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Re: Supplemental Letter Brief

Mary Cummins v. Amanda Lollar

Appeal No.: B251854

LASC Central District, Case No.: BS143169 Our Client: Respondent Amanda Lollar

Dear Clerk:

In response to the Court's request for supplemental briefing, we respectfully submit our response to the inquiries raised in the recent letter from the clerk's office.

Our client's position is that the scope of the appeal must be limited to the matters identified in the notice of appeal, as pointed out in the Court's order. To summarize the issues raised on appeal, the following chart identifies the various orders and the corresponding grounds for affirming each other:

Order challenged in appellant's briefs	Identified or subsumed in the notice of appeal?	Basis for affirming the challenged order or dismissing appellate review
7/1/2013 order denying TRO (AOB 11-13; CT 9)	identified in the notice of appeal	Violations of rules of court and inadequate record (RB 1-10)
7/1/2013 order awarding attorneys' fees (AOB 11-13 & 28; CT 9)	subsumed in the notice of appeal	Violations of rules of court and inadequate record (RB 1-10)

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8/6/13 order denying motion for reconsideration or new trial request (CT 67; AOB 13-21; 23-27)	not separately appealable	Denial of reconsideration is not separately appealable but may be reviewed on appeal from the prior order if the latter is appealable. (CCP § 1008, subd. (g).)
		Denial of motion for new trial is not separately appealable but may be reviewed on appeal from the judgment itself. Walker v. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (2005) 35 Cal.4th 15
		Here, however, appellant failed to comply with the jurisdictional requirements for seeking a new trial. (RB 11-13.) She also failed to follow the proper procedure for seeking reconsideration in the trial court. (RB 10-11.)
9/6/13 and 9/27/13 orders denying judicial disqualification (CT 248; CT 314; AOB 21-23)	Not appealable; subject to writ which was denied. (RB 13-14.)	Although the rulings were made before the notice of appeal was filed, assuming (erroneously) that these rulings are appealable, they were not identified in the notice of appeal as pointed out in this Court's letter.

Finally, as Justice Aldrich recently pointed out in another case, Cummins' failure to follow the proper procedures for challenging the July 1, 2013 order bars her appeal based on the grounds advanced in our brief. (RB 11-13). See *Conservatorship of Townsend* (Nov. 17, 2014, B247366) __Cal.App.4th__ [2014 Cal. App. LEXIS 1044] (appellant's failure to file with the trial court papers being presented to the temporary judge, combined with appellant's failure to pay the filing fees associated with such a court filing, rendered appellant's post-trial motion procedurally invalid, thus requiring



dismissal of the appeal).

Accordingly, the Court should affirm the lower court's rulings based on the grounds articulated above and in our appellate brief.

Respectfully submitted,

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