

IN THE JACKSON COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
JACKSON, OHIO

CITY OF JACKSON, *et al.*, : Case No. 24CIV0012
Plaintiffs, FILED :
Common Pleas Court : Judge Christopher J. Regan
Jackson, OH :

vs. :
MAR 20 2025 :

FRANK SOUDERS : SETH I. MICHAEL, CLERK : **JUDGMENT ENTRY**
Defendant. : DEPUTY : **DECLARING FRANK SOUDERS**
: **A VEXATIOUS LITIGATOR**

This matter came for consideration upon Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment, seeking to have Defendant Frank Souders declared a vexatious litigator pursuant to R.C. 2323.52. In accord with this Court's Decision filed January 30, 2025, the Court finds the Motion well taken and it is granted.

An action to declare a person a vexatious litigator is governed by R.C. 2323.52. In addition, the Court is bound by precedent in applying that statute. Applying the standard found in the statute within the guidance of precedential decisions, the Court finds Frank Souders has habitually, consistently, and without reasonable grounds engaged in vexatious conduct.

Accordingly, Defendant Frank Souders is declared a vexatious litigator pursuant to R.C. 2323.52. In addition to all other sanctions and restrictions provided by law, Frank Souders is hereby prohibited from engaging in any of the following conduct without first obtaining leave of court, which prohibition shall remain in force indefinitely:

Instituting legal proceedings in the court of claims or in a court of common pleas, municipal court, or county court;

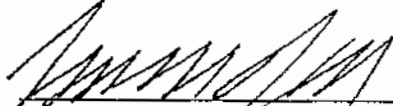
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- b. Continuing any legal proceedings that Frank Souders has instituted in any of the above-specified courts prior to the entry of this order;
- c. Making application, other than an application for leave to proceed under as provided in R.C. 2323.52(F)(1), in any legal proceedings instituted by Frank Souders in any of the above-specified courts.

The Court orders that the Clerk of Courts shall immediately transmit a certified copy of this Judgment Entry to the Supreme Court of Ohio as required under R.C. 2323.52(H).


This is a final, appealable order.


CHRISTOPHER J. REGAN, JUDGE

TO THE CLERK OF COURTS:

This is a final, appealable order. The Clerk of Courts is instructed to cause this Entry to be served on all parties of record in conformance with Civ. R. 58(B).

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CERTIFICATE

State of Ohio, Jackson County,
SETH I. MICHAEL, Clerk of the Common Pleas Court, within and for said County having the custody of the File, Journals, and Record of said Court, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Judgment Entry Declaring Frank Souders a vexatious litigator now on file in this office.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court, of Jackson this 20th day of March 2025
SETH I. MICHAEL, CLERK OF COURTS
By Rebecca Potts Dep.

