Court of Appeals, State of Michigan

ORDER

MELVIN JONES JR V STATE OF MICHIGAN

Docket No. 382871

LC No. 26-000192-MZ

Anica Letica
Presiding Judge

Kathleen A. Feeney

Philip P. Mariani
Judges

The motion to waive fees is GRANTED for this case only.

The motion for immediate consideration is GRANTED.

The motion filed on October 20, 2026 is DENIED.

The application for leave to appeal is DENIED for failure to persuade the Court of the need for immediate appellate review.

On the Court's own motion pursuant to MCR 7.216(C)(1), we conclude that plaintiff Melvin Jones Jr. has engaged in vexatious conduct by filing multiple motions and documents that are "grossly lacking in the requirements of propriety" and that are in violation of the Court Rules. He has inundated this Court with motions, notices, and correspondence since this case was initiated. Moreover, and pursuant to our own motion under MCR 7.216(C)(3), we conclude that Jones is a vexatious litigator because he has, in this matter and in previous matters, "habitually, persistently, and without reasonable cause" engaged in vexatious conduct. Beginning in a prior matter in 2023, Jones was barred from filing further motions in a pending claim of appeal due to his filing of "numerous meritless motions and other inappropriate submissions . . ." *Melvin Jones Jr v State of Michigan*, unpublished order of the Court of Appeals, entered November 28, 2023 (Docket No. 368548). Jones has nevertheless persisted in filing meritless motions, including duplicative motions, as well as numerous items of "correspondence" that are immaterial to the case and that are grossly lacking in compliance with the Court Rules. He did so in Docket Nos. 367985 and in 382690, and he has continued to do so here. Furthermore, we note that Jones was warned by the trial court in this case against making repetitive and non-conforming filings. Just as was the case before, Jones persisted undeterred by the warning he received. As a result of this pattern of vexatious conduct and Jones's continued defiance of warnings, we direct that, in any non-criminal case, Jones is prohibited from "continuing or instituting legal proceedings in the court without first obtaining leave" of this Court. See MCR 7.216(C)(3).

Upon the Clerk's certification of this order, any future filings by Jones in any non-criminal case must include a request for leave to file them and an affidavit in which Jones certifies that his proposed filing is not frivolous, has not been made in bad faith, and is well-grounded in fact. Failure to comply with the same will result in the proceedings being rejected outright. The materials will only be filed and docketed if this Court grants leave.

This finding of vexatiousness is limited to Jones only. It does not pertain to plaintiff Colleen Connors, as it appears that Jones is primarily responsible for the filings in this case. Although plaintiffs each have the right of self-representation, they are not free to represent each other. See MCL 600.916 (prohibiting the unauthorized practice of law).

Anica Letica
Presiding Judge

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

October 29, 2026
Date

Chief Clerk