

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF WAYNE

COMERICA BANK,

Plaintiff,
v.

MICHIGAN MENTAL HEALTH
COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION, et al.,

Defendants,
and

IRENE AMETRANO, DON AMIDON,
JAMES BLUNDO, ROBYN EMDE,
JOSEPH GUAJARDO, and
SARA SUE SCHAEFFER,

Case No. 24-010057-CB

Hon. Brian R. Sullivan

Cross-Plaintiffs,

v.

CAROL BERGER, JOY CREEL,
CHRISTOPHER DEBOER,
KATHERINE JAMES and
KRYSTIN SANKEY,

Cross-Defendants.

**ORDER FOR CONTEMPT SANCTIONS AS
TO JAMES BLUNDO AND DR. SARA SUE SCHAEFFER**

At a session of said Court, held in the City of Detroit,
County of Wayne, State of Michigan, on
6/18/2025

PRESENT: Brian Sullivan
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

On June 11, 2025, the Court entered its Order of finding of contempt as to James Blundo and Sara Sue Schaeffer. The court directed Notice to Members, and Reserving Judgement As to Sanctions (Contempt Order). The Contempt Order followed a May 22, 2025 evidentiary hearing in which the Court heard testimony of witnesses and argument. The court ultimately held that Mr. Blundo and Dr. Schaffer had engaged in a pattern of wrongful conduct in connection with a special election of the officers and directors of the Michigan Mental Health Counselors Association (MMHCA). Their conduct violated a May 7, 2025 order regarding the special election process, and their conduct interfered with the Court-ordered special election process. The basis for that conclusion and the reasons were explained in the Contempt Order and were stated on the record during the May 22 contempt hearing.

The Court reserved judgment on the question of appropriate sanctions for Mr. Blundo's and Dr. Schaffer's conduct. The Court has considered the proper penalty and has concluded:

1. Mr. Blundo is hereby sanctioned \$5,000, from his personal funds, payable to the MMHCA within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.
2. Dr. Schaeffer is hereby sanctioned \$5,000, from her personal funds, payable to the MMHCA within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.
3. This is not a final order and it does not close the case.

