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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY APPELLATE DIVISION DOCKET NO. A-0675-15T1

ANTHONY F. TRUFOLO, JR.,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

SANDRA J. BUCOSSI, Individually and as Trustee of the Anne. M. Trufolo Living Trust, and PATRICIA A. WARRICK, Individually,

Defendants-Respondents.

Submitted December 4, 2017 - Decided May 10, 2018

Before Judges Messano and O'Connor.

On appeal from Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Monmouth County, Docket No. C-000030-13.

Joshua L. Thomas, attorney for appellant.

Pashman Stein Walder Hayden, attorneys for respondent Sandra J. Bucossi (Joseph J. Colao, Jr. and Janie Byalik, of counsel and on the brief).

## PER CURIAM

Plaintiff Anthony F. Trufolo, Jr., appeals from a July 29, 2015 judgment dismissing his verified complaint against

defendant Sandra J. Bucossi, both individually and as trustee of the Anne M. Trufolo Living Trust (trust), and defendant Patricia Warrick. We affirm.

Plaintiff and defendants are the children of Anne M.

Trufolo (decedent) and Anthony Trufolo, Sr. (Trufolo Sr.).

Before her death in 1998, the decedent created a living trust for the benefit of Trufolo Sr. during his lifetime. The trust named Bucossi as trustee and the children as contingent beneficiaries; Trufolo Sr. died in 2015. The sole assets of the trust were two professional buildings.

In 2013, plaintiff filed a verified complaint alleging that, as trustee, Bucossi mismanaged, misappropriated and converted trust funds. Relevant to the issues on appeal, plaintiff sought an accounting of the trust from 1998 through 2012, as well as Bucossi's removal as trustee. At the conclusion of plaintiff's case, the court granted defendants' motion for an involuntary dismissal pursuant to Rule 4:37-2(b), and subsequently entered the July 29, 2015 judgment from which plaintiff appeals.

On appeal, plaintiff asserts the following contentions for our consideration:

<u>POINT I:</u> THE COURT ERRED BY ACCEPTING THE DEFICIENT ACCOUNTING PRODUCED BY DEFENDANT DUE TO ITS FAILURE TO MEET CRITERIA PURSUANT

TO COURT ORDERS AND R. 4:87-3 EFFECTUATING BOTH PLAIN AND HARMFUL ERROR.

<u>POINT II</u>: THE COURT ERRED BY SHIFTING THE BURDEN OF PROOF TO PLAINTIFF/APPELLANT.

POINT III: THE COURT ERRED BY FAILURE TO ACCEPT MS. BUCOSSI'S RESIGNATION AS TRUSTEE AND DISMISSING DAMAGES CLAIM AS PROPOSED BY LEGAL COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFF/APPELLANT AND DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT BUCOSSI.

<u>POINT IV</u>: THE COURT ERRED BY VIOLATING JUDICIAL CODE OF CONDUCT CANON 3.A(8).<sup>[1]</sup>

<u>POINT V</u>: THE COURT ERRED BY ABUSE OF JUDICIAL DISCRETION.

Plaintiff's brief was in large measure incomprehensible, necessitating the expenditure of considerable time and effort to understand the arguments he advanced under each point heading. To the extent we were able to comprehend them, we scrutinized the evidence to determine if any possessed factual support and reviewed the law to ascertain if they were supported by legal authority. In the final analysis, we concluded plaintiff's arguments are utterly devoid of merit. In fact, they do not even warrant discussion in a written opinion. R. 2:11-

3(e)(1)(E).

Affirmed.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original on file in my office.

CLERK OF THE APPELIATE DIVISION

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The correct citation is Canon 3, Rule 3.11.