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COUNTY OF OCONEE            CASE NO.:2024-CP-37-00451

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July 17, 2024

**BEFORE:**    The Honorable Lawton McIntosh

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JASON MICHAEL BOYLE,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DANNY SINGLETON, et. al,

Defendants.

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APPEARANCES:

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    Appearing Pro Se.

Jim Logan, Esq.  
    Appearing for Defendant Danny Singleton.

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**P R O C E E D I N G S**

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2 THE COURT: All right. I want to take up  
3 your motion for a continuance before we get --  
4 before we go into the other substantive motions.

5 MR. LOGAN: Yes, sir. I've only recently  
6 been involved in this case. I have -- one of the  
7 three motions that he's now filed, I was originally  
8 only aware of two, but as of this morning,  
9 apparently -- or last night late -- he filed  
10 another motion.

11 THE COURT: Well, that's not before the  
12 Court.

13 MR. LOGAN: Not at this point, no, sir. The  
14 two that are before the Court, one will be -- or  
15 our response -- the easiest response to that one  
16 will be a copy of the transcript of the hearing  
17 that he's complained about. I have ordered that  
18 transcript from Legal Eagle. I got from some  
19 source a copy of the transcript, but it's not from  
20 Legal Eagle. The official court source is that  
21 from Legal Eagle. I have asked for it to be  
22 expedited, and I should have it shortly. Plus, the  
23 fact I've just recently been involved.

24 And the other one that's on this roster, the  
25 motion for summary judgment, was not personally

1 served until -- well, I've got a copy of it now,  
2 but it's -- was not only -- my client only received  
3 it -- received it by -- somebody brought it to him  
4 from the clerk's office, you know, by filing, only  
5 five days ago. So based upon that information --

6 THE COURT: Let me just ask you: This is an  
7 appeal from the probate court, right?

8 MR. LOGAN: Yes, sir.

9 THE COURT: So how could I entertain a motion  
10 for summary judgment?

11 MR. LOGAN: Well, that is what I raised.  
12 This is not the appropriate -- that's not the  
13 appropriate motion to make. An appeal is what has  
14 been filed, so you could not.

15 THE COURT: And here's the issue that I want  
16 to -- I think that your motion for a continuance is  
17 well-founded, but the concern I have is that this  
18 gentleman is sitting in the jailhouse while  
19 everything is pending.

20 MR. LOGAN: I understand. I understand.

21 THE COURT: So my idea would be that -- you  
22 know, he may go back, but to give him an appeal  
23 bond today, let him out until this matter is  
24 resolved.

25 If he looses, you go back and serve your

1 sentence. If you don't, you don't.

2 But I hate to see him serve a sentence. If  
3 it gets reversed, he's already served it. You  
4 can't undo it and un-ring that bell. So my idea  
5 today would be for him to put up an appeal bond  
6 while this is pending.

7 I mean, any position one way or the other  
8 about that?

9 MR. LOGAN: Can I -- can I talk to Judge  
10 Singleton as soon as he gets back? I had asked him  
11 to go get some additional material for me for this.

12 I, personally, don't have a problem with that  
13 as long as he's going to be assured to show up and  
14 whatnot.

15 THE COURT: Well, he'll have to post a bond.  
16 Do you have assets to put up money for a  
17 bond?

18 MR. BOYLE: No, sir. Due to these events,  
19 I'm completely broke. My only bank account has  
20 like, I think, about \$900.

21 THE COURT: Are you married?

22 MR. BOYLE: No, sir. I'm engaged.

23 THE COURT: Do you have access to come up  
24 with a bond?

25 MR. BOYLE: No, sir, not monetarily.

1 THE COURT: Well, you are going to have to  
2 come up with something, okay.

3 MR. BOYLE: I mean, yeah. I don't know.

4 THE COURT: Okay.

5 MR. BOYLE: I only have 20 days left on this  
6 sentence. I think the proper thing to do is  
7 release me on my personal recognizance.

8 THE COURT: Well, I'm not asking you for your  
9 argument right now, but I'll get there, okay.

10 MR. BOYLE: Thank you, sir.

11 THE COURT: Do you need to take a minute and  
12 talk to somebody?

13 MR. LOGAN: Yes, sir. I thought they would  
14 be right back, but I do.

15 THE COURT: All right. Just leave him here,  
16 okay. Don't get up and walk around. Just stay  
17 right where you are. If you need something, let me  
18 know.

19 MR. LOGAN: May I be excused?

20 THE COURT: Yes, you may.

21 We'll be back in a minute.

22 (A break in the proceedings.)

23 THE COURT: All right, sir. Here's my  
24 thoughts -- good to see you. My thoughts on this  
25 is this: This man is serving a sentence that may

1 or may not be appealed. I'm not saying he's right  
2 or wrong, but I'm saying while that issue is  
3 pending, he probably should be let out of jail with  
4 the --

5 You understand, if you lose, you go back to  
6 jail?

7 MR. BOYLE: Oh, absolutely, sir.

8 THE COURT: But Mr. Logan just got the case.  
9 He asked for a continuance, and I think it is  
10 warranted because he just got the case.

11 MR. LOGAN: May I also suggest some -- some  
12 additional conditions to a bond? My client, who is  
13 the probate judge of Oconee County, because of the  
14 conduct of Mr. Boyle, he has received over a  
15 hundred death threats to him personally and dealing  
16 with his family.

