Owen D. OATES v. Maria Teresa OATES

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Supreme Court of Arkansas Opinion delivered March 2, 2000

APPEAL & ERROR — ISSUES MOOT — APPEAL DISMISSED. — Where the trial court's order granting appellee a divorce had been reversed by the supreme court in a related opinion because appellee had failed to provide corroboration of her grounds for divorce, appellant's points for reversal, which concerned the same order, were moot; the appeal was dismissed.

Appeal from Perry Chancery Court; Mary Spencer McGowan, Chancellor; appeal dismissed.

H. Oscar Hirby, for appellant.

Herby Branscum, Jr., for appellee.

ONALD L. CORBIN, Justice. Appellant Owen D. Oates appeals an order of the Perry County Chancery Court granting Appellee Maria Teresa Oates a divorce and establishing the parties' rights in both real and personal property. Appellant sets forth four points for reversal that involve property-settlement issues and an award of attorney's fees. A related opinion was previously handed down in Oates v. Oates, 340 Ark. ___, ___ S.W.3d ___ (Feb. 24, 2000). In that opinion, we reversed the trial court's order granting Appellee a divorce because Appellee failed to provide

corroboration of her grounds for divorce. As a result of our decision in that case, Appellant's points for reversal in the present matter are moot. Accordingly, this appeal is dismissed.