

OPINION SUMMARY

MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT

DIVISION TWO

A.J.H. by next friend M.J.H.,)	No. ED96873
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Petitioners/Respondents,)	
)	Appeal from the Circuit Court of
v.)	the County of St. Louis
)	Cause No. 08SL-DR00608
M.A.H.S.,)	Honorable Barbara W. Wallace
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Respondent/Respondent,)	
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v.)	
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HAIS, HAIS, GOLDBERGER)	
& COYNE, P.C.,)	
)	
Intervenor/Appellant.)	Filed: February 21, 2012

Hais, Hais, Goldberger & Coyne, P.C. appeals the Circuit Court of St. Louis County's imposition of sanctions against it in the amount of \$25,000. Appellant claims the trial court erred in imposing sanctions because it failed to make the requisite finding of bad faith and further there was no evidence in the record to support such a finding.

REVERSED.

DIVISION TWO HOLDS: The trial court abused its discretion in imposing sanctions against Appellant in any amount. The judgment of the trial court is reversed.

Opinion by: Kenneth M. Romines, J.
Kathianne Knaup Crane, P.J. and Roy L. Richter, J., concur.

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