

Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County
Case No. 02-C-08-132727

UNREPORTED
IN THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS
OF MARYLAND

No. 2816

September Term, 2018

RAMEZ GHAZZAOUI

v.

BARBARA G. TAYLOR

Graeff,
Arthur,
Moylan, Charles E., Jr.
(Senior Judge, Specially Assigned),

JJ.

PER CURIAM

Filed: February 10, 2020

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On October 15, 2009, the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County entered a judgment against Ramez Ghazzaoui, appellant, in favor of Barbara Taylor, appellee, in the amount of \$5,208.40. On July 17, 2012, the circuit court entered a second judgment against Mr. Ghazzaoui in favor of Ms. Taylor in the amount of \$20,732.10.¹ In an attempt to satisfy those judgments, Ms. Taylor filed two “Requests for Writ of Execution” on real property owned by Mr. Ghazzaoui, which the court issued. Mr. Ghazzaoui then filed a “Motion for Release of Property from Levy, for Exemption to Quash or Vacate, and for Protective Order,” (Motion for Release of Property from Levy) wherein he requested the court to vacate the Writs of Execution and prohibit Ms. Taylor from attempting to levy his property in the future. The court denied that motion. Thereafter, Mr. Ghazzaoui and Ms. Taylor reached a settlement with respect to both judgments. Mr. Ghazzaoui paid the agreed upon settlement amount to Ms. Taylor on November 5, 2018, and the same day she filed an Order of Satisfaction in the circuit court with respect to each judgment. The next day she also filed a Release of Lien, which released the property from both judgment liens.

Mr. Ghazzaoui then filed a notice of appeal on November 16, 2018. On appeal, he contends that the court erred in denying his Motion for Release of Property from Levy because he was not properly served with the Writs of Execution. Ms. Taylor disagrees and has also filed a motion to dismiss the appeal as moot. The record indicates, and Mr.

¹ The circuit court appointed Ms. Taylor as a best interest attorney for Mr. Ghazzaoui’s minor child during a divorce and child custody case involving Mr. Ghazzaoui and his ex-wife. Both judgments were entered after Mr. Ghazzaoui failed to pay the attorney’s fees and costs that the court awarded to Ms. Taylor based on that representation.

Ghazzaoui acknowledges in his brief, that “the underlying money judgments [have] been satisfied and the levy permanently lifted.” Therefore, the case is moot as there is no longer “a controversy between the parties for which, by way of resolution, the court can fashion an effective remedy[.]” *Potomac Abatement, Inc. v. Sanchez*, 424 Md. 701 (1991) (citation omitted). Because no exception to the mootness doctrine applies, we shall grant Ms. Taylor’s motion to dismiss the appeal.

**MOTION TO DISMISS APPEAL
GRANTED. COSTS TO BE PAID BY
APPELLANT.**