

July 16, 2020



JUDGMENT

The Fourteenth Court of Appeals

LAW OFFICE OF JOSEPH ONWUTEAKA, P.C., JOSEPH ONWUTEAKA,
AND SAMARA PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT, LLC, Appellants

NO. 14-18-01063-CV

V.

ROLANDA SERNA, Appellee

This cause, an appeal from the trial court's order denying requested de novo hearings before the referring judge, signed November 9, 2018, was heard on the appellate record. We have inspected the record and find the trial court erred in denying a de novo hearing before the referring judge on the motion to appoint a receiver. We therefore order that the order appointing a receiver and the portion of the order that denied a de novo hearing before the referring judge on the motion to appoint a receiver are **REVERSED** and **REMANDED** for proceedings in accordance with this court's opinion.

Further, we find no error in the remainder of the trial court's order denying requested de novo hearings and order it **AFFIRMED**.

We order that each party shall pay its costs by reason of this appeal.

We further order this decision certified below for observance.

Judgment Rendered July 16, 2020.

Panel consists of Chief Justice Frost and Justices Christopher and Bourliot.
Plurality Opinion delivered by Justice Bourliot. Frost, C.J., concurring.
Christopher, J., dissenting.