MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS
WESTERN DISTRICT

IN THE ESTATE OF BESSIE MARIE RICH, Deceased; M. WARREN RICH,

Appellant,

v.

JERI LEIGH HIBLER CASKEY,

Respondent.

DOCKET NUMBER WD82884

Date: May 26, 2020

Appeal from:

Bates County Circuit Court
The Honorable Julie A. Highley-Keutzer, Judge

Appellate Judges:

Division One: Lisa White Hardwick, Presiding Judge, Cynthia L. Martin and Thomas N. Chapman, Judges

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MISSOURI APPELLATE COURT OPINION SUMMARY

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Before Division One Judges: Lisa White Hardwick, Presiding Judge, Cynthia L. Martin and Thomas N. Chapman, Judges

M. Warren Rich ("Rich"), personal representative of the Estate of Bessie Marie Rich, appeals the circuit court's docket entry finding that expenses and attorney fees incurred by Jeri Leigh Caskey ("Caskey") d/b/a Caskey Law Office were reasonable and directing Caskey to submit a claim for reimbursement of those expenses and attorney fees for the court's approval. Rich contends Caskey lacked standing to assert a claim against the estate.

APPEAL DISMISSED.

Division One holds:

Section 472.160.1(1), RSMo 2016, permits the immediate appeal of an interlocutory probate order that allows a claim against an estate exceeding $100. The docket entry from which Rich is attempting to appeal advised the parties that Caskey's request for expenses and attorney fees was reasonable and that it would grant the request if she submitted it in the form of a claim for the court's approval, which has not been done. The court did not grant her claim in the docket entry and, furthermore, did not include the amount of any such claim in the docket entry. The docket entry was not an order allowing a claim in excess of $100 against the estate. Because the docket entry was not an immediately appealable interlocutory order under Section 472.160.1(1), we have no jurisdiction to hear Rich's appeal.

Opinion by: Lisa White Hardwick, Judge May 26, 2020

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