

**Petition for Writ of Mandamus Denied and Memorandum Opinion filed
May 28, 2020.**



In The

Fourteenth Court of Appeals

NO. 14-20-00346-CV

**IN RE 1501 CERTIFIED ENTERTAINMENT, LLC AND CARL
CRAWFORD, Relators**

**ORIGINAL PROCEEDING
WRIT OF MANDAMUS
152nd District Court
Harris County, Texas
Trial Court Cause No. 2020-14018**

MEMORANDUM OPINION

On May 4, 2020, relators 1501 Certified Entertainment, LLC and Carl Crawford filed a petition for writ of mandamus in this court. *See* Tex. Gov't Code Ann. § 22.221; *see also* Tex. R. App. P. 52. In the petition, relators ask this court to compel the Honorable Robert Schaffer, presiding judge of the 152nd District Court of Harris County, to vacate his April 13, 2020 order denying relators' motion to compel arbitration under the Federal Arbitration Act ("FAA").

A party may file an interlocutory appeal of an order denying a motion to compel under the FAA. *See* Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code Ann. § 51.016 (providing for appeal of interlocutory order denying motion to compel arbitration under the FAA). Therefore, relators have not shown that they do not have an adequate remedy by appeal.

Relators have not established that they are entitled to mandamus relief. *See In re Lanier*, 14-19-00918-CV, 2019 WL 6317781, at *1 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] Nov. 26, 2019, orig. proceeding) (mem. op.) (denying petition seeking relief from order denying relators’ motion to compel arbitration pursuant to FAA because relators had adequate remedy by appeal). Accordingly, we deny relators’ petition for writ of mandamus.

Relators have an appeal of the April 13, 2020 order pending in this court. The ruling on relators’ petition for writ of mandamus does not affect relators’ ability to proceed with their interlocutory appeal.

PER CURIAM

Panel consists of Justices Christopher, Jewell, and Hassan.