Circuit Court for Montgomery County
Case No. 156385-FL

IN THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS

OF MARYLAND

No. 1112

September Term, 2019

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KEESHA ELLIOTT

v.

TOLLIE ELLIOTT

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Shaw Geter,
Gould,
Zarnoch, Robert A.
    (Senior Judge, Specially Assigned),

JJ.

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Opinion by Gould, J.

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Filed: March 12, 2020

On September 26, 2018, Appellant Keesha Elliott filed a "Complaint for Absolute Divorce, Custody, Alimony and Other Relief" in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. In connection with the complaint, on May 21, 2019, the court made a ruling that was memorialized in a June 18, 2019 order: 1) awarding the parties shared physical custody of their minor children; 2) awarding Ms. Elliott *pendente lite* child support in the amount of $5,000 per month, beginning July 2019 and continuing until the final divorce hearing; 3) denying Ms. Elliott's request for retroactive child support; and 4) deferring its decision on attorneys' fees until the hearing on the merits.

Ms. Elliott appeals from the denial of retroactive child support.

We do not reach the merits of Ms. Elliott's appeal. With limited exceptions that do not apply here, an appeal may be taken only from a final judgment. Md. Code Ann., Courts and Judicial Proceedings § 12-301 (2006, 2013 Repl. Vol). The denial of Ms. Elliott's request for retroactive child support is not a final judgment as the order did not dispose of all claims between the parties. See Doe v. Sovereign Grace Ministries, Inc., 217 Md. App. 650, 660 (2014) (internal quotations omitted) ("A 'final judgment' is a judgment that 'disposes of all claims against all parties and concludes the case.'"). Ms. Elliott's appeal is, therefore, premature.

APPEAL DISMISSED. COSTS TO BE PAID BY APPELLANT.