

TEXAS COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIRST DISTRICT

Unico Commodities LLC and Riccardo Valentini v. Global Companies, LLC

No. 01-25-00591-CV · No. No. 01-25-00591-CV · Decided December 31, 2025

SUMMARY

The First Court of Appeals of Texas dismissed Unico Commodities LLC and Riccardo Valentini’s appeal for want of prosecution. The appellants failed to pay the appellate filing fee or establish indigence, failed to file an appellate brief, and did not respond to court notices or cure these deficiencies.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Texas Court of Appeals for the First District
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Justice Rivas-Molloy; Justice Guiney; Justice Morgan
JURISDICTION	Court of Appeals for the First District of Texas
DECIDED	December 31, 2025
DOCKET	No. 01-25-00591-CV
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Appeal dismissed for want of prosecution because appellants failed to pay the appellate filing fee or establish indigence, failed to file an appellate brief, and failed to respond to court notices.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published
PARTIES	Unico Commodities LLC, Riccardo Valentini v. Global Companies, LLC

TOPICS

- appellate procedure
- costs
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- appellate procedure
- civil procedure
- commercial litigation

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the appeal should be dismissed when appellants failed to pay the appellate filing fee or establish indigence after notice.
2. Whether the appeal should be dismissed for failure to file an appellate brief and respond to a notice that the brief was past due.

HOLDINGS

1. An appeal may be dismissed when appellants fail to pay the required appellate filing fee or establish indigence for appellate costs after receiving notice and an opportunity to cure.
2. An appeal may be dismissed for want of prosecution when an appellant fails to file a required brief and fails to respond to a notice directing the appellant to file the brief or seek an extension.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The appeal arose from a case pending in the 234th District Court of Harris County. After filing their notice of appeal, appellants neither paid the required appellate filing fee nor established indigence for appellate costs. They also failed to file an appellate brief or respond to notices giving them opportunities to cure both deficiencies.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Appellants filed a notice of appeal from the 234th District Court of Harris County on July 31, 2025. They did not pay the appellate filing fee or establish indigence, failed to file a brief, and did not respond to notices directing them to cure those deficiencies. The court dismissed the appeal for want of prosecution and dismissed pending motions as moot.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

Opinion issued December 31, 2025 In The Court of Appeals For The First District of Texas NO. 01-25-00591-CV UNICO COMMODITIES LLC AND RICCARDO VALENTINI, Appellants V. GLOBAL COMPANIES, LLC, Appellee On Appeal from the 234th District Court Harris County, Texas Trial Court Case No. 2023-33539 MEMORANDUM OPINION Appellants Unico Commodities LLC and Riccardo Valentini filed their notice of appeal on July 31, 2025.

Appellants did not pay their appellate filing fee or establish indigence for purposes of appellate costs. See TEX. R. APP. P. 5, 20.1; see also TEX. GOV'T CODE §§ 51.207, 51.208, 51.851(b), 51.941(a); Order, Fees Charged in the Supreme Court, in Civil Cases in the Courts of Appeals, and Before the Judicial Panel on Multi-District Litigation, and in the Business Court, Misc.

Docket No. 24-9047 (Tex. July 26, 2024), reprinted in TEX. R. APP. P. app. A § B(1) (listing fees in courts of appeals). The Clerk of this Court notified appellants that unless they paid the appellate filing fee by September 29, 2025, their appeal could be dismissed. See TEX. R. APP. P. 42.3(b).

To date, appellants have not responded to the Clerk's notice, nor paid the appellate filing fee or established indigence for purposes of appellate costs. Also, appellants failed to file a brief. See TEX. R. APP. P. 38.6(a), 38.8(a).

On December 11, 2025, the Clerk of this Court notified appellants that their appellate brief was past due, and their appeal was subject to dismissal. See TEX. R. APP. P. 38.8(a), 42.3(b), 43.2(f). We directed appellants to file their brief and a motion requesting an extension to file the brief within 10 days of our notice. Appellants did not respond. See TEX. R. APP.

P. 42.3(b), (c). We dismiss the appeal for want of prosecution. See TEX. R. APP. P. 38.8(a), 42.3(b)–(c), 43.2(f). Any pending motions are dismissed as moot. PER CURIAM Panel consists of Justices Rivas-Molloy, Guiney, and Morgan. 2