State of New York

Court of Appeals

Decisions

March 16, 2023

CASES

1 No. 10
Kathryn Casey, et al.,
Respondents,
Pamela Renna et al.,
Plaintiffs-Intervenors,
v.
Whitehouse Estates, Inc., et al.,
Appellants.

Whitehouse Estates, Inc., et al., Third-Party Appellants,

Roberta L. Koeppel, et al., Third-Party Defendants.

1 No. 12
The People &c.,
Respondent,
V.
Santino Guerra,
Appellant.

3 No. 44 SSM 1
David J. Lemieux,
Appellant,
v.
Alton E. Horn et al.,
Respondents.

Order insofar as appealed from reversed, with costs, plaintiffs' motion insofar as sought summary judgment declaring that their legal regulated rent should be calculated according to the Rent Stabilization Code's default formula denied, case remitted to Supreme Court, New York County, for further proceedings in accordance with the memorandum herein, and certified question answered in the negative.

Acting Chief Judge Cannataro and Judges Rivera Garcia, Wilson, Singas and Troutman concur.

Order affirmed, in a memorandum. Acting Chief Judge Cannataro and Judges Garcia, Singas and Troutman concur. Judge Wilson dissents in an opinion, in which Judge Rivera concurs.

On review of submissions pursuant to section 500.11 of the Rules, order affirmed, with costs. The Appellate Division correctly concluded that defendant established prima facie entitlement to summary judgment and plaintiff failed to raise a triable issue of fact whether he suffered a serious injury within the meaning of Insurance Law § 5102 (d) as a result of the accident (*see Pommells v Perez*, 4 NY3d 566, 573-575 [2005]; *Franchini v Palmieri*, 1 NY3d 536, 537 [2003]).

Acting Chief Judge Cannataro and Judges Rivera, Garcia, Wilson, Singas and Troutman concur.

3 No. 18
The People &c.,
Respondent,
V.
Andrew J. Regan,
Appellant.

Order reversed and indictment dismissed.

Opinion by Judge Wilson.

Acting Chief Judge Cannataro and Judges Rivers

Acting Chief Judge Cannataro and Judges Rivera and Troutman concur.

Judge Garcia dissents for the reasons stated in so much of the majority opinion of Justice Christine M. Clark at the Appellate Division that upheld the denial of the motion to dismiss the indictment on constitutional speedy trial grounds (*see* 196 AD3d 735, 737 [3d Dept 2021]).

Judge Singas dissents and votes to affirm in an opinion.

MOTIONS

Mo. No. 2022-639 Motion for leave to appeal denied. In the Matter of the State of New York, Respondent, v. Allan A., Appellant. 3 Mo. No. 2023-137 Motion for leave to appeal granted. In the Matter of Aaron Manor Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, LLC, et al., Appellants, v. Howard A. Zucker, &c., et al., Respondents. Mo. No. 2022-897 Motion for leave to appeal dismissed upon the ground that the order sought to be appealed from In the Matter of Nicole B., does not finally determine the proceeding within the Respondent, meaning of the Constitution. v. Motion for poor person relief dismissed as academic. Franklin A., Appellant. Mo. No. 2023-182 Motion for assignment of counsel granted and Patricia Pazner, Esq., Appellate Advocates, 111 John The People &c., Street, 9th Floor, New York, NY 10038 assigned as Respondent, counsel to the appellant on the appeal herein. Jorge Baque, Appellant. Mo. No. 2022-902 Motion for leave to appeal denied. In the Matter of Hassan Barrow, Appellant, V. Lauren Carcaterra, Respondent. (And Related Proceedings.)

4 SSD 9
Shane Christopher Buczek,
Appellant,
V.
Town of Evans, et al.,
Respondents,

Defendants.

Mo. No. 2023-128

Lujerio Cordero, Appellant,

Transamerica Annuity Service Corporation, &c.,

Respondent,

Transamerica Life Insurance Company, Respondent,

et al.,

et al.,

Third-Party Defendants-Cross Defendants.

1 Mo. No. 2023-125

The People &c.,

Respondent,

v.

Shamon Dilligard, Appellant.

1 Mo. No. 2023-122

Favourite Limited, et al.,

Appellants,

v.

Benedetto Cico, et al.,

Respondents,

et al.,

Defendant.

Appeal dismissed without costs, by the Court *sua sponte*, upon the ground that no substantial constitutional question is directly involved.

Motion by National Structured Settlements Trade Association for leave to file a brief amicus curiae on consideration of the certified question herein granted and the proposed brief is accepted as filed. The brief must be submitted in digital format within seven days.

