

United States Court of Appeals
For the Eighth Circuit

No. 22-1978

AALFS Family Partnership; Rodawig Family Ltd Partnership; William Eric Rodawig Trust; Jon Andrew Rodawig Trust; James Alex Rodawig Trust; William E Rodawig Family Trust

Plaintiffs - Appellees

v.

GSL Holdings, SA de CV; CMT De la Laguna, SA de CV; Capacidade de Mexico, SA de CV; Inmobiliaria y Bienes Raices de la Laguna, SA de CV; Ropa Siete Leguas Jeans, SA de CV; Industrial Textil de Puebla, SA de CV; Tavemex, SA de CV; Tavex Inmobiliaria, SA de CV; Tavex USA, Inc; Ropa Siete Leguas, Inc

Defendants - Appellants

No. 22-2568

AALFS Family Partnership; Rodawig Family Ltd Partnership; William Eric Rodawig Trust; Jon Andrew Rodawig Trust; James Alex Rodawig Trust; William E Rodawig Family Trust

Plaintiffs - Appellees

v.

GSL Holdings, SA de CV; CMT De la Laguna, SA de CV; Capacidade de Mexico, SA de CV; Inmobiliaria y Bienes Raices de la Laguna, SA de CV; Ropa Siete Leguas Jeans, SA de CV; Industrial Textil de Puebla, SA de CV; Tavemex, SA de CV; Tavex Inmobiliaria, SA de CV; Tavex USA, Inc; Ropa Siete Leguas, Inc

Defendants - Appellants

Appeals from United States District Court
for the Northern District of Iowa - Western

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Before GRUENDER, STRAS, and KOBES, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

GSL Holdings and several affiliated entities appeal the confirmation of an arbitration award against them, which included attorney fees and costs. Having carefully reviewed the record and the parties' arguments on appeal, we conclude there was no "evident partiality" by the arbitrator or "misconduct . . . in refusing to hear evidence pertinent and material to the controversy." 9 U.S.C. § 10(a)(2)–(3); *see Brown v. Brown-Thill*, 762 F.3d 814, 820 (8th Cir. 2014) (stating that a party seeking to vacate an arbitration award must show "objective facts inconsistent with impartiality" or a "depriv[ation] of a fair hearing" (citation omitted)). Nor did the district court¹ make a mistake in setting the attorney-fee award or concluding that GSL's affiliates were jointly liable for it. *See Gen. Mills Operations, LLC v. Five Star Custom Foods, Ltd.*, 703 F.3d 1104, 1112 (8th Cir. 2013) (reviewing legal issues related to the fee award de novo). We accordingly affirm the judgment of the district court. *See* 8th Cir. R. 47B.

¹The Honorable C.J. Williams, United States District Judge for the Northern District of Iowa.