

SECOND COURT OF APPEALS OF TEXAS, FORT WORTH

**Robert Royal and RR Royal Ranch Company v. SAPH, LLC and
Happy State Bank**

Royal · Decided November 25, 2015

SUMMARY

This document is a Notice of Appeal filed by Robert Royal and RR Royal Ranch Company in a Texas civil case against SAPH, LLC and Happy State Bank. The appellants seek review of an October 26, 2015 judgment or order, raising issues concerning denial of a continuance, limitations on questioning a witness regarding property ownership and liens, and the amount of sanctions awarded.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Second Court of Appeals of Texas, Fort Worth
JURISDICTION	Texas
DECIDED	November 25, 2015
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Notice of appeal filed by Robert Royal and RR Royal Ranch Company seeking review of a trial-court judgment or other appealable order signed October 26, 2015.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	none
PARTIES	Robert Royal, RR Royal Ranch Company v. SAPH, LLC, Happy State Bank

TOPICS

[appellate procedure](#) [civil procedure](#) [summary judgment](#) [sanctions](#)

PRACTICE AREAS

[appellate procedure](#) [civil procedure](#)

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the trial court improperly denied the plaintiffs' motion for continuance.
2. Whether the trial court improperly limited questioning of the defendants' witness concerning property ownership and the creation of liens.

3. Whether the sanctions award was excessive.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The plaintiffs stated that they retained new counsel on short notice to defend against defendants' motion for final summary judgment, motion for sanctions, and motion for protective order. They asserted that the trial court denied a continuance, restricted questioning of a defense witness concerning property ownership and liens, and imposed excessive sanctions.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The appeal arose from proceedings in the District Court of Parker County, Texas. The notice states that the trial court denied the plaintiffs' motion for continuance, sustained objections limiting questioning of a defense witness in connection with defendants' motion for final summary judgment, and awarded sanctions. The plaintiffs filed a notice of appeal on November 25, 2015.

DISPOSITION

other