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COUNTY OF OCONEE) DOCKET NO. 2024-CP-37-00451

JASON MICHAEL BOYLE,)
Plaintiff,)
versus)
DANNY SINGLETON,)
Defendant.)

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1 MR. BOYLE: All right. Just give me half a second, sir
2 -- sorry, your Honor. So this appeal is based on errors in
3 law during the criminal trial of my contempt hearing. I
4 think at first, it's important to note that my relationship
5 with Judge Singleton began long ago, inadvertently, on
6 October 24, 2023.

7 And what happened on that day is I had arrived at the
8 probate court to serve a notice of a -- a appeal on a third
9 party. I was so ignorant at the time that I didn't
10 understand that that's the type of thing that can upset a
11 judge. So I just delivered a paper. I was told to wait in
12 the lobby. I was waiting in the lobby and had a conversation
13 with a man about attorneys or no attorneys --

14 THE COURT: Well, hang on -- hang on. All due respect.
15 I just want to -- on this -- on your appeal, I want to hear
16 the basis for the -- I -- I -- the factual background --

17 MR. BOYLE: I want to establish a case of judicial
18 vindictiveness.

19 THE COURT: I don't want to hear it. I want to hear
20 the basis for the appeal. Okay, sir?

21 MR. BOYLE: All right. So there are many errors in
22 law.

23 THE COURT: Okay.

24 MR. BOYLE: One, the South Carolina Supreme Court
25 administrative order that I'm accused of violating, I was

1 never served or made aware of. The order itself states that
2 the order shall be posted on -- or notice of the order shall
3 be posted on the courthouse clerk. As in your -- your
4 clerk's lobby. There's a notice that says, "No electronic
5 devices past this point."

6 That notice was not posted. And there is evidence of
7 that because when I recorded myself, I started the recording
8 before entering the lobby, and there's no notice posted on
9 the door. At no time during my recording was I ever asked to
10 stop recording. And during the -- in the transcripts, it's
11 very clear that there's no evidence that I was made aware of
12 that order, or that I was aware of the order. And I'll
13 testify now that I had no knowledge of the order.

14 THE COURT: Well, this is an appeal. We're not taking
15 testimony. Okay, sir?

16 MR. BOYLE: Oh, yes, sir. And so, I was -- I was held
17 in direct criminal contempt of an order that I was unaware
18 of, but I was also in the probate lobby, and Judge Singleton
19 was not present. So all the information he has is from --
20 from later evidence. And my understanding is to be held in
21 direct criminal contempt, there has to be open court, or at
22 least be in the presence of a judge.

23 THE COURT: The case is about that in the lobby is
24 sufficiently closed for the Court to do that. So I --

25 MR. BOYLE: And the --

1 THE COURT: That ground --

2 MR. BOYLE: -- judge was not present.

3 THE COURT: -- is denied, but go ahead.

4 MR. BOYLE: All right. And then there's the
5 double-jeopardy piece. So on May 29th, in the lobby, I was
6 sentenced to 10 days in jail. And then later in a hearing --
7 well, on June 5th, I was sentenced to 60 days. And then on
8 June 17th, I was sentenced to 50 days. The June 5th hearing
9 got thrown out. So the June 17th hearing, I was sentenced to
10 additional 50 days.

11 If you read the sent -- if you read the transcript
12 where the sentencing occurs, it's a little messy. But
13 basically, Judge Singleton's argument is that I deserve 60
14 days in jail for my offense. And he already sentenced me to
15 10 days. So he's going to sentence me to 50 more days. And
16 that's a clear double-jeopardy violation because there's only
17 been one offense. There's only one set of facts.

18 THE COURT: And the first sentence was how long?
19 10 days?

20 MR. BOYLE: Yeah. And the second one was 50 days. But
21 in his rationale, he says he wants to sentence me to a total
22 of 60 days. And that's in the transcript. Additionally,
23 there were many ex parte conversations prior to my trial in
24 that two of the main witnesses were his law clerks, Jessica
25 Lowman and Maggie Bonadies (ph). And these --

1 THE COURT: I don't think -- did -- probate court
2 (inaudible) have a law clerk?

3 MR. BOYLE: Or -- well, I don't know what they're
4 called. Clerk of courts? There's -- the people who work the
5 office.

