IN THE MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS
WESTERN DISTRICT

COMPLETE TITLE OF CASE

B.A.,

Respondent,

v.

DOUGLAS READY,

Appellant.

DOCKET NUMBER WD83895

MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS
WESTERN DISTRICT

DATE: February 23, 2021

APPEAL FROM

The Circuit Court of Callaway County, Missouri
The Honorable J. Hasbrouck Jacobs, Judge

JUDGES

Division Four: Martin, C.J., and Hardwick and Pfeiffer, JJ. CONCURRING.

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Douglas Ready, Vienna, MO, Appellant, *pro se*.

MISSOURI APPELLATE COURT OPINION SUMMARY

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WD83895 **Callaway County**

Before Division Four Judges: Cynthia L. Martin, Chief Judge, and Lisa White Hardwick and Mark D. Pfeiffer, Judges

Mr. Douglas Ready ("Husband") appeals *pro se* from the judgment of the Circuit Court of Callaway County, Missouri ("trial court"), awarding attorney's fees to B.A. ("Wife") for Wife's appellate attorney's fees relating to Husband's previous appeal to this Court regarding Husband's appeal of a dissolution judgment between the parties, which was dismissed for briefing deficiencies. Due to numerous appellate briefing deficiencies in his present appeal, Husband's initial appellant's brief was stricken by Order of this Court, and Husband was granted fifteen days to file an amended brief correcting the Rule 84.04 violations. Husband filed an amended appellant's brief but failed to correct his briefing deficiencies.

APPEAL DISMISSED.

Division Four holds:

1. Husband's points on appeal complain of the ruling awarding attorney's fees to Wife but fail to address the rule of law the trial court should have applied and, perhaps most importantly, fail to cite to the evidentiary basis supporting the rule of law that Husband claims should have been applied. Insufficient points relied on preserve nothing for this Court to review.

2. Though the gist of Husband's argument in the present appeal is that the trial court erred in awarding attorney's fees to Wife for use in the Dissolution Appeal, Husband fails to cite even one case precedent to support his argument. More importantly, Husband has not provided this Court the transcript of the evidentiary hearing conducted by the trial court on Wife's motion seeking attorney's fees. Hence, we have no way to discern at this Court whether the evidence demonstrated that the trial court abused its discretion in awarding such attorney's fees. Where, as here, the record does not contain all information and documents necessary for this Court to determine an issue presented on appeal, review by this Court is impossible, and the claim of error must be dismissed.

3. Husband fails to cite to any precedent regarding the standard of review on appeal of an award of attorney's fees.

4. Finally, Husband fails to cite legal precedent (or evidence) to develop Husband's argument that the trial court abused its discretion in failing to sustain Husband's motions seeking the trial judge's recusal below. Consequently, Husband has not preserved any such argument for appellate review.

5. This Court notes that each of the three districts of the Missouri Court of Appeals has a separate web page within the www.courts.mo.gov web site, and on each web page there is a detailed primer on appellate practice in the appellate courts. Within these links are detailed examples, illustrations, and explanations for precisely how the appellate brief is to be prepared for submission, including detailed discussions about all requirements for appellate briefing. These documents are recommended reading for *all* who appear before Missouri's appellate courts, whether as a licensed attorney or a self-represented litigant.

Opinion by: Mark D. Pfeiffer, Judge February 23, 2021

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