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In the
United States Court of Appeals
For the Eleventh Circuit

No. 22-10974

Non-Argument Calendar

In re: ALBERTO SOLER-SOMOHANO,

Debtor.

ALBERTO SOLER

Plaintiff-Appellant,

versus

FORMIAMI20 INC,

Defendant-Appellee.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Southern District of Florida
D.C. Docket No. 1:21-cv-24313-BB

Before GRANT, LAGOA, and BRASHER, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:

Alberto Soler¹ appeals, pro se, the district court's order denying his appeal of a bankruptcy court's grant of a creditor's motion to dismiss his adversary proceeding. Soler argues that the bankruptcy court lacked the power to grant the motion to dismiss and asserts that the judge was incompetent due to his advanced age. Soler has forfeited and abandoned these arguments, and so we affirm the district court.

As the second court of review of a bankruptcy court's decision, we independently examine the factual and legal determinations of the bankruptcy court and apply the same standards of review as the district court. *In re Int'l Admin. Servs., Inc.*, 408 F.3d 689, 698 (11th Cir. 2005). While we hold the allegations of pro se litigants to "less stringent standards than formal pleadings drafted by lawyers," we may not "serve as *de facto* counsel for a party" or "rewrite an otherwise deficient pleading in order to sustain an action." *Campbell v. Air Jamaica Ltd.*, 760 F.3d

¹ Although Soler's last name has been listed as "Soler" and "Solar-Somohano" in certain filings, we will refer to him as Soler for the sake of consistency.

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1165, 1168–69 (11th Cir. 2014). An appellant abandons any argument not briefed on appeal, made in passing, or raised briefly without supporting arguments or authority. *Sapuppo v. Allstate Floridian Ins. Co.*, 739 F.3d 678, 681–82 (11th Cir. 2014) (collecting cases). And arguments raised for the first time on appeal are deemed waived. *See Bryant v. Jones*, 575 F.3d 1281, 1308 (11th Cir. 2009).

Here, Soler failed to preserve, and has otherwise abandoned, any challenge to the bankruptcy court’s dismissal of his adversarial complaint. Besides a brief reference to age in a Notice filed in the district court, there is no indication that Soler raised any of his current arguments below. And before this Court, Soler has failed to adequately brief any argument. *See Sapuppo*, 739 F.3d at 681–82. His argument is limited to a few short, unclear sentences, and he fails to cite any supporting authority. Accordingly, we **AFFIRM**.