6 THE COURT: Okay.

7 MR. BOYLE: People who work at the front desk. So the
8 people that work at the front desk were the witnesses, and
9 they produced affidavits. And in the first trial of
10 June 5th, which was thrown out, Judge Singleton admitted to
11 asking Maggie Bonadies to prepare an affidavit. I mean --
12 and to an extent that -- that -- that's just an ex parte
13 conversation. It's also witness coaching, and lots of other
14 things.

15 And then he called his subordinates to the stand. So
16 Judge Singleton was acting as the prosecutor, a witness, he
17 was the victim, he was the moving party, and he was also an
18 investigator. And in that, he called his subordinates to the
19 stand. So he called them, he questioned them. He also
20 testified from the stand several times. And then when I
21 asked to cross-examine him, he denied to be cross-examined.
22 So I never even got to face my accuser.

23 THE COURT: You -- you're talking about the judge. You
24 wanted to cross-examine the judge?

25 MR. BOYLE: Yeah. Because he's a witness to the case.

1 THE COURT: All right, sir.

2 MR. BOYLE: Because he was a witness to the case. And
3 I thought that some of the things that he testified on the
4 stand as a witness to were not correct. And I didn't know
5 how to correct that if I can't cross-examine him or -- or
6 contest those facts. And then I think one of the biggest
7 ones is that I was granted a public defender before the
8 trial. About 10 days before the trial, I was granted a
9 public defender. The public defender gave me a notice to
10 deliver to the judge.

11 And the -- the secretary there even said, "This is like
12 a get out of jail free card for a short amount of time."
13 Because they couldn't assign me a public defender in that
14 amount of time. So I wasn't assigned one yet, but I was
15 granted one. And so, they had told me to turn in that notice
16 and then ask for a continuance at the trial. So I followed
17 the instructions, and I did that.

18 Well, Judge Singleton then called a recess, apparently
19 called down to the public defender's office, had John Abdalla
20 come up. And this is where it gets a little tricky. I was
21 served a summon with the Doyle Pierce Estate case number on
22 it. I have nothing to do with the Doyle Pierce Estate case.
23 And in the transcripts, Judge Singleton clearly states that I
24 have nothing to do with the Doyle Pierce Estate case.

25 And then -- but he used that number. And so, when the

1 public defender looked more closely at it, he decided he
2 couldn't represent me because the case was civil in nature.
3 It was a civil case because it had the Doyle Pierce Estate
4 case number on it, when in real, it's a criminal trial. So I
5 should have been allowed to have a public defender. But
6 either way, my -- I believed I had an attorney, and about --
7 well, into my trial, the attorney was -- you know --

8 THE COURT: What -- what did Mr. Abdalla do at -- after
9 he looked at the case number? He said, "I -- I can't
10 represent you," or --?

11 MR. BOYLE: Because it's a civil case.

12 THE COURT: And he left?

13 MR. BOYLE: He left.

14 THE COURT: All right.

15 MR. BOYLE: And then continuance was denied. And the
16 -- the trial continued on. And then there's this issue of
17 case numbers themselves. Once I said that I was not part of
18 the Doyle Pierce Estate case -- well, even before that,
19 because I was sentenced on May 29th in the courthouse lobby.
20 And at that time, that sentencing order had no case number on
21 it.

22 And I was held in the detention center for almost
23 10 days with no case number. And then I went back to court
24 on June 5th and was sentenced to 60 days with no case number.
25 And then that trial was thrown out, and I was released from

1 jail on that day. And then on June 17th --

2 THE COURT: Trial thrown out? I'm not following that.
3 Tell me that.

4 MR. BOYLE: So on June 5th, I had hired an attorney, or
5 someone that I believed was an attorney, who represented
6 themselves to me as an attorney.

