STATE OF MICHIGAN

COURT OF CLAIMS

LOREN W. NOYES,

Plaintiff,

v

Case No. 24-000084-MZ

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY,

Hon. James Robert Redford

Defendant.
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ORDER DENYING DEFENDANT'S 10/7/25 MOTION TO FILE A THIRD-PARTY COMPLAINT AGAINST ADORE WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY, LLC

On October 7, 2025, defendant moved to file a third-party complaint against Adore Wedding Photography, LLC. The jurisdiction of the Court of Claims is limited to claims "against the state or any of its departments or officers," and the Court lacks jurisdiction to consider claims against privately owned companies. MCL 600.6419(1)(a). MCL 600.6419(1)(b) permits a state defendant to file a counterclaim against a claimant bringing an action in the Court of Claims, but does not extend that right to third-party claims against private defendants. Accordingly, the Court lacks jurisdiction to consider a third-party claim against Adore. Defendant's motion to file a third-party complaint against Adore is DENIED without prejudice to defendant filing suit in the circuit court. This is not a final order resolving all issues in this case.

Date: October 14, 2025

James Robert Redford
Judge, Court of Claims