Commonwealth of Kentucky

Court of Appeals

NO. 2026-CA-0053-ME

L.W. APPELLANT

v. APPEAL FROM JEFFERSON FAMILY COURT
HONORABLE A. CHRISTINE WARD, JUDGE
ACTION NO. 25-J-504607-001

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY,
CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY
SERVICES; JEFFERSON COUNTY
ATTORNEY; L.H.; AND
L.H., A MINOR CHILD APPELLEES

ORDER
DISMISSING

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BEFORE: CETRULO; A. JONES AND KAREM, JUDGES.

This action is before the Court because Appellant failed to timely file an appellant's brief, as required by RAP[1] 30(C)(1)(a).

Appellant, *pro se*, filed a notice of appeal on January 12, 2026. The notice of certification of the record occurred on February 10, 2026. The Court granted Appellant's request for additional time to file her brief on August 7, 2026,

[1] Kentucky Rules of Appellate Procedure.

and directed that Appellant's brief was due September 8, 2026. The Court specifically stated in its August 7, 2026, order that "[a]bsent extraordinary circumstances, failure to comply with this order within the time given SHALL result in dismissal of this appeal." Appellant submitted a brief on September 15, 2026, which the Clerk of the Court returned as late with a letter that notified Appellant her brief "may be re-submitted with a motion for additional time to file the document." Appellant has not filed the requisite motion or otherwise submitted any further filings since her late-filed brief was returned.

Having reviewed the record and being otherwise sufficiently advised; IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above-styled appeal shall be, and hereby is, DISMISSED for failing to follow this Court's directive and failure to perfect the appeal. *See* RAP 30(C)(1)(a) and RAP 31(H)(2); *see also Milby v. Mears*, 580 S.W.2d 724, 727 (Ky. App. 1979) (failure to file a brief may result in dismissal of appeal).

ENTERED: November 9, 2026



HON. ALLISON E. JONES
JUDGE, COURT OF APPEALS