17 THE COURT: The judge has?

18 MR. LOGAN: The judge has, yes, sir.

19 THE COURT: I had a judge from -- also from  
20 Sumter call me, and apparently her name got  
21 associated with this case, and she has, too. I  
22 don't know --

23 MR. LOGAN: And his fiancée is Ms. Dorothy  
24 Pierce, and she's got I don't know how many cases  
25 going on in this county. So if there is a bond

1 involved, we want it sufficient enough that it's  
2 going to deter any conduct with my client, his  
3 family, any attendance in probate court. He's not  
4 allowed in the probate court or even in the  
5 facility where the probate court is located. And  
6 he's not allowed on the estate property that is  
7 involved in these other matters that he's also  
8 involved in.

9           And I've got some questions about his  
10 representation and whether it's involved or -- the  
11 attorney that has been accused of practicing law  
12 without a license -- you are familiar with that?

13           THE COURT: I'm not really familiar. I heard  
14 about it.

15           MR. LOGAN: Yeah. And his name is Nathan  
16 Chambers. He's a son of a lawyer in Greenville,  
17 and he actually attended one of the hearings that  
18 is involved in this matter --

19           THE COURT: Right.

20           MR. LOGAN: -- as his attorney, and he was  
21 not a licensed attorney. He's been charged with  
22 practicing law without a license.

23           So there is a whole lot of stuff going on in  
24 the background, including, most seriously, death  
25 threats. So if we're going to let him out -- if

1 you're going to let him out --

2 THE COURT: I'm going to let him out.

3 MR. LOGAN: I just want you aware of that,  
4 that he's not to do anything --

5 THE COURT: Let me say this: I am going to  
6 let him out. He's going to serve his time if he  
7 loses, but I'm going to let him out.

8 I'm going to get you a PR bond. I think that  
9 it is okay, too. I don't see you being a threat of  
10 flight, but this thing about the thing about  
11 threats with this judge and the family, to the  
12 extent they are emanating from you or someone  
13 related to you, that puts you right back in jail  
14 with me. Do you understand me?

15 MR. BOYLE: No sir, it's not --

16 THE COURT: Do you understand me?

17 MR. BOYLE: Yes, sir.

18 THE COURT: Listen to my questions. If I  
19 want to hear you, I'll ask you. I want you to  
20 listen to me.

21 Now, I can't prohibit his right to free  
22 speech under the First Amendment, but I can put a  
23 gag order on this case, and that's what I'm going  
24 to do.

25 Part of your bond is you don't talk about

1 this case, okay, or anybody at your direction. I  
2 don't know about this gentleman Chambers, anything  
3 about that, but if he ain't a lawyer, he ain't a  
4 lawyer, and he can't come back here, all right.

5 But you are to have no communications with  
6 the judge, directly or indirectly, and that means  
7 you or your fiancée or someone acting on your  
8 behalf. "Directly" means face-to-face, e-mail,  
9 text messages, any other communication or through  
10 someone else in those same ways. Do you  
11 understand?

12 MR. BOYLE: Yes, sir.

13 THE COURT: Okay.

14 MR. LOGAN: May I ask one other --

15 THE COURT: Let me finish, and I will.

16 You are to appear at any hearings we have  
17 scheduled in this case. Any reason you would leave  
18 Oconee County for any reason?

19 MR. BOYLE: To move out of here?

20 THE COURT: Sir, any reason you would leave  
21 Oconee County? Do you need to leave while this is  
22 pending?

23 MR. BOYLE: Well, I work in Greenville.

24 THE COURT: You do? Okay. You can go to  
25 Greenville and Oconee -- well, you can't leave

1 South Carolina during the pendency of the case.

2 That is part of the conditions of your bond.

3 You are not to go to the probate court. You  
4 can't appear there anymore. If he's been ordered  
5 to not be there anymore, you can't go there.

6 Where is the probate court?

7 MR. LOGAN: Administrative offices, which is  
8 where the sheriff -- I mean not the -- on Pine  
9 Street.

10 THE COURT: What other offices are there?

11 MR. LOGAN: It is about a mile-and-a-half  
12 from here.

13 THE COURT: What other officers are there?  
14 Like assessor, treasurer?

15 MR. LOGAN: Yeah, and the city council.

16 THE COURT: Yeah, I can't keep him out of the  
17 building, but I'll keep you out of probate court.  
18 You can transact business, to the extent you need  
19 to, otherwise.

20 Mr. Logan, I cut you off with suggestions you  
21 had.

22 MR. LOGAN: The last suggestion I have is I  
23 would like for this to be heard as quickly as  
24 possible.

25 THE COURT: I have no problem hearing that or

1 you scheduling it any time you want to get in here.

2 I assume you want to get it done as quick as  
3 possible as well?

4 MR. BOYLE: Yes, sir.

5 THE COURT: It doesn't have to be me. It can  
6 be me. I don't have a problem hearing it, and I  
7 don't have a problem with someone else hearing it.

8 MR. LOGAN: Are you going to be up here next  
9 week or following week?

10 THE COURT: No. I'm in Anderson next week,  
11 and then in York.

12 Who is next week? Anybody?

13 THE CLERK: Judge Sprouse is here.

14 THE COURT: Ma'am?

15 THE CLERK: Judge Sprouse is here for general  
16 sessions.

17 THE COURT: Well, that's general sessions.  
18 He'll be busy.

19 MR. LOGAN: Anderson is fine.

20 THE COURT: If you can get Judge Sprouse to  
21 hear the case, that is fine.

22 Who is here on the 29<sup>th</sup>? On the week of  
23 the 29<sup>th</sup>, Judge Sprouse has common pleas/non-jury  
24 within the Tenth Judicial Circuit.

25 THE CLERK: I was going to say that I have a

1 whole day on the 31<sup>st</sup> with nothing scheduled.

