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> SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY APPELLATE DIVISION DOCKET NO. A-5009-14T1

NJA NEWARK BETH ISRAEL ANESTHESIA ASSOCIATES LLC,

Plaintiff-Respondent,

v.

ANTHONY NWAKA,

Defendant-Appellant.

Argued October 19, 2016 - Decided October 25, 2017

Before Judges Fuentes and Carroll.

On appeal from Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Special Civil Part, Union County, Docket No. DC-012361-13.

Anthony Nwaka, appellant, argued the cause pro se.

Lawrence J. McDermott, Jr. argued the cause for respondent (Pressler and Pressler, LLP, attorneys; Mr. McDermott, on the brief).

The opinion of the court was delivered by

FUENTES, P.J.A.D.

Defendant Anthony Nwaka appeals from the May 6, 2015 order entered by the Law Division, Special Civil Part, denying his motion to vacate and reconsider orders entered by the court on February 4, 2014, granting summary judgment to plaintiff NJA Newark Beth Israel Anesthesia Associates, LLC. Defendant also seeks reversal of an order entered on April 2, 2015, granting plaintiff's motion to turn over funds held at Wells Fargo Bank.¹ This case originated as a collection action filed by plaintiff seeking payment of unpaid medical fees in the amount of \$514.07.

In a written decision entered on May 6, 2015, Judge John M. Deitch explained that defendant's motion filed pursuant to <u>Rule</u> 4:50-1(a) challenging the grant of summary judgment to plaintiff was not properly before the Special Civil Part because defendant did not "establish excusable neglect. . . ., exceptional circumstances. . . or other equitable considerations . . . to support vacating Judge Pisanky's order granting summary judgment." With respect to defendant's motion for reconsideration pursuant to <u>Rule</u> 4:49-2, Judge Deitch found such a motion was "not an avenue to submit opposition where none was timely filed."

In this appeal, defendant has raised a number of arguments challenging Judge Deitch's decision. None of these arguments have

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¹ In an order entered on August 17, 2015, our colleague Judge Sabatino made clear that defendant's motion seeking leave to appeal orders entered by the trial court on January 1, 2014, February 4, 2014, and April 2, 2015 was denied as untimely pursuant to <u>Rule</u> 2:4-1(a) and <u>Rule</u> 2:4-4(a). Thus, our scope of review here is limited to the May 6, 2015 order.

sufficient merit to warrant discussion in a written opinion. R. 2:11-3(e)(1)(E). We affirm substantially for the reasons expressed by Judge Deitch.

Affirmed.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original on file in my office.

CLERK OF THE APPELLATE DIVISION