Acting Chief Judge Cannataro took no part.

Motion for an extension of the time within which to apply for permission to appeal pursuant to CPL 460.20 granted and motion papers treated as a timely CPL 460.20 application.

Motion to dismiss appeal denied.

4 Mo. No. 2022-803 In the Matter of Logan P.G.

Monroe County Department of Human Services,

Respondent;

William G.,

v.

Appellant.

4 Mo. No. 2022-763 In the Matter of Frank Garcia, Appellant,

Craig J. Doran, &c., et al., Respondents.

SSD 8

Amy R. Gurvey, &c., Appellant,

v.

State of New York et al., Respondents.

2 Mo. No. 2022-830

The People &c.,

Respondent,

V.

Jose A. Jamieson, Appellant. Motion for leave to appeal denied.

Motion for leave to appeal dismissed upon the ground that the September 12, 2022 and October 6, 2022 letters sought to be appealed from are neither judgments nor orders from which an appeal to this Court may be taken (*see* CPLR 5512 [a]; CPLR 5602 [a]).

Motion for poor person relief dismissed as academic. Judge Troutman took no part.

Appeal transferred without costs, by the Court *sua sponte*, to the Appellate Division, Third Department, upon the ground that a direct appeal does not lie when questions other than the constitutional validity of a statutory provision are involved (*see* NY Const, art VI, §§ 3 [b] [2], 5 [b]; CPLR 5601 [b] [2]). Acting Chief Judge Cannataro took no part.

Motion for leave to appeal denied.

SSD 7 Appeal dismissed without costs, by the Court sua sponte, upon the ground that no substantial Michael N. Kelsey, constitutional question is directly involved. Appellant, v. Lenore R., Respondent. SSD 11 Appeal dismissed without costs, by the Court sua 1 sponte, upon the ground that no substantial The People &c., constitutional question is directly involved. Appellant, v. Vladimir Krull, Respondent. **SSD** 10 1 Appeal dismissed without costs, by the Court sua sponte, upon the ground that the order appealed from K.E. Liggett, does not finally determine the action within the Appellant, meaning of the Constitution. v. Lew Realty LLC, Respondent. Mo. No. 2022-805 Motion for leave to appeal denied. Motion for poor person relief dismissed as academic. The People &c., Respondent, v. Eric Manley, Appellant. Mo. No. 2022-856 1 Motion for leave to appeal dismissed upon the ground that the order sought to be appealed from Velin Mezinev, does not finally determine the action within the Appellant, meaning of the Constitution. v. Bermet Tashybekova,

Respondent.

Mo. No. 2022-857 Motion for leave to appeal granted. Gregory Morrison, Appellant, New York City Housing Authority, Respondent. Mo. No. 2023-110 Motion to expand the record denied. Andrew Nitkewicz, &c., Appellant, Lincoln Life & Annuity Company of New York, Respondent. Mo. No. 2023-140 Motion for an extension of the time within which to 1 apply for permission to appeal pursuant to CPL The People &c., 460.20 granted and motion papers treated as a timely Respondent, CPL 460.20 application. Martin Ortiz, Appellant. Mo. No. 2022-882 Motion for leave to appeal denied. In the Matter of Brittni P., Respondent, v. Michael P., Appellant.

Motion for assignment of counsel granted and N. Scott Banks, Esq., Legal Aid Society of Nassau County, 40 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Hempstead, NY 11550 assigned as counsel to the appellant on the appeal herein.

Judge Singas took no part.

Mo. No. 2023-159

The People &c.,

Juan Padilla-Zuniga, Appellant.

v.

Respondent,

Mo. No. 2022-802 Motion for leave to appeal denied. The People &c., Respondent, v. Monir Parvez, Appellant. 2 Mo. No. 2023-12 Motion for leave to appeal denied. Motion for poor person relief dismissed as academic. The People &c., Respondent, William Ramirez, Appellant. Mo. No. 2022-837 Motion for leave to appeal denied. In the Matter of Gregory Ramos, Appellant, v. Anthony J. Annucci, &c., et al., Respondents. Mo. No. 2023-221 Motion by New York Civil Liberties Union for leave to appear amicus curiae on the appeal herein granted The People &c., only to the extent that the proposed brief is accepted Respondent, as filed. Two copies of the brief must be served, an v. original and nine copies filed, and the brief submitted Dwight Reid, in digital format within seven days. Appellant. Mo. No. 2022-811 Motion for leave to appeal denied. The People &c., Respondent, v.

Fernandez Rios,

Appellant.