2 THE COURT: Okay. So if everyone is  
3 agreeable, I'll put it on his calendar. I'll tell  
4 him if he objects, I'll take it off. I don't think  
5 he will, but if he does, he does.

6 THE CLERK: Judge Singleton has protection on  
7 the 31<sup>st</sup>.

8 THE COURT: Judge Singleton has protection?

9 Let me ask you: Is there any reason why we  
10 can't hear these motions without him being in  
11 attendance?

12 You might want to talk to him, Jim.

13 MR. LOGAN: I don't really think that there  
14 are any reasons why he would have to be here.

15 Is that okay with you?

16 THE COURT: Is that okay?

17 MR. SINGLETON: Yes, sir.

18 THE COURT: It just seems to me you get it  
19 heard and deposed of.

20 MR. LOGAN: You're talking about back up  
21 here?

22 THE COURT: 31<sup>st</sup>, I think that is what I  
23 said.

24 MR. LOGAN: So July 31<sup>st</sup>.

25 THE COURT: Any reason why you can't be here

1 on the 31<sup>st</sup>?

2 MR. BOYLE: What day of the week is that?

3 THE COURT: I don't know.

4 THE CLERK: The 31st is on a Wednesday.

5 MR. BOYLE: I can't imagine.

6 THE COURT: You need to tell me now that you  
7 are going to be here, because a condition of your  
8 bond is that you appear at hearings. So if you  
9 don't, you will violate your bond, so you don't  
10 want to do that, right?

11 MR. BOYLE: No, sir.

12 THE COURT: Okay.

13 Any other matters?

14 The motion for summary judgment is not  
15 appropriate, and I'm dismissing that. It is gone.  
16 That is not appropriate here, okay.

17 Other than that, the appeal will be heard by  
18 Judge Sprouse. I'll tell him, again. If for some  
19 reason he says I can't or won't, I'll do something.

20 MR. LOGAN: Can you all send me an e-mail if  
21 it is going to be somebody --

22 THE COURT: Yeah. We'll do that.

23 Do we have a way to communicate with you,  
24 e-mail, et cetera?

25 MR. BOYLE: Yes, sir, I can provide my

1 information.

2 THE COURT: Step up here and give her your  
3 e-mail, and give it to Mr. Logan so we can all  
4 communicate with you.

5 MR. BOYLE: To Amanda?

6 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

7 (A brief pause in the proceedings.)

8 THE COURT: All right. Now, you all need to  
9 let him out tonight.

10 MR. LOGAN: Judge, I have raised the issue  
11 about keeping him off of the estate property that  
12 is involved in these other actions.

13 THE COURT: What is the estate property?

14 MR. LOGAN: I was involved in the case  
15 initially, and then I got out, and then --

16 THE COURT: Has he been ordered by the  
17 probate court to stay off of the estate property?

18 MR. LOGAN: Have I?

19 THE COURT: No. No. I'm not saying --

20 MR. LOGAN: This gentleman here to stay off  
21 it.

22 THE COURT: Oh, I got that.

23 We're going to let you not come back to the  
24 courthouse (laughing).

25 MR. LOGAN: Hey, I'll sue you (laughing).

1 THE COURT: It won't be the first (laughing).  
2 Do you mind if I ask the Judge something?

3 MR. LOGAN: No.

4 The estate property of Nowell Pierce is what  
5 I'm talking about.

6 THE COURT: Do you have any need to go on  
7 that property during the pendency of this case?

8 MR. BOYLE: That is where I live. I would be  
9 homeless if you kick me out.

10 THE COURT: Well, that's where he lives.  
11 That is an issue for the probate court. I'm not  
12 going to touch that, okay.

13 MR. LOGAN: If you want to ask the judge a  
14 question, that's fine.

15 THE COURT: No, that's what I wanted to find  
16 out. I got what I need.

17 Jim, I know you are not big at drawing bond  
18 orders, but can you draft me one, though?

19 MR. LOGAN: I haven't done a bond order in --

20 THE COURT: My law clerk needs to learn how.  
21 He's about to work for the Solicitor's Office.  
22 He'll do it.

23 Do you have all the conditions of the bond?

24 Okay. He'll circulate it to both of you all.  
25 Make sure --

1 We have your e-mail, correct?

2 MR. BOYLE: Yes, sir.

3 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

4 (Whereupon, the audio recording for the  
5 hearing concluded.)

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BOYLE CONTEMPT HEARING

Before The Honorable Danny Singleton

Oconee County Probate Court

Case Number: 2020-ES-37-00532

JUNE 17, 2024

1 JUDGE SINGLETON:

2 All right, today's date is Monday, June 17th, 2024,  
3 Oconee County Probate Court, Danny Singleton Judge  
4 of Probate, here in the matter of Jason Boyle on a  
5 Rule to Show Cause. Where is that (inaudible)? Mr.  
6 Boyle was served on a Rule to Show Cause on June the  
7 6th, 2024. Basically states you are hereby required  
8 to appear at Oconee County Probate Court on the date  
9 and time listed below to show cause if any you can  
10 why you should not be held in contempt of court for  
11 failing to follow a court order of the Chief Justice  
12 of the South Carolina Supreme Court regarding  
13 recording in a courthouse and/or clerk window. The  
14 Court is giving you notice that you have a right to  
15 counsel should you choose. All right, you were  
16 properly served; you're here today. Further at the  
17 last Rule to Show Cause hearing it was alleged that  
18 you were represented by counsel by an individual  
19 alleged to be the name of Nathan Chambers or John  
20 Nathan Chambers. Later the Court determined that  
21 the alleged attorney's actual name was Nathan Lee  
22 Chambers. It was determined that he used his  
23 father's South Carolina Bar number. Mr. Chambers

