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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO

RICHARD WHITTINGTON,	)	CASE NO. 2026-CV-00824
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	JUDGE W. DAVID BRANSTOOL
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
WALMART STORE SUPERCENTER #3580	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

FINAL JUDGMENT ON DEFENDANT'S COUNTERCLAIM, DECLARING PLAINTIFF IS A VEXATIOUS LITIGATOR

This matter came before the Court on hearing on Defendant, Walmart Stores East, LP, improperly named in the Complaint as "Walmart Store Supercenter #3580"'s counterclaim which asserts that Plaintiff, Richard Whittington, is a "vexatious litigator" as defined by R.C 2323.52(A)(3). From all the evidence, and with the contemporaneous Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, which are incorporated herein, this Court finds in favor of the Counterclaim-Plaintiff and against the Counterclaim-Defendant.

This court declares that Richard Whittington, who currently resides in Newark, Ohio, is a vexatious litigator. He must comply with the provisions of R.C. 2323.52(F) if he proposes to file or continue to assert any civil case without duly authorized legal counsel in the Ohio Court of Claims, or any Ohio County Court, Municipal Court, or Common Pleas Court. He shall not make any application other than an application to proceed for any case he has filed without duly authorized legal counsel in the Ohio Court of Claims, or any Ohio County Court, Municipal Court, or Common Pleas Court.

Pursuant to R.C. 2323.52(F), this Court shall not grant him leave to file or continue any civil case without duly authorized legal counsel unless he satisfies this court that the proceedings

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or application are not an abuse of process of the court in question and that there are reasonable grounds for that proceeding or application.

Pursuant to R.C. 2323.52(H), the Clerk of this Court shall send a certified copy of this order and judgment to the Clerk of the Ohio Supreme Court for publication in a manner that the Supreme Court has determined is appropriate to facilitate the refusal by applicable court clerks to accept pleadings or other papers submitted by or on behalf of Richard Whittington without duly authorized legal counsel and without first obtaining leave from this Court to file that pleading or other paper.

This Court retains jurisdiction over any determination whether Defendant in this case may recover any attorney fees or expenses pursuant to R.C 2323.51 or R.C. 2323.52.

THIS IS A FINAL JUDGMENT ON THE SEPARATE COUNTERCLAIM AND A FINAL APPEALABLE ORDER PURSUANT TO *HELFRICH V. MADISON*, 2009-OHIO-5140 (5TH DIST.) AND *HELFRICH V. MADISON*, 2012-OHIO-551 (5TH DIST.).

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Date: 10.23-26

JUDGE W. DAVID BRANSTOOL

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The Clerk of Courts is hereby ORDERED to serve a copy of the Judgement Entry upon all parties or counsel.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RULE 58, IT IS VERIFIED THAT COPIES HAVE BEEN SENT TO PARTIES AND/OR THEIR ATTORNEY OF RECORD IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY CIVIL RULE 5(B) ON THIS 23rd DAY OF Oct, 2026