7 THE COURT: Oh, yeah -- yeah.

8 MR. BOYLE: And it turns out he wasn't an attorney.
9 But I didn't -- I had no knowledge of that.

10 THE COURT: I -- I -- that's --you know what?

11 MR. BOYLE: So that trial was thrown out.

12 THE COURT: Right. I got you. Okay.

13 MR. BOYLE: And then also Richard Hunt McDuff sat at
14 the prosecutor's bench, which I think was another contention
15 to get the trial. So I don't actually know exactly what all
16 the issues were. Richard Hunt McDuff sat at the prosecutor's
17 bench for my criminal trial, which was also not supposed to
18 happen, I don't believe.

19 THE COURT: I -- I -- I don't see any problem with
20 that, but go ahead.

21 MR. BOYLE: All right. Well, it's just something that
22 was on my notes. But then -- so I was sentenced on May 29th
23 with no case number, sentenced on June 5th with no case
24 number, and sentenced on June 17th with no case number, and
25 --

1 THE COURT: Give me the dates you were sentenced,
2 please.

3 MR. BOYLE: May 29th, June 5th, and June 17th.

4 THE COURT: I thought you were only sentenced twice.

5 MR. BOYLE: Uh-huh. Well, the one was thrown out, so I
6 was sentenced on June 5th, but then later the trial was
7 thrown out.

8 THE COURT: So when you were sentenced on the 5th, how
9 many days did you get?

10 MR. BOYLE: 60.

11 THE COURT: 60.

12 MR. BOYLE: But then he corrected it on the 17th, to
13 50. He changed it to 50 on the 17th because he said
14 basically, he had a confusion. He wanted me to serve a total
15 of 60 days.

16 THE COURT: Got you.

17 MR. BOYLE: The first time he sentenced me to 10, and
18 then he sentenced me to 60, which would have made 70.

19 THE COURT: Got you.

20 MR. BOYLE: And this is really the argument for the
21 double-jeopardy there.

22 THE COURT: Okay.

23 MR. BOYLE: And then -- you know, this whole thing with
24 the case numbers, and not having a case number, and being
25 incarcerated for a total of nearly 40 days with no case

1 number -- you know, I -- I -- I think that it shows that
2 there was no jurisdiction because I think he could have just
3 had a case number. It's a criminal case. Just -- I don't
4 understand why it had no case number.

5 THE COURT: I can't explain that case number either.
6 But jurisdiction, he had jurisdictions. His court, he has
7 the right to either hold you in contempt or not if it's
8 direct contempt of his court. But -- so he had jurisdiction.
9 I'm -- any -- any grounds of lack of jurisdiction, I'm going
10 to deny, but go ahead.

11 MR. BOYLE: All right. And then Judge Singleton
12 testified from the bench as a witness, and -- you know, under
13 the judicial code of ethics, that doesn't seem right. And --
14 you know, he also called his subordinates to stand, he
15 cross-examined his subordinates.

16 There were several things that just didn't seem right.
17 I requested a jury trial prior to the hearing, and that
18 request for a jury trial was denied. I requested a special
19 prosecutor prior to the hearing, that was also denied.

20 THE COURT: Now, the jury trial, you don't have a jury
21 trial right in a contempt case, unless you're going to get
22 six months or more.

23 MR. BOYLE: All right.

24 THE COURT: Okay. And so, if you're 60 days, you don't
25 -- you don't have a jury trial right. Okay, sir?

1 MR. BOYLE: What about a special prosecutor?

2 THE COURT: Do you have any -- I -- I can't answer
3 that. Do you have any case law, or statutory law that would
4 say that you were entitled to that?

5 MR. BOYLE: No. And, I mean -- I can --

6 THE COURT: Because the fact of the matter is, seems to
7 me, I mean -- I've held people who -- I've held you in
8 contempt. But it is for things that happened directly in
9 this courtroom. I have a right to do that. I don't want to
10 have to point a -- at a prosecutor. That's part of my
11 inherent authority as a judge. If he did that direct -- on a
12 direct contempt, that's part of his inherent authority as a
13 judge, rightfully or wrongly. So you're not entitled to a
14 special prosecutor.

15 MR. BOYLE: So -- but then would you have the right to
16 hold me in direct contempt for actions that happen in the
17 lobby that you're not present for?

