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No. 97,029

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of

KARLA E. BRUCE,
Appellant,

and

CHARLES D. BRUCE,
Appellee.

MEMORANDUM OPINION

Appeal from Barton District Court; RON SVATY, judge. Opinion filed November 9, 2007. Affirmed.

Brock R. McPherson and Jeff Lee McVey, of McPherson & McVey Law Offices, Chtd., of Great Bend, for appellant.

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Before HILL, P.J., GREEN and MARQUARDT, JJ.

Per Curiam: Karla E. Bruce appeals the trial court's finding that she and Charles D. Bruce did not have a common-law marriage. We affirm.

Karla and Charles were divorced in April 2004. The parties entered into a settlement agreement in which they determined a fair and equitable division of their property. In January 2006, Karla again filed a petition requesting a divorce from Charles and an equitable division of property, claiming she and Charles had lived together and held themselves out to be husband and wife since April 3, 2004. Charles responded by denying any sort of marital relationship and by filing a counterclaim for sanctions against both Karla and her attorney.

The trial court ruled that no common-law marriage existed and denied Karla's petition for divorce. Karla timely appeals the trial court's ruling to this court.

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 7.042(e) (2006 Kan. Ct. R. Annot. 54), we hold that the findings of fact and conclusions of law rendered by the trial court in its dismissal of Karla's petition adequately explain the trial court's ruling.

Affirmed.