

Dismissed and Opinion filed March 23, 2000.



In The

Fourteenth Court of Appeals

NO. 14-99-01194-CV

FERNANDO CORTES, Appellant

V.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee

**On Appeal from the 179th District Court
Harris County, Texas
Trial Court Cause No. 824,181**

O P I N I O N

This is an attempted appeal from a trial court's order of contempt signed October 14, 1999. The trial court found appellant, an attorney, in contempt for failing to timely appear to represent his client in a criminal action pending before the 179th District Court. Appellant is attempting a direct appeal from a trial court's order of contempt. Appellant may not seek relief from an order of contempt through a direct appeal. Appellant's remedy is by writ of habeas corpus.

On March 7, 2000, notification was transmitted to all parties of the Court's intent to dismiss the appeal for want of jurisdiction. *See* TEX. R. APP. P. 42.3(a). Appellant filed no response.

Accordingly, the appeal is ordered dismissed.

PER CURIAM

Judgment rendered and Opinion filed on March 23, 2000.

Panel consists of Justices Amidei, Anderson, and Frost.

Do Not Publish — *See* TEX. R. APP. P. 47.3(b).