

STATE OF MINNESOTA
IN COURT OF APPEALS



In re the Marriage of:

Andrew Jeffery Helmin, petitioner,

Appellant,

vs.

Yuemin Xu,

Respondent.

ORDER

A23-1345

BASED ON THE FILE, RECORD, AND PROCEEDINGS, AND BECAUSE:

1. This appeal was filed on September 10, 2023. Processing of the appeal was stayed pending mediation.
2. On January 8, 2024, this court dissolved the stay of this appeal.
3. The transcript was delivered on February 14, 2024. Appellant Andrew Jeffery Helmin's brief and addendum are due on March 15, 2024. *See* Minn. R. Civ. App. P. 131.01, subd. 1.
4. On February 20, 2024, appellant filed (1) a motion for an extension until April 15, 2024, to file the brief and (2) a motion requesting leave to file an informal brief pursuant to Minn. R. Civ. App. P. 128.01, subd. 1. Respondent Yuemin Xu has not filed a response to either motion.

5. Appellant’s extension motion indicates that “an attorney was assisting Appellant and had even quoted pricing for assistance up to and including a legal brief” and that appellant “reached out and requested that [the] unbundled attorney prepare the legal brief.” The motion states that the attorney informed appellant that the attorney would only represent appellant if appellant agreed to full representation and that the attorney never responded to appellant’s request for information about the cost of full representation. The motion indicates that appellant needs additional time to complete the brief because appellant is “not an attorney and, unfortunately, will not have legal aid in this matter at this time.”

6. We will grant a reasonable extension. Because appellant is self-represented, we will accept an informal brief and addendum from appellant.

7. An informal brief shall contain a concise statement of the party’s arguments on appeal, together with the addendum required by Minn. R. Civ. App. P. 130.02. Minn. R. Civ. App. P. 128.01, subd. 1. The informal brief shall have a cover and any paper copy may be bound by stapling. *Id.*

8. The addendum filed with appellant’s brief must include a copy of the August 22, 2023 order being appealed. *See* Minn. R. Civ. App. P. 130.02(a) (governing appealing party’s addendum).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Appellant Andrew Jeffery Helmin’s motion for an extension to file the brief is granted in part.

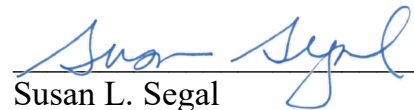
2. Appellant’s motion for leave to file an informal brief is granted.

3. Appellant shall serve and file a brief and addendum by April 5, 2024. The addendum must include a copy of the August 22, 2023 order being appealed.

4. On or before April 5, 2024, appellant shall file proof of service of the brief and addendum on counsel for respondent Yuemin Xu.

Dated: March 1, 2024

BY THE COURT



Susan L. Segal
Chief Judge