## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

TRAVIS ELLIOTT,1 \$ No. 339, 2021

Petitioner Below, \$ Court Below—Family Court \$ of the State of Delaware v. \$ File No. CN11-03130

DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT \$ Petition No. 20-21502

SERVICES/JUDY JORDAN, \$ Respondent Below, Appellee. \$

Submitted: October 29, 2021 Decided: November 4, 2021

Before **SEITZ**, Chief Justice; **TRAYNOR** and **MONTGOMERY-REEVES**, Justices.

## **ORDER**

After consideration of the notice to show cause and the appellant's response, it appears to the Court that:

(1) On October 21, 2021, the appellant, Travis Elliott, filed a notice of appeal from a Family Court Commissioner's order reducing his child support obligation. On October 22, 2021, the Senior Court Clerk issued a notice, by certified mail, directing Elliott to show cause why his appeal should not be dismissed for this

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Court previously assigned pseudonyms to the parties under Supreme Court Rule 7(d).

Court's lack of jurisdiction to consider an appeal directly from a Family Court

Commissioner's order.

(2) In his response to the notice to show cause, Elliott states that he

intended the notice of appeal to be a cross-appeal of the request for review of the

Commissioner's order filed by the appellee in the Family Court. The notice of

appeal refers to both this Court and the Family Court, but Elliott addressed and

mailed the notice of appeal to this Court. This Court lacks jurisdiction to consider

an appeal directly from a Commissioner's decision.<sup>2</sup> Elliott's appeal must therefore

be dismissed.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, under Supreme Court Rule 29(b),

that this appeal is DISMISSED.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Tamika R. Montgomery-Reeves

**Justice** 

<sup>2</sup> 10 Del. C. § 915(d) (providing that a party may appeal a Commissioner's order to a Family Court judge); Fam. Ct. Civ. R. 53.1 (same).

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