STATE OF MICHIGAN

COURT OF CLAIMS

MELVIN JONES, JR., and COLLEEN CONNORS,

Plaintiffs,

v

Case No. 26-000192-MZ

THE STATE OF MICHIGAN and MICHIGAN ATTORNEY GENERAL DANA NESSEL,

Hon. Michael F. Gadola

Defendants.
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ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFFS' 9/9/26 EX PARTE MOTION FOR ALTERNATE SERVICE

On September 9, 2026, plaintiffs filed an ex parte motion asking this Court to declare that their e-mailing of a copy of their complaint without a summons to defendants' "widely known and routine method of service [e-mail address]" effectuated proper service of process because this Court's clerk did not issue a summons when the complaint was filed. Plaintiffs' motion is DENIED. Plaintiffs filed their complaint on September 9, 2026, but did not submit a summons with the complaint. Plaintiffs filed an amended complaint and a summons on September 9, 2026, and the issued summons was provided to plaintiffs the same day. Plaintiffs filed another amended complaint in response to the Court's show-cause order on September 11, 2026. The summons and amended complaint must be served as provided in MCR 2.103 and 2.105.

IT IS SO ORDERED. This is not a final order and does not close the case.

Date: September 21, 2026

Hon. Michael F. Gadola
Judge, Court of Claims