18 THE COURT: I do. Yes, sir.

19 MR. BOYLE: All right.

20 THE COURT: I -- I do. And there's cases to that
21 effect.

22 MR. BOYLE: And then Singleton acted as a witness and
23 couldn't let me be cross -- didn't allow me to cross-examine
24 him. I couldn't face my accuser, you know. And Singleton
25 investigated many facts of the case itself. And so, he's out

1 doing investigations into me, which -- you know, again,
2 judicial conduct that seems highly inappropriate.

3 THE COURT: Well, let me say this. All these grounds
4 along these lines, this is a case that involved a finding of
5 direct contempt. And so, he has a right to check and see
6 what the contempt was, to ask questions about it, to hold
7 hearings about it, and sentence you about that. Maybe other
8 regulators, but so far, all that is -- is -- is what he has a
9 right to do. You do not have a right to cross-examine him
10 either.

11 MR. BOYLE: Yeah. And I think the biggest points of
12 contention are that I did not know about the order, the order
13 was not posted. In the transcripts on page 88, Judge
14 Singleton says that "Ignorance of the law is no excuse." But
15 this isn't a law. This is a court order. And to violate a
16 court order, you have to do it willfully. Which I did not.
17 I did not willfully violate the order. The only time -- the
18 only hearing we've had is on the events of May 24th.

19 I know that allegations have been made about May 29th,
20 but there's been no hearing about May 29th. And I don't
21 believe there's been any sentencing for any events that
22 occurred on May 29th. The sentencing orders are of course,
23 very vague. They don't really give time, or date, or even
24 exact events, or description of the events. But -- and I
25 think that that's another issue with the orders from Judge

1 Singleton being vague, but I did not know of the order.

2 The order was not posted as mandated in the order
3 itself. The order says, "He shall post notice of the order
4 on the door." That is a mandate. And he did not. And the
5 reason is -- is because you can't enforce an order that
6 someone isn't aware of. And so, I clearly was not aware.
7 And -- and the transcripts clearly go through that. Multiple
8 witnesses testify that they have no way of knowing if I was
9 aware of the order.

10 And Judge Green testifies that the notice of the order
11 was not posted on the courthouse door at that time. And then
12 the other big one is that I was denied an attorney after
13 being granted an attorney, and no continuance. I mean -- I
14 should have been allowed to have an attorney.

15 I think that's part of the debacle that we're having
16 now, is that -- you know, when I'm looking for an attorney to
17 defend me, in this case, the criminal appeals attorneys tell
18 me they don't work in circuit courts, they work in appeals
19 court, and they've just never heard -- they didn't -- they
20 didn't want to come up from Columbia or whatever. I tried --
21 I tried with multiple. I had one give me a -- you know, say
22 he would do it with a \$10,000 retainer.

23 And then I went and tried to find the retainer, and I
24 almost had it. And I called him back and said, "I almost
25 have the money." And he said -- he turned it down. He said,

1 "I can't -- I can't represent you." And I'm like, "Man." He
2 said, "I only work in Columbia." He said, "I didn't realize
3 that."

4 He's like, "I'm not" -- he's like, "I'm not doing a
5 criminal appeals case in anything other than the criminal
6 court." And then -- you know, this request to destroy
7 evidence. Part of the reason that -- or the reason I've been
8 recording in the courtroom is because of this October 24th
9 where I was accused of --

10 THE COURT: You cannot court-record in the courtroom.

11 MR. BOYLE: Well, sorry -- sorry. In the courtroom
12 while in the courthouse lobby. Sorry -- sorry. So in the
13 courthouse lobby -- I had been accused of committing a crime
14 in the courthouse lobby. And that crime supposedly banned
15 me. And there -- there was -- that was a debacle. And so, I
16 recorded because I didn't want to be accused of committing
17 another crime in the lobby.

18 And so, I want everyone to know that I'm keeping a calm
19 demeanor, and I'm being relaxed. And so, when I recorded
20 myself on May 29th, I was staying very calm, and I recorded
21 myself in large part just to show that I am not breaking any
22 rules. And in the courthouse lobby that's not prohibited, in
23 the whole lobby. And so, when he asked me to delete my video
24 or go to jail -- I mean -- he gave me these options: to
25 delete the video, or go to jail.

