Court of Appeals, State of Michigan

ORDER

CHRISTINA MARIE MILOT V SITARAMAN NEELAKANTAN MADRAS

Docket No. **381479**

LC No. **2025-215278-NI**

Stephen L. Borrello, Chief Judge Pro Tem, acting under MCR 7.203(F)(1), orders:

The claim of appeal is DISMISSED for lack of jurisdiction. "Parties cannot create a final order by stipulating the dismissal of remaining claims without prejudice after a trial court enters an order denying a motion for summary disposition addressing only some of the parties' claims." *MLive Media Group v City of Grand Rapids*, 321 Mich App 263, 268; 909 NW2d 282 (2017). The trial court in this case entered summary-disposition orders as to the claims against some of the defendants and the parties stipulated to the dismissal of the remaining claims without prejudice. Moreover, the order appealed specifically provides that the claims may be refiled after the Court of Appeals addresses the earlier summary-disposition rulings. "The parties' stipulation to dismiss the remaining claims was clearly designed to circumvent trial procedures and court rules to obtain appellate review" of the earlier summary-disposition rulings. *Detroit v Michigan*, 262 Mich App 542, 545; 686 NW2d 514 (2004). "This method of appealing trial court decisions piecemeal is exactly what our Supreme Court attempted to eliminate through the 'final judgment' rule." *Id*. Accordingly, this Court does not have jurisdiction over this appeal because no final order has been entered. *Id*.

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