1 had submitted to the Court a Memorandum in Support  
2 for Motion of Reconsideration that was filed with  
3 the Court on June 3rd of 2024. That was from a  
4 previous hearing in which Mr. Boyle was sentenced to  
5 10 days for continuing to record at a clerk's window  
6 and refusing to stop the recording. On that date  
7 and time Mr. Boyle was given an opportunity to  
8 delete and stop the recording and which -- or be  
9 held in contempt. At that point in time Mr. Boyle  
10 had refused to do so, he was held in contempt of  
11 court and sentenced to 10 days. Subsequent to that  
12 there was a later Rule to Show Cause where Nathan  
13 Chambers pretending to be John Nathan Chambers  
14 represented Mr. Boyle at a Rule to Show Cause  
15 hearing. At that time went through testimony,  
16 evidence, heard from Mr. Boyle himself. Also there  
17 was a letter that was presented by Mr. Boyle's  
18 alleged father. The Court took that into  
19 consideration. However, the Court has no proof of  
20 whether or not that was actually Mr. Boyle's father  
21 who wrote the letter. The Court did accept it and  
22 made that an exhibit. The following day again the  
23 Court determined that Mr. Chambers was in fact not

1 an attorney, therefore the Court became aware of  
2 that and the Court issued an order of immediate  
3 release for Mr. Boyle due to the fact that he had  
4 ineffective counsel and rescheduled the Rule to Show  
5 Cause for today. All right, Mr. Boyle, before we  
6 begin I'm going to ask -- one, I'm going to inform  
7 you that you have a right to testify should you  
8 choose to do so. You have a constitutional right  
9 not to testify. You don't have to say anything.  
10 However, if you do testify that anything you say can  
11 and may be used against you in Court, do you  
12 understand that?

13 MR. BOYLE:

14 I do.

15 JUDGE SINGLETON:

16 All right. At this time I'm going to ask you to  
17 raise your right hand. Do you swear or affirm the  
18 testimony you're about to give be the whole truth  
19 and nothing but the truth so help you God?

20 MR. BOYLE:

21 I do.

22 JUDGE SINGLETON:

23 All right. I'm going to inform you at this time

1           you've been sworn, that you are now under  
2           jurisdiction of this Court. Mr. Boyle you filed a  
3           couple motions this morning; one was a Motion to  
4           Dismiss. The Motion to Dismiss, that pertains to  
5           the sentence that you received of 10 days; is that  
6           correct? Or for the motion today?

7           MR. BOYLE:

8           (Inaudible) I mean again, I'm not really an  
9           attorney. I want counsel. I don't want to speak  
10          without a lawyer.

11          JUDGE SINGLETON:

12          Okay, all right. That's fine. You don't have to  
13          speak but you understand you've been previously  
14          informed that you have a right to have an attorney?

15          MR. BOYLE:

16          Yeah, I got one now I think. Well, I don't have an  
17          assigned one but I have -- I've got approval --

18          JUDGE SINGLETON:

19          You've applied for one. You applied for one this  
20          morning.

21          MR. BOYLE:

22          Well, no, it was last week I applied. I just didn't  
23          know what the process was so I've been approved.

1 JUDGE SINGLETON:

2 No, this is affidavit of indigency and application  
3 for counsel. There's nothing saying that you have  
4 been approved.

5 MR. BOYLE:

6 This is -- right here, I have it right here, sir.  
7 I've been approved for public counsel.

8 JUDGE SINGLETON:

9 Bring it up and let me see. If you've been approved  
10 then counsel should have been here with you.

11 MR. BOYLE:

12 Granted, I haven't been assigned yet. I've been  
13 approved but not assigned a lawyer. No one's  
14 assigned me a lawyer yet.

15 JUDGE SINGLETON:

16 All right, I'm going to take a brief recess. I'll  
17 be back in just a moment. Again, you're under the  
18 jurisdiction of this Court.

19 (RECESS)

20 JUDGE SINGLETON:

21 All right, we're back on the record. The time now  
22 is 10:39. The Court had contacted the Public  
23 Defender's office. We have Mr. John Abdalla. Mr.

1 Abdalla, would you raise your right hand, please?

2 MR. ABDALLA:

3 Yes, Your Honor.

4 JUDGE SINGLETON:

5 Do you swear or affirm the testimony you're about to  
6 give be the truth and nothing but the truth so help  
7 you God?

8 MR. ABDALLA:

9 Of course, sir.

10 JUDGE SINGLETON:

11 Sir, do you work in the Public Defender's office?

12 MR. ABDALLA:

13 I do.

14 JUDGE SINGLETON:

15 And what is your position in the Public Defender's  
16 office?

17 MR. ABDALLA:

18 I'm the Chief of the Public Defender of the Oconee  
19 office.

20 JUDGE SINGLETON:

21 Okay. All right, Mr. Jason Boyle had filed an  
22 application with the Public Defender's office; is  
23 that correct?

1 MR. ABDALLA:

2 That is correct.

3 JUDGE SINGLETON:

4 Okay. Is he approved or disapproved for a public  
5 defender?

6 MR. ABDALLA:

7 I think tentatively we were going to approve it,  
8 then I found out it was not a criminal contempt, it  
9 was a civil contempt and we cannot represent --

10 JUDGE SINGLETON:

11 This is a direct contempt in violation of Chief  
12 Justice's Order which may institute -- could  
13 institute a fine and/or a jail sentence.

