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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO CIVIL DIVISION

Katherine S. Howard : Plaintiff, Case No. 15CV 007807 vs. : Judge: Beatty Norman H. Lawton :

Defendant.

JUDGMENT ENTRY DESIGNATING DEFENDANT, NORMAN H. LAWTON AS A VEXATIOUS LITIGATOR

This matter came before the Court upon Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment, filed November 10, 2016, seeking a default judgment on her Complaint for Declaration of Vexatious Litigator filed September 4, 2015. The Court finds that service of Plaintiff's Complaint was attempted by certified mail, which was returned unclaimed and by regular mail, which was refused by Defendant. Plaintiff, having no knowledge of Defendant's physical whereabouts then initiated service by publication, pursuant to Civil Rule 4.4, which was completed on September 2, 2016 and documented by the Proof of Publication filed that same date. Pursuant to Civ.R. 4.4(A), and upon completion of the service by publication, Defendant's Answer date was September 30, 2016. Defendant failed to file an Answer or to assert any statutory defenses to Plaintiff's Complaint and the allegations contained therein, as of the date Plaintiff filed her Motion for Default Judgment. On December 1, 2016 a Judgment Entry granting Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment was issued, along with a Referral Order setting the matter for a hearing on the damages on December 12, 2016. Plaintiff appeared at the December 12, 2016 damages hearing through counsel and advised the court that her claim for damages was withdrawn.

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Defendant did not appear.

Accordingly, the Court finds that Defendant is in default of Answer, that Plaintiff withdrew her claim for monetary damages and that Plaintiff is entitled to a judgment on her Complaint.

It is hereby Ordered, Adjudged and Decree that:

- 1. Defendant, Norman H. Lawton is a Vexatious Litigator as defined in R.C.§2323.52;
- Defendant, Norman H. Lawton is hereby prohibited from instituting any legal proceeding in a court of claims, court of common pleas, municipal court or county court of this state without first obtaining leave of that court to proceed;
- Defendant, Norman H. Lawton is hereby prohibited from continuing any legal proceedings currently in progress in any court specified in No. 2 above without obtaining leave of that court to proceed;
- Defendant, Norman H. Lawton is hereby prohibited from making any application, other than an application for leave to proceed, in any legal proceedings currently in progress that he, or any other person, initiated;
- All Court costs for this action shall be paid by Defendant within thirty (30) days.
 IT IS SO ORDERED.

signature page attached Judge Beatty

Approved by:

/s/ Robert B. Hawley II Robert B. Hawley II (0066366) sowald sowald Anderson Hawley & JOHNSON Attorney for Plaintiff 400 S. Fifth Street, Suite 101 Columbus, Ohio 43215 (614) 464-1877; fax: (614) 464-2035 rhawley@sowaldlaw.com Franklin County Ohio Clerk of Courts of the Common Pleas- 2017 Feb 02 3:40 PM-15CV007807

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/s/ Judge Laurel Beatty Blunt

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 THE STATE OF OHIO Franklin County, ss I, MARYELLEN O'SHAUGHNESSY, Clerk OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS WITHIN AND FOR SAID COUNTY,
 HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING IS TRULY TAKEN AND COF #D FROM THE ORIGINAL
Judgment Garry
 NOW ON FICE IN MY OFFICE WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COUNTY
THIS 12 DAY OF NOUP NOVER A.D. 20 19
 By MB: CLC Deputy

Court Disposition

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Case Terminated: 12 - Default

Final Appealable Order: Yes