1 I'm not going to delete the video because I feel if I
2 do, he can now come back and make another false accusation
3 against me of committing crimes in the lobby. So I really
4 felt that that was not right. And then -- you know, finally
5 the South Carolina Supreme Court administrative order itself,
6 I feel is troublesome. I feel that it severely infringes on
7 First Amendment rights.

8 THE COURT: Well -- and let me say this, that comes
9 from the chief justice.

10 MR. BOYLE: Right.

11 THE COURT: And so, he is the head of the judiciary.
12 If he says that we have to do it, you have to take that one
13 up with him. Okay?

14 MR. BOYLE: Right.

15 THE COURT: All right.

16 MR. BOYLE: But also says you can confiscate phones
17 with no due process, and things like that, so. But -- but,
18 yes. I -- I -- and so, that would be my argument with my
19 primary arguments resting on that, I was never made aware of
20 the order, there's a double-jeopardy problem, and I was
21 denied an attorney.

22 THE COURT: All right. Let's go two seconds. Give me
23 -- I'm on the walk out. I need to get a brief break, and
24 I'll be right back. Don't go anywhere. Okay?

25 MR. BOYLE: All right. Thanks, sir.

1 THE COURT: All right.

2 (Off the record at 10:38 a.m.)

3 THE COURT: Tell me when you're ready.

4 THE CLERK: You're good.

5 THE COURT: Okay. Go ahead.

6 MR. BOYLE: So I filed initial brief of appellate
7 issues on appeal and designation of matter. And so far the
8 respondents have not replied to any of the merits of the case
9 whatsoever.

10 THE COURT: Is this what you're talking about following
11 the probate appellate rules? Is that what you're talking
12 about?

13 MR. BOYLE: Well, yeah. Just a timeline of -- that I
14 feel that they should file a response to my brief, and I
15 should get to update my brief and things like that before the
16 appeal is actually ruled upon. Unless you're going to rule
17 in my favor on the appeal, in which case I understand because
18 I feel there's a --

19 THE COURT: It sounded like he's going to jail. Let's
20 make a deal. Let me say this to you. I -- this is -- you
21 know, no undoubtedly you were criminally sanctioned. It's no
22 question in my mind that this was not a civil contempt. It
23 was a criminal contempt. However, it -- it doesn't -- it's
24 not a probate matter. It's just a matter that happened at --
25 at the probate court.

1 So I don't think that the probate rules would apply to
2 your case on appeal. I think it's just an appeal of a
3 criminal contempt finding. Okay, sir? So I -- if -- if your
4 argument is that the county has not followed the probate
5 court appellate rules, I don't think they apply. I think I
6 told you that once before.

7 MR. BOYLE: Yeah. And my argument isn't so much that,
8 is that they haven't even responded to any of the merits of
9 the case whatsoever. Right. I would like to see a response
10 to the merits of the case so I can see their response then
11 prepare my defense accordingly.

12 THE COURT: Well, the matter -- this case -- I may be
13 just missing something, but you got put in jail, and you were
14 found in contempt -- I mean, and put in jail. And you were
15 appealing that finding of your contempt in the circumstances
16 around it, correct?

17 MR. BOYLE: Yes, sir.

18 THE COURT: And so, that is the issue before the Court,
19 is your contempt in the findings of contempt in your
20 incarceration, is that correct?

21 MR. BOYLE: Yes.

22 THE COURT: Okay.

23 MR. BOYLE: And I'd like to add one -- oh, sorry. Go
24 ahead.

25 THE COURT: No -- no. That's -- go ahead.

1 MR. BOYLE: And then one other thing. You know, I -- I
2 was trying to go through the laws, and, I mean -- again, it's
3 a little confusing, but I saw that -- you know, in a jail
4 sentence you only serve about two thirds of the time you're
5 sentenced to.

6 THE COURT: Well, that -- you're talking about
7 Department of Corrections and that depends on the nature of
8 those charges. This is the finding from the judge, and what
9 happens on contempt, you serve day-for-day. Okay?

10 MR. BOYLE: Is -- all right. I couldn't find that law.
11 I looked for it.

12 THE COURT: Okay. Well, there's no statute that says
13 you will get one third, or two thirds, or 85 percent from the
14 judge's contempt order. You serve day-for-day. Okay? And
15 you won't ever find it because it's not out there. Okay?