14 MR. ABDALLA:

15 Right. But because it's not a criminal matter  
16 underlying we cannot represent him.

17 JUDGE SINGLETON:

18 And as far as an arrest warrant and things of that  
19 sort it's coming from the Bench of the Court.

20 MR. ABDALLA:

21 That's correct. You know, I mean I understood that  
22 but that's --

23 JUDGE SINGLETON:

1           Okay.

2           MR. ABDALLA:

3           -- it's because the underlying matter. According to  
4           that theory we would be representing people for  
5           child support that are going to jail.

6           JUDGE SINGLETON:

7           Correct.

8           MR. ABDALLA:

9           And we --

10          JUDGE SINGLETON:

11          Okay. All right, and with that we've received a  
12          letter that we received electronically from your  
13          office dated June the 17th. To whom it may concern,  
14          the 10th Circuit Public Defender's Office Ocone is  
15          unable to represent Jason Michael Boyle with regard  
16          to any contempt of court claims in a probate court  
17          since it's not a criminal matter. And again it's  
18          because it was not produced by law enforcement and  
19          come through traditional means; is that correct --

20          MR. ABDALLA:

21          That's correct.

22          JUDGE SINGLETON:

23          -- it's because it comes from the Court?

1 MR. ABDALLA:

2 Yes, it's the underlying matter is probate, not  
3 criminal.

4 JUDGE SINGLETON:

5 All right, very good. Thank you very much.

6 MR. ABDALLA:

7 Thank you, Judge.

8 JUDGE SINGLETON:

9 Have a good day.

10 MR. ABDALLA:

11 Thanks.

12 JUDGE SINGLETON:

13 All right. Mr. Boyle, you have been previously  
14 advised and also under your Rule to Show Cause  
15 actually two instances of Rule to Show Cause, you  
16 had a right to have counsel. All right. So  
17 therefore we're going to continue with your Rule to  
18 Show Cause today. The application for Public  
19 Defender is going to be Court's -- the letter is  
20 going to be Court's Number 1 and the affidavit for  
21 indigency and let me further state Mr. Boyle you've  
22 indicated your income is \$31,500. All right, South  
23 Carolina and the vast majority of the other states

1           they go by the poverty guidelines. All right, the  
2           poverty guidelines in which you listed three  
3           individuals a Queen Dorothy Pierce, a Quinten Boyle  
4           age 15, and John Boyle, III, age one. Quinten Boyle  
5           15, does he live in your home?

6           MR. BOYLE:

7           He's at boarding school.

8           JUDGE SINGLETON:

9           He's at boarding school.

10          MR. BOYLE:

11          That's right.

12          JUDGE SINGLETON:

13          Okay. All right. So, with that that's three people  
14          in your home and under that under federal poverty  
15          guidelines you would have to make \$25,820 or less  
16          and if you include yourself which would be the  
17          fourth person would be \$31,200. You have listed  
18          \$31,500, therefore regardless under poverty  
19          guidelines you would not qualify.

20          MR. BOYLE:

21          Well they did grant it when I went there so I wasn't  
22          informed --

23          JUDGE SINGLETON:

1 I understand that but we did not receive any letter  
2 of representation and today was your court date, all  
3 right. So, they should have notified this Court,  
4 that's why the Court contacted them to inquire and  
5 that's why the Court asked them to come by and  
6 testify. All right. So, testimony has been given  
7 in that. The poverty guidelines that will be  
8 Court's Number 3. All right, I have read the Motion  
9 to Dismiss. This motion to dismiss, I need the  
10 clarification, is this the one in which you've  
11 received the 10-day sentence or for the hearing  
12 today?

13 MR. BOYLE:

14 I'm going to not speak unless I have an attorney.

15 JUDGE SINGLETON:

16 Okay, all right. Well, therefore you filed this  
17 Motion to Dismiss and --

18 MR. BOYLE:

19 I'm not an attorney you know.

20 JUDGE SINGLETON:

21 I understand --

22 MR. BOYLE:

23 (Inaudible).

1 JUDGE SINGLETON:

2 I understand that. I understand that you're not an  
3 attorney but you understand you've been advised  
4 multiple times you had a right to have counsel.

5 MR. BOYLE:

6 And I did my best to get counsel.

7 JUDGE SINGLETON:

8 Okay, well you had a right, okay. All right, so the  
9 Memorandum in Support of Motion to Dismiss you've  
10 already been sworn so you're indicating that you are  
11 not speaking to the Court until you have counsel; is  
12 that correct?

13 MR. BOYLE:

14 That's correct.

15 JUDGE SINGLETON:

16 Okay, all right. So again, before I make a decision  
17 on the Memorandum in Support of Motion to Dismiss  
18 and the Motion to Dismiss you are choosing not to  
19 speak on that matter; is that correct?

20 MR. BOYLE:

21 And asking for a continuance, yes.

22 JUDGE SINGLETON:

23 All right, your continuance is denied. Do you wish

1 to speak on this motion?

2 MR. BOYLE:

3 No, sir.

4 JUDGE SINGLETON:

5 All right, motion denied. All right. Do you have  
6 anything you'd like to say to the Court before we  
7 begin?

8 MR. BOYLE:

9 Just that there's a change of venue filed and I  
10 don't know if the Court has jurisdiction for the  
11 change of venue (inaudible) because this is  
12 under the Doyle Pierce estate case.

13 JUDGE SINGLETON:

14 No, this is not under the Doyle Pierce case. This  
15 is not under -- this is -- you may have attached a  
16 case number to it but this is your conduct, it has  
17 nothing to do with the estate of Doyle Pierce.

