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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
APPELLATE DIVISION  
DOCKET NO. A-3535-15T2

JACQUELINE NGUYEN,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

JOEL SELTZER,

Defendant-Respondent.

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Submitted April 10, 2018 – Decided April 18, 2018

Before Judges Reisner and Mayer.

On appeal from Superior Court of New Jersey,  
Law Division, Union County, Docket No. L-1238-  
13.

Jacqueline Nguyen, appellant pro se.

Respondent has not filed a brief.

PER CURIAM


Plaintiff appeals from an order dated March 30, 2016,  
dismissing her legal malpractice claim against defendant, her  
former attorney. After a bench trial, Judge Mark P. Ciarrocca  
issued an oral opinion on March 30, 2016, finding that defendant  
was a credible witness, but plaintiff, her husband and her expert

witness were not credible. Based on the facts as he found them, the judge concluded that plaintiff did not prove defendant committed malpractice. We affirm for the reasons stated in Judge Ciarrocca's opinion. We add the following comments.

On an appeal from a bench trial, our review is limited. We must defer to the trial judge's findings, as long as they are supported by substantial credible evidence. Rova Farms Resort, Inc. v. Inv'rs Ins. Co., 65 N.J. 474, 484 (1974). We owe special deference to the judge's evaluation of witness credibility. Cesare v. Cesare, 154 N.J. 394, 412 (1998). After reviewing the record, we find no basis to disturb Judge Ciarrocca's decision. Plaintiff's appellate arguments are without sufficient merit to warrant discussion in a written opinion. R. 2:11-3(e)(1)(E).

Affirmed.

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is a true copy of the original on  
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