IN THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

STATE OF OHIO,

Plaintiff,

vs.

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DEBORAH A. PARKER,

Defendant.

Common Pleas Case No. 2008CR0096

From the Stark County Court of Common Pleas

Supreme Court Case No. 09-AP-074

Judgment Entry on Defendant's March 3, 2010 Affidavit of Disqualification

Deborah A. Parker has filed an affidavit with the Clerk of this Court under R.C. 2701.03 seeking the disqualification of Judge Francis G. Forchione from acting on any further proceedings in Case No. 2008CR0096 in the Court of Common Pleas of Stark County.

This is Parker's fourth separate request to disqualify Judge Forchione from the abovecaptioned matter. Parker's latest affidavit is denied for the reasons stated in my earlier decisions. The case may proceed before Judge Forchione.

Furthermore, in addition to the four requests regarding Judge Forchione, Parker made two earlier attempts to disqualify Judge Reinbold, the trial judge who previously presided over Parker's case. See Case No. 08-AP-116. None of these disqualification requests has been sustained. The statutory right to seek disqualification of a judge is an extraordinary remedy not to be used in a frivolous manner. Indeed, the filing of frivolous, unsubstantiated, or repeated affidavits of disqualification is an abuse of the purpose for which R.C. 2701.03 is intended, and a waste of judicial resources. See *In re Disqualification of Millard* (1992), 74 Ohio St.3d 1235, 657 N.E.2d 1343, and *In re Disqualification of Walker* (1992), 74 Ohio St.3d 1239, 657 N.E.2d 1346.

I have previously cautioned Parker that an abuse of this process may result in sanctions against her. These admonitions, however, have been ignored. Accordingly, it is sua sponte ordered that Deborah A. Parker is found to be a vexatious litigator under S.Ct.Prac. R. XIV(5)(B). Parker is hereby prohibited from continuing or instituting affidavit-ofdisqualification proceedings in this Court without first obtaining leave. Any request for leave shall be submitted to the Clerk of Court for the Court's review.

Dated this day of March, 2010.

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Copies to: Kristina D. Frost, Clerk of the Supreme Court Hon. Francis G. Forchione Stark County Clerk of Courts Deborah A. Parker