18 This has -- this has to do with you recording on  
19 the date and time in question, recording at the  
20 Clerk's window, okay.

21 MR. BOYLE:

22 The summons you sent had Doyle Pearce's estate  
23 number.

1 JUDGE SINGLETON:

2 It is associated somewhat with the case because you  
3 were here on the matter to allegedly pay an invoice  
4 for on the behalf of someone else. All right. But  
5 in reality, technically, that does not have  
6 anything to do with the Pierce estate. All right.  
7 At this time the Court is going to call Jessica  
8 Loman. Jess, Ms. Loman, step in please.

9 MS. LOMAN:

10 Yes, sir. This is his copy.

11 JUDGE SINGLETON:

12 Oh, is that his copy?

13 MS. LOMAN:

14 Yes, it's his copy.

15 JUDGE SINGLETON:

16 Yeah, well as long as we got a copy and we can give  
17 that back to him.

18 MS. LOMAN:

19 Mr. Boyles that's your copy that you brought --

20 MR. BOYLE:

21 Thank you.

22 MS. LOMAN:

23 -- here today earlier.

1 MR. BOYLE:

2 Mine was folded, but I don't really mind whatever  
3 you feel.

4 JUDGE SINGLETON:

5 As long as you agree it's the same one it doesn't  
6 matter if it's folded or not does it?

7 MR. BOYLE:

8 Oh, I don't mind I was just making sure that it's  
9 the copy --

10 MS. LOMAN:

11 Yeah, it was --

12 MR. BOYLE:

13 -- that I'm supposed to have.

14 MS. LOMAN:

15 -- (inaudible).

16 MR. BOYLE:

17 I don't care which copy I have I was just making  
18 sure it was (inaudible).

19 JUDGE SINGLETON:

20 Ms. Loman, if you don't mind place your left hand on  
21 the bible, raise your right hand please. Do you  
22 swear or affirm the testimony you're about to give  
23 be the whole truth and nothing but the truth so help

1           you God?

2       MS. LOMAN:

3           Yes.

4       JUDGE SINGLETON:

5           All right. And you can just have a seat over here  
6           please. All right, Ms. Loman, what is your position  
7           here with the Probate Court?

8       MS. LOMAN:

9           Clerk of Court.

10      JUDGE SINGLETON:

11           All right, did you happen to have an encounter with  
12           Mr. Jason Boyle on or about May the 24th?

13      MS. LOMAN:

14           Yes.

15      JUDGE SINGLETON:

16           All right, what occurred on that day?

17      MS. LOMAN:

18           He came in to pay the invoice for the copies that  
19           Dorothy Pierce requested.

20      JUDGE SINGLETON:

21           Okay. What if anything else did you notice at that  
22           point in time?

23      MS. LOMAN:

1 He was recording.

2 JUDGE SINGLETON:

3 All right, where was he recording at?

4 MS. LOMAN:

5 In the lobby facing -- he was recording myself and  
6 in the lobby of our --

7 JUDGE SINGLETON:

8 All right, and what area do you work in?

9 MS. LOMAN:

10 Behind the -- I'm sorry, what do you mean?

11 JUDGE SINGLETON:

12 Your work area, where is it?

13 MS. LOMAN:

14 It's --

15 JUDGE SINGLETON:

16 I mean, is it a clerk window --

17 MS. LOMAN:

18 Yes, it's --

19 JUDGE SINGLETON:

20 -- is it --

21 MS. LOMAN:

22 -- the clerk window.

23 JUDGE SINGLETON:

1           -- you've got a desk and you've got --

2 MS. LOMAN:

3           Yes.

4 JUDGE SINGLETON:

5           -- a clerk window where you receive payments and  
6           other filings --

7 MS. LOMAN:

8           Yes.

9 JUDGE SINGLETON:

10          -- is that correct?

11 MS. LOMAN:

12          It's at my clerk window.

13 JUDGE SINGLETON:

14          All right. Do you receive the filings on behalf of  
15          the Court?

16 MS. LOMAN:

17          Yes, sir.

18 JUDGE SINGLETON:

19          Is part of your job is to timestamp documents when  
20          they come in?

21 MS. LOMAN:

22          Yes, sir.

23 JUDGE SINGLETON:

1           And on occasion review documents for accuracy and  
2           completeness?

3   MS. LOMAN:

4           Yes, sir.

5   JUDGE SINGLETON:

6           Okay. All right. Mr. Boyle, do you have any  
7           questions for this witness?

8   MR. BOYLE:

9           I want to ask questions but I also want to not waive  
10          my right to an attorney.

11   JUDGE SINGLETON:

12          That's fine. All right. One last time do you have  
13          any -- do you have any questions for this witness?

14   MR. BOYLE:

15          Sure, let's have it.

16   JUDGE SINGLETON:

17          Okay.

18   MR. BOYLE:

19          Should I stand up?

20   JUDGE SINGLETON:

21          No, you're fine. Be comfortable however you'd like.

22   MR. BOYLE:

23          All right. So, Jessica, on the day that I came in

1           the first day where I came to the counter and paid,  
2           did you know that that Supreme Court order existed  
3           that said you could not film in some area of the  
4           lobby?

5   MS. LOMAN:

6           Yes.

7   MR. BOYLE:

8           You did know?

9   MS. LOMAN:

10          Uh-huh (affirmative).

11   MR. BOYLE:

12          Did you inform me of that?

13   MS. LOMAN:

14          No.

15   MR. BOYLE:

16          No? Do you think -- do you think there was any  
17          reasonable way that I could have known that order  
18          existed at the time I was filming at your window?

