

**SMALL BUSINESS GUARANTEE AND FINANCE CORPORATION,
PLAINTIFF-APPELLANT, VS. FIX SYSTEMS, INC., AND MERLIE G.
YAPTENGCO, DEFENDANTS-APPELLEES.**

Ponente: DIMAAMPAO, J.

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DIMAAMPAO, J.:

The right to appeal is neither a natural right nor a part of due process. It is merely a procedural remedy of statutory origin and may be exercised only in the manner prescribed by the provisions of law authorizing its exercise. Hence, its requirements must be strictly complied with.[1] Failure to observe the same will eventuate in the loss of the right to appeal.

Per Report[2] of the Judicial Records Division dated 19 March 2015 and CMIS Verification[3] on 20 March 2015, plaintiff-appellant failed to file its Brief within the reglementary period.

WHEREFORE, the instant Appeal is hereby DISMISSED pursuant to Section 1(e), Rule 50 of the 1997 Rules of Civil Procedure, as amended.

SO ORDERED.

Diamante, and Salandanan-Manahan, JJ., concur.

[1] Neplum, Inc. v. Orbeso, 384 SCRA 466, 484 (11 July 2002).

[2] Rollo, p. 20 (dorsalportion).

[3] Ibid.

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