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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO

SHIZUKA LANCRY,)	CASE NO. 25M000639
)	
Plaintiff,)	JUDGE MATTHEW RAMBO
)	
-vs-)	
)	<u>ORDER DECLARING</u>
REN OCHIAI,)	<u>DEFENDANT VEXATIOUS</u>
)	
Defendant.)	

This matter is before the Court on Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment to Declare Defendant a Vexatious Litigator pursuant to R.C. 2323.52, filed February 9, 2026. Defendant did not oppose the Motion.

Civ.R. 56, provides, in relevant part:

Summary judgment shall be rendered forthwith if the pleadings, depositions, answers to interrogatories, written admissions, affidavits, transcripts of evidence, and written stipulations of fact, if any, timely filed in the action, show that there is no genuine issue as to any material fact and that the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law. No evidence or stipulation may be considered except as stated in this rule. A summary judgment shall not be rendered unless it appears from the evidence or stipulation, and only from the evidence or stipulation, that reasonable minds can come to but one conclusion and that conclusion is adverse to the party against whom the motion for summary judgment is made, that party being entitled to have the evidence or stipulation construed most strongly in the party's favor.

The party seeking summary judgment has the initial burden to set forth specific facts demonstrating that no issue of material fact exists and that the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law. *Dresher v. Burt*, 75 Ohio St.3d 280, 292-293 (1996). Once this burden is met, the burden shifts to the non-moving party to establish that a genuine issue of material fact exists. *Id.* "Only disputes as to the material facts, those that may affect the outcome" will preclude summary judgment. *Found. Medici v. Butler Inst. of Am. Art*, 2022-Ohio-2923, ¶ 19 (11th Dist.),

citing *Bender v. Logan*, 2016-Ohio-5317, ¶ 49 (4th Dist.), citing *Anderson v. Liberty Lobby, Inc.*, 477 U.S. 242, 248 (1986).

R.C. 2323.52 defines a vexatious litigator, in part, as “any person who has habitually, persistently, and without reasonable grounds engaged in vexatious conduct in a civil action or actions” and vexatious conduct as conduct that either “obviously serves merely to harass or maliciously injure another party to the civil action,” or “is not warranted under existing law and cannot be supported by a good faith argument for an extension, modification, or reversal of existing law,” or is “imposed solely for delay.”

Based upon the undisputed affidavit testimony and evidence presented by Plaintiff, the Court finds that Plaintiff has engaged in extensive “vexatious conduct” and is a “vexatious litigator” as defined in R.C. 2323.52. Accordingly, Plaintiff’s Motion for Summary Judgment is GRANTED and the Court hereby orders the following:

1. Defendant Ren Ochiai is hereby DECLARED a vexatious litigator pursuant to R.C. 2323.52.
2. Pursuant to R.C. 2323.52(D)(1), Defendant Ren Ochiai is hereby PROHIBITED from instituting any litigation, continuing any pending litigation, or making any application, other than an application for leave to proceed, in the Court of Claims or in any Court of Common Pleas, Municipal Court, or County Court in the State of Ohio or its subdivisions, without first obtaining leave from this Court.
3. Court costs shall be paid by Defendant Ren Ochiai.

SO ORDERED.



JUDGE MATTHEW RAMBO

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