4 Mo. No. 2023-120

In the Matter of Rochester Police Locust Club, Inc., et al.,

Respondents,

V.

City of Rochester, et al.,

Respondents,

Council of City of Rochester,

Appellant.

In the Matter of Arbitration between City of Syracuse,

Appellant,

Syracuse Police Benevolent Association, Inc., Respondent.

Motion by City of New York for leave to file a brief amicus curiae on the appeals herein granted and the proposed brief is accepted as filed. Two copies of the brief must be served, an original and nine copies filed, and the brief submitted in digital format within seven days.

Judge Troutman took no part.

1 Mo. No. 2023-47

Suzan Russell,

Appellant,

V.

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New York University, et al., Respondents.

SSD 12

In the Matter of the Estate of Michael Kevin Ryan, &c.

Geraldine A. Whitney, &c.,

Appellant;

Frank Headley, &c.,

Respondent.

(And Another Related Proceeding.)

Motion to vacate this Court's December 8, 2022 dismissal order granted.

Appeal dismissed without costs, by the Court *sua sponte*, upon the ground that no substantial constitutional question is directly involved.

2 Mo. No. 2022-872 In the Matter of Aileen T. Smisek,

Respondent,

v.

Michael V. DeSantis, Appellant.

Motion for leave to appeal dismissed upon the ground that the order sought to be appealed from does not finally determine the proceeding within the meaning of the Constitution.

2 Mo. No. 2022-746 Jeri Smith, Appellant, v. City of New York, et al.,

Respondents. (And Third-Party Actions.)

Motion for leave to appeal denied with one hundred dollars costs and necessary reproduction disbursements.

4 Mo. No. 2022-669
Eleanor Stanley, &c., et al.,
Appellants,
V.
Thomas Kelly, et al.,
Respondents.

Motion for leave to appeal denied with one hundred dollars costs and necessary reproduction disbursements.

1 Mo. No. 2023-193
Tax Equity Now NY LLC,
 Appellant,
 V.
City of New York et al.,
 Respondents,
State of New York et al.,
 Respondents.

Motion by LatinoJustice PRLDEF for leave to file a brief amicus curiae on the appeal herein granted and the proposed brief is accepted as filed. The brief must be submitted in digital format within seven days.

2 SSD 13
Randolph J. Taylor,
Respondent,
v.
Anna Taylor,
Appellant.

Appeal from orders of Supreme Court, Suffolk County, transferred without costs, by the Court *sua sponte*, to the Appellate Division, Second Department, upon the ground that a direct appeal does not lie when questions other than the constitutional validity of a statutory provision are involved (*see* NY Const, art VI, §§ 3 [b] [2], 5 [b]; CPLR 5601 [b] [2]).

2 SSD 14
In the Matter of Anna Taylor,
Appellant,
V.
Randolph J. Taylor Sr.,
Respondent.

Appeal from order of Family Court, Suffolk County, transferred without costs, by the Court *sua sponte*, to the Appellate Division, Second Department, upon the ground that a direct appeal does not lie when questions other than the constitutional validity of a statutory provision are involved (*see* NY Const, art VI, §§ 3 [b] [2], 5 [b]; CPLR 5601 [b] [2]).

Motion for leave to appeal denied.

2 Mo. No. 2022-800

The People &c., Respondent,

v.

Mary Thompson, Appellant.

Mo. No. 2022-738

Motion for leave to appeal denied with one hundred dollars costs and necessary reproduction

disbursements.

Verizon New York, Inc., &c., Respondent,

V.

Supervisor of Town of Hempstead, et al., Appellants. (And a Third-Party Action.)

3 Mo. No. 2023-94 The People &c. ex rel. Blake Wingate,

Appellant, v.

State of New York Department of Corrections and Community Services at Southport Correctional Facility Medical,
Respondent.

Motion for leave to appeal dismissed as untimely (see CPLR 5513 [b]).

2 Mo. No. 2022-793

The People &c.,

Respondent,

v.

Joseph Wolm, Appellant. Motion for leave to appeal denied. Motion for poor person relief dismissed as academic. 1 Mo. No. 2022-885 Shakeya Woodward, Appellant, v.

New York City, et al., Respondents.

In the Matter of Shakeya Woodward, Appellant,

v.

New York State Office of Children and Family Services, et al., Respondents. Motion, insofar as it seeks leave to appeal from the portions of the Appellate Division order that denied appellant's motions for poor person relief and to consolidate the appeals, dismissed upon the ground that such portions of the order do not finally determine the action or proceeding within the meaning of the Constitution; motion for leave to appeal otherwise denied.

Motion for poor person relief dismissed as academic.