



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA
(GAUTENG DIVISION, JOHANNESBURG)**

- (1) REPORTABLE: NO
(2) OF INTEREST TO OTHER JUDGES: NO
(3) REVISED.

SIGNATURE

DATE: 5 September 2025

Case nos. 2024-067120 and
A2024-005340

In the matter between:

RALPH DENNIS DELL

Applicant

and

VALERIE DAWN DELL

Respondent

JUDGMENT

WILSON J (with whom MABESELE J agrees):

- 1 The applicant, Mr. Dell, seeks leave to appeal against our order of 6 May 2025, in which we dismissed an appeal and a review of decisions of the Magistrates' Court to disallow disbursements claimed by him on a bill of costs drawn in relation to litigation in that court.
- 2 Insofar as the order on the appeal is concerned, we have no power to grant leave to appeal against our decision. Section 16 (1) (b) of the Superior Courts

Act 10 of 2013 makes clear that an appeal against decision of this court on appeal to it can only be pursued with the special leave of the Supreme Court of Appeal. That this is the position was confirmed in *Lewis and Another v Vexma Properties 329 CC, In Re: Vexma Properties 329 CC v Lewis* [2015] ZAGPPHC 325 (8 May 2015).

3 We do, though, have the power to grant leave to appeal against our order on the review. But Mr. Dell's proposed appeal against that order stands no prospects of success. Since Mr. Dell's arguments in support of his application for leave to appeal were no more than a regurgitation of his submissions *a quo*, it is unnecessary to say anything more about them than we said in our judgment *a quo*. Mr. Dell was given a full opportunity to explain why that judgment might be wrong. He was unable to persuade us that there was any prospect that a court of appeal would think so.

4 There is no need to make a costs order.

5 For all these reasons –

5.1 The application for leave to appeal against the order granted on appeal is struck from the roll.

5.2 The application for leave to appeal against the dismissal of the review application is dismissed.



S D J WILSON
Judge of the High Court

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HEARD ON: 4 September 2025

DECIDED ON: 5 September 2025

For the Applicant: In person

For the Respondent: In person