

THE BALTIMORE WASHINGTON  
CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH, *ET AL.*,

Appellants,

v.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF CAPE  
ST. CLAIRE, *ET AL.*,

Appellees.

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\* IN THE  
\* APPELLATE COURT  
\* OF MARYLAND  
\* No. 2336 September Term, 2023  
\* MDEC: ACM-REG-2336-2023  
\* (Cir. Ct. No. C-02-CV-23-000500)

**ORDER**

On February 29, 2024, the appellees filed their “Motion to Dismiss Appeal,” arguing *inter alia* that this appeal was untimely filed because the notice of appeal was filed on February 1, 2024 and the order on appeal was entered on December 29, 2023. This Court ordered the appellants to show cause why the appeal should not be dismissed as untimely. Following review of their response, on April 9, 2024, the Court remanded the appeal to the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County to determine the date that court’s Memorandum Opinion and Order, signed December 29, 2023, was “entered” on the ECMS docket in accordance with *Won Bok Lee v. Won Sun Lee*, 466 Md. 601 (2020) and Maryland Rule 2-601(b). In *Won Bok Lee*, the Supreme Court of Maryland held that “an entry of a judgment on the ECMS docket is not complete until that docket entry and the date of entry are made available to the public through Case Search.” 466 Md. at 633–34.

On May 23, 2024, the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County entered an Order stating that “[t]he date that the Memorandum Opinion and Order was made available is December 29, 2023.” On the same date, an Affidavit by the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Scott Poyer, was filed. The Affidavit states that “on December 29, 2023, the docket entry and date of entry for the

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Memorandum Opinion and Order were both made available to the public through Maryland Judiciary Case Search.”

Upon consideration of the foregoing, it is this 14th day of June 2024, by the Appellate Court of Maryland,

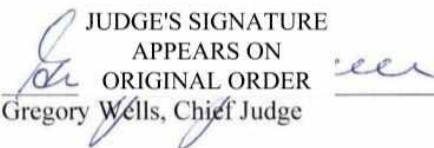
ORDERED that the stay of the above-captioned appeal is lifted; and it is further

ORDERED that the appellees’ “Motion to Dismiss Appeal” is granted; and it is further

ORDERED that the above-captioned appeal is dismissed as untimely filed pursuant to Maryland Rule 8-602(b)(2).<sup>1</sup>



JUDGE'S SIGNATURE  
APPEARS ON  
ORIGINAL ORDER  
Gregory Wells, Chief Judge



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<sup>1</sup> “No later than 20 days after the entry of an order dismissing an appeal, a party may file a motion for reconsideration of the dismissal.” Md. Rule 8-602(e)(1).