19   MS. LOMAN:

20          I'm unaware of what you do and don't know.

21   MR. BOYLE:

22          All right. At that time was I aggressive or -- or  
23          did I scare you?

1 MS. LOMAN:

2 You did not scare me. You were very intimidating by  
3 the loudness of your voice and your --

4 MR. BOYLE:

5 So just speaking loudly?

6 MS. LOMAN:

7 Intimidating, yes.

8 MR. BOYLE:

9 All right. I'm not sure what intimidating means. I  
10 mean, I think we have a challenge because I think  
11 some people like someone might find a large black  
12 man intimidating, does that make it (inaudible).

13 JUDGE SINGLETON:

14 Sir, are you offering testimony or are you asking  
15 questions of this witness?

16 MR. BOYLE:

17 Well, no, I'm asking her does it make it --

18 JUDGE SINGLETON:

19 Well put it to a question to her.

20 MR. BOYLE:

21 Is there any law about being intimidating? Like is  
22 there any law broken about being intimidating? Or  
23 feeling intimidated? 'Cause I don't think I was

1           being intimidating I think you felt intimidated.

2   MS. LOMAN:

3           I felt intimidated.

4   MR. BOYLE:

5           All right. Let me think for one second I think I  
6           have something else I want to say there. But, I  
7           mean, I guess, the point being is you have no way of  
8           knowing that I knew the Supreme Court order existed  
9           at that time?

10   MS. LOMAN:

11           Uh-uh (negative).

12   MR. BOYLE:

13           All right. Excellent. That's it.

14   JUDGE SINGLETON:

15           Okay. All right, you can step down. Thank you.

16   MS. LOMAN:

17           Thank you.

18   JUDGE SINGLETON:

19           Would you have Maggie Bonadee step in please? Ms.  
20           Bonadee, if you don't mind, would you come place  
21           your left hand on the bible and raise your right  
22           hand please? Do you swear or affirm the testimony  
23           you're about to give will be the whole truth and

1 nothing but the truth so help you God?

2 MS. BONADEE:

3 Yes.

4 JUDGE SINGLETON:

5 All right, you can have a seat, please. All right,  
6 can you state your name and position with the Court,  
7 please?

8 MS. BONADEE:

9 Maggie Bonadee, court clerk and administrative  
10 assistant.

11 JUDGE SINGLETON:

12 All right, Ms. Bonadee, did you have any interaction  
13 or see Mr. Jason Boyle on or about May 24th, 2024?

14 MS. BONADEE:

15 Yes.

16 JUDGE SINGLETON:

17 All right, and can you tell the Court what occurred  
18 that day?

19 MS. BONADEE:

20 He came into the lobby and was speaking with Jessica  
21 at her window.

22 JUDGE SINGLETON:

23 Okay. Did you notice what if anything that he may

1           have been doing while he was speaking with Jessica  
2           at the window?

3   MS. BONADEE:

4           No, but he did mention to a lady out in the lobby  
5           about YouTube, so then it became a question if he  
6           was recording her, posting things on YouTube.

7   JUDGE SINGLETON:

8           Okay. All right, at that point in time did you know  
9           whether or not he was recording?

10   MS. BONADEE:

11           I didn't.

12   JUDGE SINGLETON:

13           At any time later did you learn that he was  
14           recording?

15   MS. BONADEE:

16           Yes.

17   JUDGE SINGLETON:

18           And how did you become aware of that?

19   MS. BONADEE:

20           Jessica.

21   JUDGE SINGLETON:

22           Okay, all right. All right, Mr. Boyle do you have -  
23           - did -- on -- did you happen to receive a phone

1 call at a later time? Did you receive a phone call  
2 from anyone on June the 11th of 2024?

3 MS. BONADEE:

4 Yes.

5 MR. BOYLE:

6 Objection, hearsay.

7 JUDGE SINGLETON:

8 Okay. Did you prepare an affidavit on or about  
9 September the -- I'm sorry, did you prepare an  
10 affidavit on June 11th of 2024?

11 MS. BONADEE:

12 I did.

13 JUDGE SINGLETON:

14 All right, and what was the context of that  
15 affidavit?

16 MS. BONADEE:

17 It was just a summary of a conversation I had with  
18 Jason Boyle.

19 JUDGE SINGLETON:

20 All right. Can you tell the Court what that was?

21 MS. BONADEE:

22 He called -- I don't have that affidavit with me,  
23 but he called just to verify -- well, actually I

1           can't really remember honestly it was so long ago.

2           JUDGE SINGLETON:

3           Did you prepare an affidavit?

4           MS. BONADEE:

5           I did.

6           JUDGE SINGLETON:

7           All right. I'm going to instruct that you're still  
8           a witness. I'm going to instruct that you do not  
9           discuss your testimony with anyone. Do you have  
10          that affidavit readily available?

11          MS. BONADEE:

12          I can get a copy of it, yes, sir.

13          JUDGE SINGLETON:

14          Okay, all right. I'm going to have you step off the  
15          stand. Please do not discuss your testimony I'll  
16          bring you back in just a moment.

17          CLERK:

18          Are you ready?

19          JUDGE SINGLETON:

20          Oh, I'm sorry. All right. Ms. Bonadee is back on  
21          the stand. Ma'am, did you retrieve the affidavit?

22          MS. BONADEE:

23          I did.

1 JUDGE SINGLETON:

2 All right. When you left the room have you  
3 discussed your testimony with anyone?

4 MS. BONADEE:

5 No.

6 JUDGE SINGLETON:

7 All right. Can you please tell the Court the date  
8 and the time of the affidavit and the contents of  
9 it, please?

