

TEXAS COURT OF APPEALS, ELEVENTH DISTRICT (EASTLAND)

Brian Farrell and Christine Farrell v. North Star Trust, Lana Strissel, Trustee

No. 11-25-00220-CV, Texas Court of Appeals, Eleventh District (Eastland) (January 8, 2026)

SUMMARY

The Eleventh Court of Appeals of Texas dismissed the appeal for want of prosecution after Brian and Christine Farrell failed to file their appellate brief despite multiple notices and extensions. The appeal arose from a final judgment in an eviction case in Eastland County, Texas.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Texas Court of Appeals, Eleventh District (Eastland)
WRITING FOR THE COURT	John M. Bailey, Chief Justice; Trotter, Justice; Williams, Justice
JURISDICTION	Texas Court of Appeals, Eleventh District
DECIDED	January 8, 2026
DOCKET	11-25-00220-CV
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Pro se appeal from the final judgment of the 91st District Court of Eastland County in an eviction case.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published memorandum opinion
PARTIES	Brian Farrell, Christine Farrell v. North Star Trust, Lana Strissel, Trustee

TOPICS

- appellate procedure
- eviction
- landlord tenant
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- appellate procedure
- civil procedure
- landlord-tenant law
- eviction

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the appeal should be dismissed for want of prosecution when the appellants failed to file an appellate brief after receiving multiple notices and extensions.

HOLDINGS

1. An appeal may be dismissed for want of prosecution when appellants fail to timely file their brief after receiving notice of the overdue brief and extensions warning that noncompliance may result in dismissal.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Based on Appellants’ failure to prosecute this appeal in a timely manner, we conclude that this appeal should be dismissed.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The appeal arose from an eviction case in which the trial court entered a final judgment. Appellants did not file their appellate brief by the original deadline or by either of the extended deadlines granted by the court. They also did not file a motion for extension of time.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Appellants filed a notice of appeal from the trial court's final judgment on August 7, 2025. After multiple notices and extensions warning that failure to file an appellate brief could result in dismissal, Appellants filed neither a brief nor a motion for extension. The court dismissed the appeal for want of prosecution.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

Opinion filed January 8, 2026 In The Eleventh Court of Appeals _____ No. 11-25-00220-CV _____ BRIAN FARRELL AND CHRISTINE FARRELL, Appellants V. NORTH STAR TRUST, LANA STRISSEL, TRUSTEE, Appellee On Appeal from the 91st District Court Eastland County, Texas Trial Court Cause No. 25-067-DCCV-47500 MEMORANDUM OPINION On August 7, 2025, Appellants filed a pro se notice of appeal from the trial court’s final judgment in an eviction case.

We dismiss the appeal for want of prosecution. Appellants’ brief was originally due to be filed in this court on or before October 30, 2025. On October 31, we notified Appellants that their brief was past due. On November 6, we reminded Appellants that their brief was past due and informed them that we had, on our own motion, granted an extension to December 1.

In the letter, we informed Appellants that the failure to file their brief on or before December 1, 2025, could “result in dismissal of the appeal.” See TEX. R. APP. P. 38.8(a)(1), 42.3(b), (c). On December 8, we sent a similar notice, again extending the due date on our own motion, and we

informed Appellants that the failure to file their brief on or before December 22 could “result in dismissal of the appeal.” As of this date, Appellants have not filed their brief or a motion for extension of time to file their brief.

Based on Appellants’ failure to prosecute this appeal in a timely manner, we conclude that this appeal should be dismissed. We dismiss the appeal for want of prosecution. See TEX. R. APP. P. 38.8(a)(1), 42.3(b), (c). JOHN M. BAILEY CHIEF JUSTICE January 8, 2026 Panel consists of: Bailey, C.J., Trotter, J., and Williams, J. 2