

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

No. 93-7101

Summary Calendar

LEROY HOSKINS, ET AL.,

Plaintiffs,

ANTHONY P. GRIFFIN,

Appellee,

versus

JOHN HANNA,
Secretary of State,
State of Texas, ET AL.,

Defendants,

RAY HOLBROOK,
County Judge of the County of Galveston,
JESSIE KIRKENDALL,
Clerk of the County of Galveston and
GALVESTON COUNTY,

Defendants-Appellants.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Southern District of Texas
(G 92 CV 12)

(October 22, 1993)

Before KING, HIGGINBOTHAM, and BARKSDALE, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:*

*Local Rule 47.5 provides: "The publication of opinions that have no precedential value and merely decide particular cases on the basis of well-settled principles of law imposes needless expense on the public and burdens on the legal profession." Pursuant to that Rule, the Court has determined that this opinion should not be published.

Appellants challenge the district court's award of \$96,272.08 in attorneys fees to Anthony Griffin. In making its award, the district court made several findings of fact related to the factors we identified in Johnson v. Georgia Highway Express, 488 F.2d 734 (5th Cir. 1974). The court's findings with regard to Mr. Griffin involve many determinations peculiarly within the trial judge's knowledge and expertise, including assessments of Mr. Griffin's skill as an advocate and the role he played in this litigation. They also included the court's judgments about the complexity of the case as a whole and the time pressures under which counsel operated. Nothing in the record leads us to discredit these determinations as clearly erroneous. We accordingly find no abuse of discretion in the award. See Alberti v. Klevanhagen, 896 F.2d 927, 930, vacated in part on other grounds, 903 F.2d 352 (5th Cir. 1990).

AFFIRMED.