

NON-PRECEDENTIAL DECISION - SEE SUPERIOR COURT I.O.P. 65.37

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Appellee

v.

YIP Y. WONG

Appellant

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
PENNSYLVANIA

No. 2331 EDA 2013

Appeal from the Decree August 13, 2013
In the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County
Civil Division at No(s): D07018407

BEFORE: ALLEN, J., MUNDY, J., and FITZGERALD, J.*

JUDGMENT ORDER BY MUNDY, J.:

FILED APRIL 17, 2014

Appellant, Yip Y. Wong, appeals from the August 13, 2013 decree divorcing the parties and ordering equitable distribution of the marital estate. After careful review, we dismiss the appeal for failure to adhere to the Pennsylvania Rules of Appellate Procedure.

Appellate briefs must conform to the Rules of Appellate Procedure. Pa.R.A.P. 2101. One such Rule requires that the "argument shall be divided into as many parts as there are questions to be argued" and include "such discussion and citation of authorities as are deemed pertinent." *Id.* at 2119(a). "[W]here an appellate brief fails to provide any discussion of a claim with citation to relevant authority or fails to develop the issue in any other meaningful fashion capable of review, that claim is waived."

* Former Justice specially assigned to the Superior Court.

Umbelina v. Adams, 34 A.3d 151, 161 (Pa. Super. 2011), *appeal denied*, 47 A.3d 848 (Pa. 2012), *quoting In re W.H.*, 25 A.3d 330, 339 (Pa. Super. 2011), *appeal denied*, 24 A.3d 364 (Pa. 2011) ; Pa.R.A.P. 2119(a). Further, “if the defects are in the brief of the appellant ... and are substantial, the appeal ... may be quashed or dismissed.” ***Id.*** at 2101.

Instantly, Appellant presents three issues on appeal but fails to divide her argument section in accordance with Rule 2119(a). Appellant’s entire argument is less than one page, consisting of three paragraphs that merely restate her allegations of error in conclusory fashion. **See** Appellant’s Brief at 9. Appellant’s argument contains no citation to authority or reference to the record. **See id.** “This Court will not act as counsel and will not develop arguments on behalf of an appellant.” ***Commonwealth v. Kane***, 10 A.3d 327, 331 (Pa. Super. 2010) (citation omitted), *appeal denied*, 29 A.3d 796 (Pa. 2011).

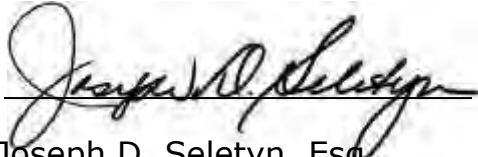
We deem these defects in Appellant’s brief to be sufficiently substantial to preclude any meaningful review.¹ Accordingly, we elect to exercise our discretion under Rule 2101, and dismiss this appeal.

Appeal dismissed. Case stricken from argument list.

¹ We note the trial court has authored a thorough, well-reasoned, and well-supported opinion that cogently addresses the merits of Appellant’s issues. Accordingly, if we were to reach the merits of Appellant’s claims, we would affirm on the basis of the October 3, 2013 opinion of the Honorable Doris A. Pechkurow.

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Judgment Entered.

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Joseph D. Seletyn, Esq.
Prothonotary

Date: 4/17/2014