16 MR. BOYLE: All right.

17 THE COURT: All right. Thank you, sir.

18 MR. BOYLE: Thank you.

19 THE COURT: All right.

20 MR. LOGAN: May it please the Court?

21 THE COURT: Uh-huh.

22 MR. LOGAN: There are multiple motions on the roster,
23 as you can see, to be argued. With the Court's permission, I
24 would like to go to the motion to dismiss/summary judgment.
25 The reason summary judgment was added because of all the

1 confusing motions that had been filed by the appellate. I
2 don't know exactly what all he is seeking.

3 But what I am seeking now, based upon your recent
4 order, and I filed this motion for -- for dismissal shortly
5 after that order that you signed, dealing with dismissal of
6 the Dorothy Pierce case that was filed, based upon the
7 grounds of judicial immunity.

8 And the order contained the same language that was in
9 the -- the district court order which dismissed her case with
10 prejudice. This case -- his case seek -- is seeking damages
11 and injunctive release. The order that -- that you signed
12 had the -- in Dorothy Pierce's case, has the fact in it that
13 Judge Singleton has judicial immunity. If a challenged
14 judicial act was unauthorized by law, the judge still has
15 immunity from suit.

16 Whether an act is judicial or non-judicial rates --
17 relates to the nature of the act, whether it is function --
18 whether it is a functional normally -- function normally
19 performed by a judge, or whether the parties dealt with the
20 judge in his judicial capacity.

21 THE COURT: Well, let me ask a question. Mr. Boyle
22 appealed his sentence.

23 MR. LOGAN: Yes.

24 THE COURT: Which he had a right to do. Was there a
25 separate suit brought for any of these other grounds?

1 MR. LOGAN: In this other paperwork he has filed, he
2 includes all of this other stuff --

3 THE COURT: In the appeal?

4 MR. LOGAN: -- is my -- is my -- is my point.

5 THE COURT: I got you.

6 MR. LOGAN: So, which I had to respond to in some form.
7 It's not a typical appeal, Judge.

8 THE COURT: Not at all. All right.

9 MR. LOGAN: And --

10 THE COURT: Let -- let me say this --

11 MR. LOGAN: I just wanted to cover the fact that
12 whether it's a -- a sub -- whether it's a summary judgment
13 that's appropriate, or whether it's a motion to dismiss
14 appeal, judicial immunity applies to everything he said.
15 Everything he said dealt with what the judge did in his
16 courtroom. And -- and one other thing about this thing being
17 posted, no, it's not on the door, but the -- the handle to
18 the door going into the probate court's office is on the
19 left-hand side of the door.

20 Right above the left-hand side of the door where the
21 doorknob is, is a post board. And on that board, clearly
22 obvious, is this order. And for him to take the position
23 that he was totally ignorant of that, all he had to do was
24 open his eyes when he went through that door, and it was
25 there. So he even -- he even attached a document dealing

1 with judicial immunity. Apparently, a law review article.

2 He -- first of all, he didn't copy the whole thing, and
3 he left off the fact that the -- the guy who wrote this was
4 trying to argue for judicial immunity to be excluded from the
5 civil side. So it has no bearing. The -- the -- the law in
6 this state is what I have put what -- in your previous order
7 and Dorothy Pierce, and what I put in this -- this petition
8 to throw this case out -- throw this appeal out. Thank you,
9 sir.

10 THE COURT: All right. Let -- let me say this, Mr.
11 Pierce. I'm pursuing -- I'm looking at this case solely as a
12 criminal appeal. Okay? From probate court. All those other
13 allegations, you can't add to a criminal appeal. It's not
14 appropriate procedure. I'm going to dismiss those without
15 prejudice. You have to file suit if you think that's the
16 thing to do.

17 You have to do that in a separate pleading. It has to
18 be served, and all the things that have -- the formalities
19 have to be followed, but not in an appeal. You can't do it
20 on an appeal. Okay, sir? It's just not -- it's not --
21 you're not allowed. But I'll be glad on the criminal
22 response to hear you to what Mr. -- counsel said.

