

WILMER C. HAFFORD et al.

v.

ALAN F. HARDING et al.

Submitted on Briefs January 11, 2007

Decided January 23, 2007

Panel: CLIFFORD, DANA, ALEXANDER, CALKINS, and LEVY, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Wilmer C. Hafford and Mary J. Hafford appeal from a judgment of the Superior Court (Aroostook County, *Hunter, J.*) denying the Haffords' motions to retain the case on the docket and for a default judgment, and granting the motions to dismiss with prejudice filed by the Harding Law Office, Alan F. Harding, and Frank E. Bemis. The trial court found that the Haffords had failed to comply with M.R. Civ. P. 4, as they did not serve both a complaint and a summons upon the defendants.

We dismiss this appeal because the Haffords, representing themselves, failed to comply with the procedural requirements of M.R. App. P. 7(c), 8, and 9(a). In

addition, the Haffords forfeited consideration of any issues on appeal for failure to sufficiently identify and brief those issues. *See State v. Risher*, 468 A.2d 1008, 1009 (Me. 1983) (“Ordinarily, issues which are not raised and briefed on appeal are deemed waived. As a rule of prudence, this Court generally confines its review to those issues which have been identified and briefed by the parties.”); *see also Gurschick v. Clark*, 511 A.2d 36, 36 (Me. 1986) (“A litigant who elects to represent himself is bound by the same rules as one represented by counsel; he is not entitled to any preferential treatment.”).

The entry is:

Appeal dismissed.

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