IN RE THE ESTATE OF AL KATZ, DECEASED.) Hon. James A. Joven, Special Judge
COUNTY OF MARION)SS:)	CIVIL DIVISION CAUSE NO. 49D13-1009-ES-040244
STATE OF INDIANA)	IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT 13

ORDER ADDRESSING LAWRENCE T. NEWMAN'S OBJECTION TO THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S PROPOSED ORDER

On February 19, 2016, the Court ordered Dr. Beverly Newman (hereinafter "Dr. Newman"), former Personal Representative of the Estate of Al Katz, Deceased, to appear and show cause why the Court should not find her in contempt for her failure to obey several Court Orders to file her Second Final Accounting for the above-captioned Estate. On March 2, 2016, the Court ordered Lawrence T. Newman (hereinafter "Lawrence") and Dr. Newman to appear and show cause why the Court should not find them in contempt for their interference with the Court's Order of December 29, 2015, directing the Personal Representative's disposition of certain real property belonging to the Estate.

For various reasons, the Show Cause hearings were delayed. On July 21, 2017, at a hearing regarding the sale of the disposition of the real property subject to the Order of December 29, 2015, the Court directed the successor Personal Representative to tender a proposed order for scheduling the show cause hearings. On July 28, 2017, the Personal Representative tendered the proposed order.

On August 1, 2017, Lawrence, who purports to have a valid claim against the Estate, filed his "Creditor's Objection To Robert W. York's Proposed Order Setting Hearing On Rules To Show Cause And Motion To Strike." Later on August 1, 2017, the Personal Representative responded to Lawrence's Objection and moved to strike the objection.

In his Objection, Lawrence urges the Court to disregard the proposed order and strike it from the record of this cause. Lawrence presents argument that no evidence supports the issuance of the Show Cause Orders; that the predecessor judge who issued the Show Cause Orders was biased; that requiring Dr. Newman to appear would result in a violation of the Americans With Disabilities Act; that the Court no longer has jurisdiction over Dr. Newman; and that the Show Cause Orders are now moot.

Proposed orders tendered to the Court by a party to the proceedings (1) are an aid to the Court; (2) are not orders of the Court; and (3) are not part of the record of proceedings. The tendered proposed order merely sets forth information about certain prior Orders of the Court, the potential disregard of those Orders, the opportunity to be heard, and an advisement of circumstances for failure to comply with the Show Cause Orders. Lawrence does not object to the form or substance of the proposed order. To the extent Lawrence disputes the validity of the issuance of the Show Cause Order of March 2, 2016, Lawrence may appear on September 6, 2017, at 1:00 PM, to present his arguments as to why the Court should not hold him in contempt. His "objections" to the proposed order are properly taken as arguments in response to the Show Cause Order. The Court OVERRULES Lawrence's Objection to the proposed order, as Lawrence raises substantive defense to the Show Cause Order.

Moreover, Lawrence attempts to raise two collateral attacks on behalf of Dr. Newman. Lawrence, who is suspended from the practice of law in Indiana, may not act as an attorney for Dr. Newman. To the extent Lawrence presents argument on Dr. Newman's behalf, the Court STRIKES Lawrence's Objection to the proposed order, including the two letters attached to the Objection as exhibits.

Lawrence's Objection also contains assertions of fraudulent and felonious conduct (including an interstate criminal conspiracy), accusations of nefarious purposes, and discrimination on the part of the Personal Representative. Lawrence also accuses the predecessor judge in this matter of bias against Lawrence and Dr. Newman. These assertions and accusations go further than arguments in defense of the Show Cause Orders – rather, Lawrence engages in *ad hominem* attacks on the Personal Representative and the predecessor judge. The Court finds these accusations to be immaterial, impertinent, and scandalous. A court has the discretion to strike "any redundant, immaterial, impertinent, or scandalous matter." IND. TRIAL RULE 12(F). The Court, therefore, STRIKES those portions of Lawrence's Objection containing the scurrilous assertions. The Court will not accept further filings containing such matter, and if any are mistakenly filed by the Clerk, the Court will strike them immediately.

The Court, in its Pretrial Order issued March 30, 2017, found that Lawrence had engaged in an abusive and vexatious litigation practice (the attempt to remove the undersigned from hearing this case). Lawrence has continued to engage in such attempts. Moreover, the scurrilous assertions contained in Lawrence's Objection are yet another example of such practices. In light of the Court's March 30 Order, and in furtherance of the Court actions prohibiting the filing of the material set forth above, the Court ORDERS that any subsequent filing by Lawrence T.

Newman in this case shall **NOT** raise, refer to, argue, mention, support, describe or attempt to convey anything pertaining to the Personal Representative, the Court, judges previously involved in this cause, or as to any other party, which can reasonably be construed as the conveyance of hatred, and/or contempt, insult, disrespect, and/or professional discourtesy of any nature.

Further, the Court ORDERS that in any subsequent filing by him in this cause, Lawrence T. Newman shall, as the final paragraph in such filing, affirmatively state under oath that he has

personally inspected the content of such filing, and that the filing fully complies with this Order.

The Court will not tolerate any further abuse of the litigation process.

ENTERED: August 4, 2017

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