IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

IN THE MATTER OF PROHIBITING RANDY SHELDON MEILLEUR FROM FILING ANY LAWSUIT IN MARICOPA COUNTY AGAINST LISA POSADA WITHOUT OBTAINING PRIOR PERMISSION FROM THE COURT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 2022-053

This matter was referred by the Honorable Sherry K. Stephens to consider issuing an administrative order declaring Randy Sheldon Meilleur a vexatious litigant. Upon review of other matters filed in this Court, and considering all the matters presented, the Court makes the following findings and orders.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-3201, the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court may designate a pro se litigant a vexatious litigant. In addition, courts "possess inherent authority to curtail a vexatious litigant's ability to initiate additional lawsuits." *Madison v. Groseth*, 230 Ariz. 8, 15, 279 P.3d 633, 639 (App. 2012). The filing excesses of vexatious litigants interfere with the orderly administration of justice by diverting judicial resources from those cases filed by litigants willing to follow court rules and those meritorious cases that deserve prompt judicial attention. *See Acker v. CSO Chevira*, 188 Ariz. 252, 934 P.2d 816 (App. 1997).

On April 25, 2019, Mr. Meilleur filed a lawsuit against Lisa Posada (CV2019-006428) alleging that while representing him in his criminal case, Ms. Posada engaged in various acts that ultimately cost him damages of over \$500,000. The lawsuit was dismissed on August 12, 2019. The next day, August 13, 2019, Mr. Meilleur filed a second lawsuit against Ms. Posada (CV2019-011383). The day after that, August 14, 2019, Mr. Meilleur filed a third lawsuit against Ms. Posada (CV2019-011393). Both of these lawsuits contained the same allegations as the first lawsuit, and were subsequently dismissed on September 23, 2019 and November 4, 2020, respectively.

Within the three lawsuits against Ms. Posada, Mr. Meilleur filed numerous frivolous and redundant pleadings. On November 21, 2020, Judge Stephens designated Mr. Meilleur a vexatious litigant as to the three lawsuits against Ms. Posada and ordered that he not be allowed to file any new pleadings, motions, or other documents in the cases without prior leave of the court.

Additionally, in November of 2020, Mr. Meilleur filed a fourth lawsuit against Ms. Posada (CV2020-014620), once again over issues related to her representation of him in his criminal case. Though it doesn't appear Ms. Posada has ever been served, from

November of 2020 through July of 2021 Mr. Meilleur filed numerous pleadings in the case. After July 23, 2021, all activity on the case stopped. On March 7, 2022, the Court ordered the case be placed on the dismissal calendar, to be dismissed on May 6, 2022 unless a final judgment, stipulation to dismiss, request for a status conference, or a motion to continue is filed. On April 26, 2022, Mr. Meilleur filed a "Motion Request for Entry of Default" in the case.

A search of the superior court's case database shows that Mr. Meilleur filed for two injunctions against harassment in 2019. Otherwise, except for the lawsuits against Ms. Posada, Mr. Meilleur has filed only one other lawsuit with the superior court. (*Meillur v. Quick Bail, Inc.*, CV2019-012751.) However, based on his past behavior, it is likely that should his current case against Ms. Posada be dismissed, he will simply file another lawsuit against her.

The Court finds that the lawsuits against Ms. Posada are brought without substantial justification and are intended primarily for the purpose of harassing her. The Court may issue an order limiting a *pro* se litigant's ability to file future lawsuits, motions, and requests for relief to the extent necessary to curtail the improper conduct. The Court finds the orders set out below to be the least restrictive orders that will adequately address Mr. Meilleur's established pattern of abuse. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED as follows:

- Mr. Meilleur may not file any new causes of action against Lisa Posada after the date of this order without leave of the Civil Presiding Judge or his/her designee.
- 2. Any motion for leave to file any lawsuit, pleading or motion against Ms. Posada shall be captioned "Application Pursuant to Court Order Seeking Leave to File." Mr. Meilleur must either cite this order in his application or attach as an exhibit a copy of this order.

If approval for filing a new action by Mr. Meilleur against Ms. Posada is granted, the Clerk of Court may accept subsequent filings in that cause number from Mr. Meilleur. This Administrative Order does not preclude Mr. Gerdes from filing a Notice of Appeal or a Notice of Cross-Appeal in accordance with Arizona Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure Rule 8(a) and (b).

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

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Hon. Pamela Gates, Civil Presiding Judge

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