

DANIEL G. LILLEY et al.

v.

MARCUS, CLEGG & MISTRETTA, P.A., et al.

Argued February 8, 2017
Decided February 23, 2017

Panel: SAUFLEY, C.J., and ALEXANDER, MEAD, GORMAN, JABAR, and HJELM.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Daniel G. Lilley and Daniel G. Lilley Law Offices, P.A. (collectively, “Lilley”), have filed this interlocutory appeal from an order entered in the Superior Court (Cumberland County, *Warren, J.*) denying Lilley’s motion to file portions of a general release agreement under seal. As Lilley acknowledges, the court’s order does not constitute a final judgment. *See Safety Ins. Grp. v. Dawson*, 2015 ME 64, ¶ 6, 116 A.3d 948 (stating that a judgment is “final” if it “fully decides and disposes of the entire matter pending before the court” (quotation marks omitted)). Further, Lilley had filed multiple copies of the agreement with the public record in this case. Accordingly, because the confidentiality of the agreement has already been lost, none of the exceptions to the final judgment rule is applicable, and we therefore dismiss this appeal. *See Fiber Materials, Inc. v. Subilia*, 2009 ME 71, ¶¶ 14-26, 974 A.2d 918.

The entry is:

Appeal dismissed.

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