

Dismissed and Opinion filed March 28, 2002.



In The
Fourteenth Court of Appeals

NO. 14-01-01041-CV

MANAL OIL, INC., Appellant

V.

CARDPRO, INC. D/B/A CARDTRONICS, Appellee

**On Appeal from the County Civil Court at Law No. 1
Harris County, Texas
Trial Court Cause No. 748,200**

MEMORANDUM OPINION

This is an appeal from a judgment signed October 1, 2001. On January 17, 2002, this Court learned that appellant, Manal Oil, is not represented by counsel in this appeal. Rather, appellant is attempting to represent itself pro se through a corporate officer who is not an attorney. Except for the performance of ministerial tasks, corporations may appear and be represented only by a licensed attorney. *Kunstoplast of Am., Inc. v. Formosa Plastics Corp., U.S.A.*, 937 S.W.2d 455, 456 (Tex. 1996); see *Dell Dev. Corp. v. Best. Indus. Uniform Sup. Co.*, 743 S.W.2d 302, 303 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 1987, writ denied). Thus, on January 24, 2002, we ordered appellant “to retain counsel and provide proof of the retention” within 15 days of the date of the order, i.e., by February 8, 2002. We noted that if appellant did not comply, we would dismiss the appeal for failing to comply with the order pursuant

to rule 42.3(c). *See* TEX. R. APP. P. 42.3(c) (stating that appellate court may dismiss appeal because appellant has failed to comply with court order).

On February 11, 2002, appellant filed a letter in this Court requesting an extension of time to retain counsel and provide proof of the retention to this Court. On February 14, 2002, we granted appellant's request by order stating, in pertinent part:

We grant appellant's request and ***ORDER appellant to retain counsel and provide proof of the retention within 30 days of the date of this order. No requests for further extensions of time to retain appellate counsel will be entertained by this Court. If appellant does not comply with this order within the time stated, this Court will dismiss the appeal for failing to comply with the order.*** *See* TEX. R. APP. P. 42.3.

(emphasis in the original).

Pursuant to the February 14, 2002, order, appellant was required to comply on or before March 18, 2002. As of this date, we have received no response from appellant. Appellant has not retained counsel nor provided proof of the retention to this Court. Accordingly, the appeal is dismissed for failure to comply with this Court's order of February 14, 2002. *Id.*

PER CURIAM

Judgment rendered and Opinion filed March 28, 2002.

Panel consists of Justices Hudson, Fowler, and Edelman.

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