23 MR. BOYLE: Oh, yeah. Thank you, sir. So a couple
24 things. The -- when you enter the probate court lobby, it is
25 true the handle is on the left side, and you're walking in --

1 back behind to your left, there's a bulletin board. The
2 claim is that on that bulletin board that the order was
3 posted, right? An order that you know is dense with text
4 multiple pages long, no one's going to stop and read that.

5 That's why the order actually doesn't say to post the
6 order. It says to post contents of the order. And with all
7 respect, like your clerk's office did, your Honor, when you
8 enter the court, on the door is notice of the order in very
9 clear, bold language that says, "No use of electronic
10 devices."

11 I don't think it's reasonable to expect everyone that
12 walks through that door to stop and read a three-page
13 document. That's in small fine print. And that's what the
14 situation was at the probate court. But the order itself
15 says, "It shall be -- notice of the order shall be posted on
16 the board." This is that Harvard Review article onto --

17 THE COURT: I -- I -- I'm familiar with it, Mr. --

18 MR. BOYLE: All right. So judicial order --

19 THE COURT: And it's not relevant to what we're doing.

20 MR. BOYLE: Yeah -- yeah.

21 THE COURT: That's argue for position should be, but
22 not -- they're arguing for positions. They won't -- but
23 that's not the law.

24 MR. BOYLE: Yeah. Well, either way, it seems to me
25 that judicial immunity doesn't apply to this appeal

1 whatsoever because it is just protection from civil side of
2 things. And then -- you know, the other arguments that --

3 THE COURT: Now, judicial -- judicial immunity is just
4 not protection from civil side. It's judicial immunity.
5 Okay? And he's -- he is immune.

6 MR. BOYLE: From criminal prosecution, from sanctions,
7 from disciplinary actions, from everything?

8 THE COURT: Disciplinary actions? No. I mean -- we're
9 all subject to being disciplined by the office of
10 disciplinary counsel, or whoever the body governs him. I'm --
11 -- disciplinary counsel body, but if I make a mistake up here,
12 I'm immune in my -- in my -- when I'm performing duties as a
13 judge.

14 MR. BOYLE: No. And I did a fair bit of research, I
15 couldn't find anything that showed that judicial immunity
16 applied outside of civil infractions.

17 THE COURT: Well, it is there. But let me just say
18 this to you. How many days did you do in jail?

19 MR. BOYLE: I want to say 38 or 39.

20 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Anything further?

21 MR. BOYLE: Yes, sir. In his response in his summary
22 judgment -- in his memorandum on the summary judgment, it is
23 a cut and paste verbatim from the Pierce case. He literally
24 took the argument that he used in my wife's case where she is
25 actually filing a civil suit against Judge Singleton trying

1 to break his jurisdiction. Right?

2 Mine is not a civil suit of any sort. He literally cut
3 and paste. The document itself calls me "Her" multiple
4 times. It doesn't even say "Him". It refers to a federal
5 case that I had. I never had a federal case of any sort.
6 It's a cut and paste. I mean -- this is -- I don't know. I
7 think it's sanctionable, honestly, sir. I don't understand.
8 It is completely inappropriate.

9 THE COURT: It's not sanctionable, but -- but go ahead.

10 MR. BOYLE: But it -- it -- it doesn't even involve
11 this case. His motion doesn't involve this case.

12 THE COURT: All right.

13 MR. BOYLE: And he didn't -- and again, he didn't reply
14 to any of the factual allegations I made ever. He cut and
15 pasted my issues in -- to appeal, and claims that the issues
16 who appeal don't state a claim. Issues on appeal aren't
17 supposed to state a claim. And he references Rule 56 for
18 summary judgment. That doesn't apply to appeal. He
19 references Rule 12(b)(6), that's a civil thing, that has
20 nothing to do with this appeal.

21 THE COURT: Well, let me say this. I think that under
22 the circumstances, because of the way you've added claims
23 that are not really part of appeal, probably the better part
24 of valor was potentially just add those things, because who
25 knows. Here's the rule that is going to be from this Court,

1 and this -- this is a criminal appeal. Any claims that you
2 make about Mr. Singleton, or entitlement to monies, or
3 anything else like that, you have to bring in a separate
4 suit.

