# Court of Appeals, State of Michigan

## ORDER

RENGACHARI VIJAYARAGHAVAN V SUBRAHMANYAM PISUPATI

Docket No. 381308

LC No. 2025-219646-CZ

Sima G. Patel
Presiding Judge

Michael F. Gadola

Matthew S. Ackerman
Judges

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The motion for immediate consideration is GRANTED.

Pursuant to MCR 7.205(E)(2), in lieu of granting the application for leave to appeal, the Court VACATES the May 29, 2026 order disqualifying defendants' attorney and REMANDS for reconsideration. The trial court erred by disqualifying Tishkoff PLC without determining whether attorney William Tishkoff received information from plaintiff that could be "significantly harmful" to plaintiff in this matter. See MRPC 1.18(c). Plaintiff and Tishkoff provided conflicting accounts of their prospective-client conversation, creating a factual question regarding what occurred during that meeting and whether plaintiff provided information that could be significantly harmful to him. Absent factual findings by the trial court, the record is inadequate for this Court's review. See *In re Martin*, 200 Mich App 703, 717; 504 NW2d 917 (1993). On remand, the trial court shall determine whether plaintiff provided Tishkoff with significantly harmful information and whether disqualification is warranted under MRPC 1.18(c).

This order is to have immediate effect. MCR 7.215(F)(2).

We do not retain jurisdiction.

Presiding Judge

A true copy entered and certified by Jerome W. Zimmer Jr., Chief Clerk, on

September 22, 2026
Date

Chief Clerk