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COURT OF COMMON PLEAS DIVISION OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

Elizabeth Aleyi Ijakoli

Case No: DR1701029 POST

File No: Z170594

CSEA: 7108414744

Plaintiff

JUDGE'S ENTRY DECLARING DEFENDANT A

VEXATIOUS LITIGATOR
Judge Flottman

- vs -

Gabriel Denis Alungbe

Defendant

This matter came before the Court on Plaintiff Elizabeth Ijakoli's ("Mother") Motion to Have Gabriel D. Alungbe Declared a Vexatious Litigator filed October 19, 2023. Pursuant to the Judge's Interim Order entered October 20, 2023, the Court allowed Defendant Gabriel Denis Alunbe (Father") until November 6, 2023 to respond to Mother's motion. On November 2, 2023 Father filed a motion requesting a one-month extension of time to respond to Mother's motion. The Court granted this motion in its decision entered November 7, 2023, allowing Father until December 4, 2023 to respond to Mother's motion. Father failed to file any response on or before December 4, 2023.

R.C. 2323.25 governs vexatious litigators in the state of Ohio and empowers a court to declare a litigant "vexatious" if the litigant "habitually, persistently, and without reasonable grounds [engages] in vexatious conduct in a civil action or actions." R.C. 2323.25(A)(3). "Vexatious conduct" means either conduct that "obviously serves merely to harass or maliciously injure another party to the civil action" or conduct that "is not warranted under existing law and cannot be supported by a good faith argument for an extension, modification, or reversal of existing law." R.C. 2323.25(A)(2)(a)-(b).

Pursuant to R.C. 2323.52 a person or government official may commence an action to declare a litigant vexatious when that litigant engages in "habitual and persistent vexatious conduct." R.C. 2323.52(B).



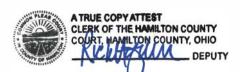
When a court declares a person to be a vexatious litigator in Ohio, that court may order that the vexatious litigator obtain leave to "continue" any legal proceedings. R.C. 2323.52(D)(1)(b) and (F)(1) and (2). "Continue" means "to resume" or "add to or draw out." Webster's Third New International Dictionary 493 (1993). If a vexatious litigator subject to such an order continues a legal proceeding without first obtaining leave, the court in which the vexatious litigator continued the proceeding must dismiss the case. R.C. 2323.52(I); see also State ex rel. Mobley v. Franklin Cnty. Bd. of Comm'rs, 2023-Ohio-3993.

This Court finds ample evidence to support Mother's motion. From the perspective of an objective observer, Father lacks a warranted or good-faith basis for nearly all of the 14 motions he filed between March 11, 2022 and December 21, 2022. The Court also notes that the pace at which Father is filing such motions has increased over the past year, during which he filed 14 motions between August 31, 2023 and November 2, 2023. Many of the motions filed by Father since the decree was entered are repetitive, unwarranted, and/or fail to articulate a reasonable justification for any changes to existing law or Court orders.

For example, between July 14, 2022 and November 14, 2022, Father filed seven (7) motions requesting a change of custody, with each motion citing essentially the same basis. Father continues to file motions regarding the fees he was ordered to pay for the former Guardian ad litem, despite this Court's clear and repeated explanations to him that the matter of the GAL fees was a closed matter, having been previously determined by this Court and affirmed by the First District Court of Appeals on July 15, 2022 and April 19, 2023, and the Supreme Court of Ohio having declined to accept Father's motion for reconsideration thereof on February 28, 2023. Father also continues to use his ability to file motions as a mechanism to harass Mother. For example, he filed meritless petitions for domestic violence civil protection orders (denied April 26, 2022 and September 21, 2023); filed repetitive motions and objections that include voluminous documents containing disparaging allegations and remarks towards Mother; and filed motions lacking merit such as Father's "Motion Court Orders (sic) to Plaintiff to Cease and Desist From Using 'Alungbe' in Her Signature and to Stop Pestering Defendant's Family to Take Her Back" filed September 5, 2023. It is harassment for Mother to spend time and effort responding to Father's baseless filings.

Therefore, The Court hereby GRANTS Mother's motion and declares Gabriel Alungbe a vexatious litigator.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: Gabriel Denis Alungbe is enjoined and prohibited from filing of any further motions, complaints, or petitions against Elizabeth Aleyi



Ijakoli, in the above-captioned post-decree divorce case in the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas, Division of Domestic Relations, without first seeking leave of this Court to file his proposed motion, complaint, or petition. The Clerk shall not accept any new causes of action or filings brought by Gabriel Denis Alungbe against Elizabeth Aleyi Ijakoli, without the express written consent of the undersigned.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Judge Flottman

12/06/2023

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