

IN THE MATTER OF PROHIBITING *RACHEL BRIDGES* FROM FILING ANY LAWSUIT
IN A COCONINO COUNTY SUPERIOR OR JUSTICE COURT WITHOUT FIRST
OBTAINING PRIOR PERMISSION FROM THE COURT

AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 2017-02

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). Filing abuses are normally controlled by rules of professional responsibility applicable to attorneys and by imposition of attorney fees or other monetary sanctions. Unfortunately, these tools are ineffective when dealing with an indigent, pro per Plaintiff.

The standard to determine whether a litigant is a vexatious litigant is found in A.R.S. § 12-3201(C) and (E)(1) and (2). Vexatious conduct includes, “Court actions brought or defended without substantial justification.” *Id.* at (E)(1)(c). The term “without substantial justification” is defined by A.R.S. 12-349 means that the claim or defense is groundless and is not made in good faith.

This Court also takes judicial notice of its own file in cause number CR 2014-00418. In that case the Plaintiff was examined pursuant to Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure, Rule 11 and on February 12, 2015 found the Plaintiff to be incompetent. The Court ordered Plaintiff to participate in and successfully complete mental health court.

The Court presents a short synopsis of the Plaintiff’s actions that are currently pending in this court, and of the allegations in her complaints:

1. On October 29, 2015, Plaintiff filed a complaint for \$350,000 against John Allen for kidnapping, specifically “I was taken to Kauai, and lived in a public mall, my car was taken, I was asked to marry a morman man. I was 17 years old, and did not have medical consent to be treated.” Case number: CV2015-00564.
2. On January 11, 2017, Plaintiff filed a complaint against Rohan Marley for \$5,000,000 for unpaid wages, specifically “I have worked on tour and at shows for the company. There has been a lot said of me in there (sic) music. There has been sexual contact.” Case number: CV2017-00017.
3. On January 18, 2017, Plaintiff filed a complaint against Greg Allen for \$8,000,000 for kidnapping, specifically “As a minor I was asked to live with a family, that I did not know, they flew me to Hawaii to live in a mall, and took VW Jetta, CRX Honda.” Case number: CV2017-00028.

4. On January 18, 2017, Plaintiff filed a complaint against Ginger Hoover for \$10,000,000 for “I was sexually harassed at a “ashram,” men came into my room as well as took my car.” Case number CV2017-00027.
5. On February 14, 2017, Plaintiff filed a complaint against Don Swanson for \$850,000 for quiet title alleging a lack of a certificate of acknowledgment per A.R.S. 33-503 and alleging that “The use of the electric/water is to a different ‘place’. The title owner my father Robert Bridges.” Case number CV2017-00077.
6. On February 16, 2017, Plaintiff filed a complaint against J.R. Murry for \$750,000 for “injury from not enough snow—(real).” CV2017-00082.

The Court has reviewed all of the above court files and the Plaintiff’s pleadings. The Court concludes that in each and every case, the Plaintiff has failed to state a claim for which relief could be granted pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6), Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure. The Court also finds that the Plaintiff in each and every complaint failed to comply with Civil Rule 8 in the form and content of her pleadings. The Court also finds that in each and every instance the actions were brought without substantial justification and that in fact, every complaint filed is nonsensical and in violation of Rule 11. Based upon all of the above, the Court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the Plaintiff is a vexatious litigant.

The Court finds that the Plaintiff’s pattern of filing civil lawsuits to be an abuse of process and the justice system, that the cases filed have no basis in law and are not brought in good faith or supported by allegations or affidavits that satisfy Rules 8 and 11. The Court finds that this pattern constitutes vexatious litigation. The Court finds the order set out below to be the least restrictive orders that will adequately address Ms. Bridges’ established pattern of abuse.

IT IS ORDERED:

- (1) Ms. Bridges may not file any new causes of action in any of the Coconino County Justice or Superior Courts after the date of this order without leave of the Presiding Judge or his/her designee.
- (2) Ms. Bridges may not file any new pleading, motion, or any other document in any non-criminal case in which judgment concluding the case has been entered without leave of the Presiding Judge or his/her designee. The only exception to this part of the order is that Ms. Bridges is not required to seek leave of the Court before filing a “Notice of Appeal”, or a petition for protective order.

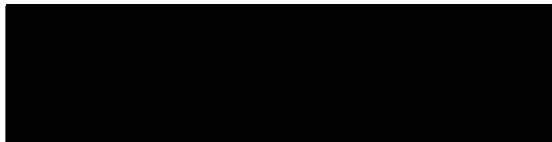
Any motion for leave to file shall be captioned “Application Pursuant to Court Order Seeking Leave to File.” Ms. Bridges shall either cite this order in her application, or attach as an exhibit a copy of this order. If approval for filing a new action is granted, the Clerk of the Court may accept subsequent filings in that cause number *only* from Ms. Bridges.

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Ms. Bridges may file a written objection to this Order by submitting within 30 days of the issuance of the order a written objection to the Presiding Judge of Coconino County. Ms. Bridges must set forth in the objection specific facts or law that is applicable that indicate factual or legal errors in this Order.



Hon. Mark R. Moran
Presiding Judge
Coconino County Superior Court

03.06.17

Date