MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS
WESTERN DISTRICT

RICHARD BROWN, ET AL.

APPELLANTS,

v.

SUSAN L. BROWN, ET AL.

RESPONDENTS.

DOCKET NUMBER WD84312

DATE: April 26, 2022

Appeal From:

Jackson County Circuit Court
The Honorable Mark Anthony Styles Jr., Judge

Appellate Judges:

Division Three: Gary D. Witt, Presiding Judge, Anthony Rex Gabbert, Judge and W. Douglas Thomson, Judge

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MISSOURI APPELLATE COURT OPINION SUMMARY

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This appeal arises from extensive litigation between the parties regarding certain trusts and trust assets over a period of many years including multiple trips to this Court. Richard Brown ("Brown"), appearing *pro se*, appeals the judgment of the Circuit Court of Jackson County ("trial court") granting Respondent James Cooper's ("Cooper") motion to dismiss Brown's Petition to Enforce Arbitration. Brown's first appellate brief was struck for multiple, specific violations of the briefing requirements pursuant to Rule 84.04. Thereafter, Brown filed an amended appellate brief. Cooper filed a Motion to Dismiss Brown's amended appellate brief, wherein he also requested attorney's fees for responding to Brown's appeal.

APPELLANT'S BRIEF STRUCK; APPEAL DISMISSED; AND REMANDED TO CIRCUIT COURT FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES DETERMINATION.

Division Three holds:

Because Brown's amended appellate brief contains significant deficiencies under our rules, we strike Brown's brief without reaching the merits of his arguments. After careful consideration of Brown's brief as well as the history of this case, we conclude this case is appropriate for sanctions under Rule 84.19. We remand to the trial court for a determination of an appropriate award of attorney's fees to Cooper for the fees pertaining to this appeal.

Opinion by: Gary D. Witt, Judge April 26, 2022

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