

**THE COURT OF APPEALS  
ELEVENTH APPELLATE DISTRICT  
LAKE COUNTY, OHIO**

IN RE: : **MEMORANDUM OPINION**  
ANDREW MIKAL CLOWTIS :  
AND CASSIDY LEIGH BREACH : **CASE NOS. 2007-L-021**  
: **and 2007-L-022**

Civil Appeal from the Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division, Case Nos. 2006 DP 0586 and 2006 DP 0587.

Judgment: Appeals dismissed.

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COLLEEN MARY O'TOOLE, J.

{¶1} On February 5, 2007, appellants, Susan and Leon Clowtis, filed their notices of appeal from the January 3, 2007 judgment entries of the Lake County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division. Thus, appellants' notices of appeal were filed thirty-three days after the judgments had been issued by the trial court. Appellants' notices of appeal were due on Friday, February 2, 2007, which was not a holiday or a weekend.

{¶2} App.R. 4(A) states that:

{¶3} “A party shall file the notice of appeal required by App.R. 3 within thirty days of the later of entry of the judgment or order appealed or, in a civil case, service of the notice of judgment and its entry if service is not made on the party within the three day rule period in Rule 58(B) of the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure.”

{¶4} Loc.R. 3(D)(2) of the Eleventh District Court of Appeals provides:

{¶5} “In the filing of a Notice of Appeal in civil cases in which the trial court clerk has not complied with Ohio Civ.R. 58(B), *and the Notice of Appeal is deemed to be filed out of rule*, appellant shall attach an affidavit from the trial court clerk stating that service was not perfected pursuant to Ohio App.R. 4(A). The clerk shall then perfect service and furnish this Court with a copy of the appearance docket in which date of service has been noted. Lack of compliance shall result in the *sua sponte* dismissal of the appeal under Ohio App.R. 4(A).” (Emphasis sic.)

{¶6} Here, appellants have not complied with the thirty-day rule set forth in App.R. 4(A) nor have appellants alleged that there was a failure by the trial court clerk to comply with Civ.R. 58(B). The time requirement is jurisdictional in nature and may not be enlarged by an appellate court. *State ex rel. Pendell v. Adams Cty. Bd. of Elections* (1988), 40 Ohio St.3d 58, 60; App.R. 14(B).

{¶7} Accordingly, these appeals are dismissed sua sponte pursuant to App. R. 4(A).

WILLIAM M. O’NEILL, J.,

MARY JANE TRAPP, J.,

concur.