5 And -- and so, to the extent you've alleged anything
6 other than grounds challenging your incarceration, or
7 dismissed, okay? Without prejudice. Then you can do
8 whatever you think you want to, and you can seek counsel, or
9 not. That's up to you. As far as the criminal sanction is
10 concerned, I'm -- first, I'm going to find that you've served
11 enough time. I'm not going to make you serve any more time.
12 That's it.

13 MR. BOYLE: Thank you, your Honor.

14 THE COURT: Okay. I will take the other matters in
15 consideration. Let me look at them. But that -- my ruling
16 means the rest of these motions are moot. There's nothing
17 there to take, there's nothing to do. Okay? Do you
18 understand me?

19 MR. BOYLE: I do, sir.

20 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. I'm on --

21 MR. BOYLE: Thank you.

22 THE COURT: I'll give you an order that when I -- after
23 I read that.

24 MR. LOGAN: And, your Honor, I -- I -- I just -- all
25 right. He's -- what -- what does he have time to do now?

1 What -- what does -- he needs to file another claim just for
2 these other things? Is that what -- what you're saying?
3 That's not part of the contempt. So the contempt is gone, is
4 that right? If -- if he's released from -- from doing any
5 further time? Or does that -- what -- that's the only thing
6 he can pursue in this case?

7 THE COURT: Any claims that have a civil claim to --
8 all he's doing is appealing the criminal findings of
9 contempt. Now, I think I held you in contempt myself. I'm
10 not sure. I can't even remember now. But all I'm dealing
11 with is an appeal from a criminal case of contempt.

12 Because it is clearly a criminal contempt. All the
13 other claims are dismissed without prejudice. If he feels
14 like he needs to file a sitting, that's his right. And then
15 you all just have to defend it as it goes. Okay?

16 MR. LOGAN: So as we go forward with the con -- the
17 criminal side, he is prohibited from raising anything outside
18 of that criminal --?

19 THE COURT: What -- there's nothing to go forward on --
20 on the criminal side. He's been sentenced, he's been --
21 served 38 days, whatever. I've vacated the rest of his
22 sentence. And I'm going to determine whether or not he's
23 right on his appeal, or not right on his appeal. Okay?

24 MR. LOGAN: Okay. So you going to rule on the motion
25 as far as judicial immunity?

1 THE COURT: Well, there's no question he has judicial
2 immunity, but there's no claims there. Okay? And he -- what
3 I'm saying is --

4 MR. LOGAN: I -- I'm saying he has to reconsider.

5 THE COURT: I'm saying here, Mr. Logan, that this is a
6 criminal appeal. Anything outside of that is dismissed. Do
7 I need to say that anymore?

8 MR. LOGAN: I'm just trying to get -- because of the
9 fact that I'm not dealing with another lawyer, I just want to
10 make sure things are clear, Judge. If (crosstalk).

11 THE COURT: Well, I'm trying to be clear as I can be.
12 This is a criminal appeal, anything else out there is
13 dismissed, and he has to file another suit. Okay?

14 MR. LOGAN: All right.

15 THE COURT: And I -- I don't know how else to say it.
16 I don't mean to be out loud, I apologize. But it's just -- I
17 -- I -- I get a little frustrated because there's nothing
18 else out there.

19 MR. LOGAN: Okay.

20 THE COURT: All right?

21 MR. LOGAN: Well, I've been frustrated throughout this
22 whole time.

23 THE COURT: I understand that.

24 MR. LOGAN: And so, excuse me if I came across as being
25 so rude.

1 THE COURT: No, sir. You didn't. It is just this --
2 all of which is one of those days. Okay. All right?

3 MR. LOGAN: Thank you, sir.

4 THE COURT: You all have a good day.

5 MR. LOGAN: Appreciate it.

6 MR. BOYLE: Is that it for today, sir?

7 THE COURT: It is.

8 MR. BOYLE: Thank you, your Honor.

9 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

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11 (THERE BEING NOTHING FURTHER, THIS HEARING CONCLUDED AT

12 10:57 A.M.)

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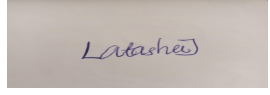
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