

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL OF FLORIDA
FOURTH DISTRICT

CASE NO. 4D14-2282

BRADLEY J. EDWARDS,

Appellant,

v.

JEFFREY EPSTEIN,

Appellee.

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NOTICE TO INVOKE DISCRETIONARY JURISDICTION

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the appellee, Jeffrey Epstein, invokes the discretionary jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Florida to review the decision of this Court rendered November 12, 2015. The decision is within the discretionary jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Florida because it expressly and directly conflicts with a decision of another district court of appeal or the supreme court on the same question of law and certifies conflict with *Wolfe v. Foreman*, 128 So. 3d 67 (Fla. 3d DCA 2013).

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that on this 10th day of December, 2015, a copy of the foregoing was emailed to those on the list below.

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Just as in *Fischer* and *Rivernider*, we certify that this opinion conflicts with *Wolfe*.

Reversed and remanded for further proceedings.

TAYLOR and FORST, JJ., concur.

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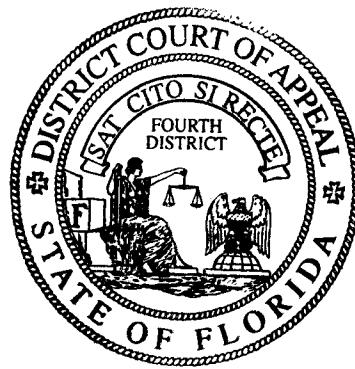
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I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a
true copy of instrument filed in my office.

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Dear Mr. Tomasino:

Attached is a certified copy of a Notice to Invoke Discretionary Jurisdiction/Notice of Appeal to the Supreme Court of Florida pursuant to Rule 9.120, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. Attached also is this Court's opinion or decision relevant to this case.

- The filing fee prescribed by Section 25.241(3), Florida Statutes, was received by this court and will be mailed.
- The filing fee prescribed by Section 25.241(3), Florida Statutes, was not received by this court.
- Petitioner/Appellant has been previously determined insolvent by the circuit court or our court.
- Petitioner/Appellant has already filed, and this court has granted, petitioner/appellant's Motion to proceed without payment of costs in this case.
- Petitioner/Appellant filed Notice via EDCA and the fee has not been received by this court.

No filing fee is required in the underlying case in this court because it was:

- A Summary Appeal (Rule 9.141)
- From the Unemployment Appeals Commission
- A Habeas Corpus Proceeding
- A Juvenile Case
- Other – _____

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact this Office.

Sincerely,

LONN WEISSBLUM
Clerk of the Court

By: 
Holly Davis
Deputy Clerk