

**COURT OF APPEALS**

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Shadeed Saheem Amir,  
Appellant,

v.

Case #: 17-AC-004

Oneida Nation Child Support Agency, and  
Raniya A. Wright,

April 4, 2017

Respondent.

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**INITIAL REVIEW DECISION**

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Reviewing Oneida Judiciary Appellate Judges: Diane House, Chad Hendricks, and Sharon House.

**BACKGROUND**

On January 31, 2017, the Oneida Family Court held a second hearing on Respondent Raniya A. Wright's (hereinafter "Wright") Motion for Modification of Legal Custody and/or Child Placement in the matter of *OTCSA & Raniya A. Wright v. Shadeed Saheem Amir*, Case #13-CS-168. Appellant Shadeed Saheem Amir (hereinafter "Amir") made an appearance at both hearings, with the second appearance being made by phone. On February 3, 2017, the Oneida Family Court issued its decision and order (hereinafter "Order") in Case #13-CS-168. On March 9, 2017, Amir filed a perfected appeal of this Order and a Petition for Stay with the Oneida Judiciary, Court of Appeals.

**DECISION**

After review of the information contained in the Notice of Appeal and the decision of the Family Court as the original hearing body, it is determined that Amir has not sufficiently alleged that the Family Court's decision:

1. Violates applicable provisions of the Constitution;
2. Violates provisions, substantive or procedural, of applicable Tribal law or applicable federal law;
3. Is an administrative decision that is arbitrary and capricious, an abuse of discretion, or otherwise not in accordance with applicable law; or
4. Is not supported by the substantial evidence on the record taken as a whole, nor has new evidence been presented that was unavailable at the time of the hearing, which, if available, may have altered the final decision.

Amir asserts that he was not granted an adequate opportunity to be heard. This assertion is contradicted by the fact that Amir was present at both hearings held on this matter. His allegations do not support a cause of action or grounds for an appeal. Thus, Amir fails to state the legal grounds for his appeal under Oneida Rule of Appellate Procedure §154.5-2(c)(3). Therefore, the Family Court's Order signed on February 3, 2017, in the matter of OTCSA & Raniya A. Wright v. Shadeed Saheem Amir, Case #13-CS-168, is **AFFIRMED**. The Petition for a Stay of this Order is **DENIED**.

By the authority vested in the Oneida Judiciary, Court of Appeals, in Oneida General Tribal Council Resolution 01-07-13-B, this appeal is hereby **DENIED**.

*It is so ordered.*