Bono Committee? If so, please attach an Affidavit of Indigency completed and executed by the appellee. Forms may be found in the Clerk’s Office or on the Internet at <http://www.tex-app.org> and <http://www.hba.org/folder-sections/sec-appellate.htm>. Your participation in the Pro Bono Pilot Program may be conditioned upon your execution of an affidavit under oath as to your financial circumstances.

Yes No X 5. Give a brief description of the issues to be raised on appeal, the relief sought, and the applicable standard of review, if known (without prejudice to the right to raise additional issues or request additional relief; use a separate attachment, if necessary). VI. Alternative Dispute Resolution/Mediation (if applicable) Instructions: This information will be used in conjunction with the Rule 32.1 docketing statement to evaluate your case for possible referral to an alternative dispute resolution procedure.

See TEX. R. APP. P. 32.1. The court will not consider your answers if the case is submitted on the merits. Each party (except where noted) must complete and file a completed docketing form in the Court of Appeals after the appeal is perfected. Check Y for yes or N for no. Fill in all blanks or check appropriate boxes. 1. Should this case be referred to mediation?

Yes No X (use additional sheets if necessary) If no, why? Appellants have refused all attempts at negotiations. (The court makes the final decision regarding referral of a case to mediation) 2. Has this case been through an ADR procedure in the trial court? Yes X No If you answered yes: a. Who was the mediator? Henry J. Blum b. What type of ADR procedure?

Mediation c. At what stage did the case go through ADR? Pre-trial 3. Rate the case for complexity. Use 1 for the least complex and 5 for the most complex. Check one: 1 X 2 3 4 5 VII. Signature: /s/R. Gary Laws_____ Date: 07/23/15 Signature of counsel (or pro se party) State Bar No.: 00786045 Printed Name: R. Gary Laws Address: 802 N. Carancahua Street, Suite 2100, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401-0038 Email Address: gary@lawsfirm.net Telephone Number: 361-857-2522 Facsimile Number: 361-884-5401 Representing: (Appellant/Appellee)