

Court of Appeals First District of Texas

NO. 01-19-00706-CV

BAYWATER DRILLING, LLC, Appellant

V.

BENJAMIN RATLIFF, Appellee

Appeal from County Court at Law No. 1 of Galveston County. (Tr. Ct. No. CV-0082265).

This case is an appeal from the order signed by the trial court on August 22, 2019. After submitting the case on the appellate record and the arguments properly raised by the parties, the Court holds that there was reversible error in the trial court's order denying Baywater Drilling, LLC's special appearance. Accordingly, the Court **reverses** the trial court's order and **renders** judgment that Benjamin Ratliff's claims against Baywater Drilling, LLC be dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.

The Court **orders** that appellee, Benjamin Ratliff, pay all appellate costs.

The Court **orders** that this decision be certified below for observance.

Judgment rendered June 23, 2020.

Panel consists of Justices Keyes, Lloyd, and Hightower. Opinion delivered by Justice Hightower.