UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

No. 99-20389
Summary Calendar

MICHAEL P. LEWIS,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

versus

DAVID M. FRESNE, ET AL.,

Defendants,

LOWELL FARKAS; ROBERT A. YOUNG; ROSENFELD, BERNSTEIN & TANNENHAUSER LLP; ERIC P. ROSENFELD; ROBERT BERNSTEIN; ROBERT B. TANNENHAUSER,

Defendants-Appellees.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Southern District of Texas
(H-96-CV-1861)

January 13, 2000

Before POLITZ, HIGGINBOTHAM and WIENER, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:*

Michael P. Lewis appeals the district court's dismissal of his claims against Robert B. Tannenhauser and Robert Bernstein for lack of personal jurisdiction. Bernstein and Tannenhauser respond and seek dismissal and sanctions on the grounds that the appeal is frivolous.

The issue of the court's personal jurisdiction over Bernstein and

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*Pursuant to 5TH CIR. R. 47.5, the Court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR. R. 47.5.4.

Tannenhauser has been presented repeatedly to two district court judges who repeatedly have rejected Lewis' contention that personal jurisdiction exists. Absent personal jurisdiction in the trial court, there is no jurisdiction in this court.

Lewis' briefs on appeal and in opposition to the motion for sanctions advance neither a factual basis nor dispositive precedents for the claim of personal jurisdiction in federal court over Tannenhauser and Bernstein. The several rulings by the district court on the personal jurisdiction issue are manifestly correct. The challenge thereto is frivolous.

The appeal is DISMISSED.

Sanctions in favor of Bernstein and Tannenhauser and against Lewis are GRANTED. A detailed specification of actual expenses and reasonable attorney's fees to date herein is to be filed by Bernstein and Tannenhauser after which we shall determine and set same.