10 MS. BONADEE:

11 The affidavit is from June 11th at approximately  
12 9:00 a.m., Jason called the Court to request copies.

13 JUDGE SINGLETON:

14 Okay, go ahead and read --

15 MS. BONADEE:

16 Just read the --

17 JUDGE SINGLETON:

18 Yeah.

19 MS. BONADEE:

20 At approximately 9:00 a.m. the Court's main line  
21 864-638-1275 received a call from Jason Boyle. I,  
22 Maggie Bonadee, spoke with Jason. He informed the  
23 Court he wanted copies of anything pertaining

1           himself; this included all recordings from the  
2           hearing on June 3rd, 2024. Jason stated there were  
3           allegations of someone in the courtroom stating his  
4           children need to be taken to DSS and he wanted the  
5           video footage to see if that was indeed true. I did  
6           inform Mr. Boyle the Court would need a written  
7           request either by email or in person for the copies.  
8           Mr. Boyle did state it might be awhile before he  
9           could send an email as he might be going to jail  
10          that day and he would not be near a computer. He  
11          did state he was calling to give his request to the  
12          Court so we would have ample time to recover  
13          documents. Jason was informed of the court fee of  
14          50 cents per page and \$20 for all recordings. Mr.  
15          Boyle stated he had no problem with paying for the  
16          copies he was wanting to request. In the midst of  
17          requesting the copies Mr. Boyle discussed he had a  
18          business that he almost lost due to being in jail so  
19          getting out for a few days was very helpful. He  
20          stated his clients knew he is very constitutional so  
21          they understood. Mr. Boyle did (inaudible) he  
22          wanted us to know he is not a threat to the Court.  
23          He has no issue with anyone here other than Judge

1 Singleton. If any of us need anything we knew how  
2 to contact him and he'd be willing to help. I  
3 responded with thank you and hung up due to the  
4 conversation being over with.

5 JUDGE SINGLETON:

6 All right, thank you. Would you please present  
7 that, please. That will be Court's Number 3. All  
8 right, Mr. Boyle, do you have any questions for this  
9 witness?

10 MR. BOYLE:

11 Yes, sir. On the day that I came in were you aware  
12 that videotaping in the lobby was against the rules?

13 MS. BONADEE:

14 Which day?

15 MR. BOYLE:

16 The day that I came in and video -- the day we're  
17 talking about where I came and paid the bill.

18 MS. BONADEE:

19 The 29th?

20 MR. BOYLE:

21 Yes, that would be the 29th.

22 MS. BONADEE:

23 Yes.

1 MR. BOYLE:

2 Were you aware that rule exists?

3 MS. BONADEE:

4 I was.

5 MR. BOYLE:

6 Do you think there's any way that I was aware -- or  
7 is there any way that you know that I was aware that  
8 rule existed?

9 MS. BONADEE:

10 No, I have no way of knowing that.

11 MR. BOYLE:

12 You have no way of knowing that, right? And then  
13 like you're familiar with the First Amendment?

14 MS. BONADEE:

15 Uh-huh (affirmative).

16 MR. BOYLE:

17 So you had mentioned that I said I was going to put  
18 it on YouTube. Does that in any way ring a bell  
19 with you with the First Amendment?

20 MS. BONADEE:

21 All I heard was YouTube.

22 MR. BOYLE:

23 Right, and those -- part of the deal with

1 videotaping in public for it to be constitutionally  
2 correct is that it has to be a public interest  
3 through media. So filming it on YouTube actually  
4 validates the recording.

5 MS. BONADEE:

6 I'm not sure what your question is.

7 MR. BOYLE:

8 I'm just making -- I'm just wondering how familiar  
9 you are with the First Amendment. It sounds like  
10 not very.

11 MS. BONADEE:

12 (Inaudible).

13 MR. BOYLE:

14 And then, you know, the --

15 JUDGE SINGLETON:

16 That's fine, just put it into a question. I mean,  
17 obviously, you know, she --

18 MR. BOYLE:

19 I'm not an attorney. I'm doing my best.

20 JUDGE SINGLETON:

21 I understand that but you ask her a question, give  
22 her an opportunity to respond.

23 MR. BOYLE:

1 All right, that's fair enough. Do you feel I was  
2 being aggressive or in some way delinquent in my  
3 behavior in the office outside of videotaping?

4 MS. BONADEE:

5 You were being very loud.

6 MR. BOYLE:

7 Just speaking loudly?

8 MS. BONADEE:

9 Uh-huh (affirmative).

10 MR. BOYLE:

11 Is that a crime?

12 MS. BONADEE:

13 No.

14 MR. BOYLE:

15 I speak loudly in general just so everyone knows  
16 it's a lifelong thing. I was taught to speak loud  
17 and clear, speak so that people always understand  
18 you --

19 JUDGE SINGLETON:

20 That's fine, you're -- you're making testimony  
21 again. This is a witness. You've indicated that  
22 you did not wish to testify so you cannot do that  
23 from sitting there. If you continue to make

1 statements then you're subject to be asked questions  
2 and be required to answer. This is a witness. You  
3 ask the witness the question; give her an  
4 opportunity to answer.

5 MR. BOYLE:

6 So, as far as you're aware I never broke this  
7 Supreme Court administrative order while knowing the  
8 Supreme Court administrative order existed?

9 MS. BONADEE:

10 You were recording the clerk at her window.

11 MR. BOYLE:

12 But do you know that I knew that was against the  
13 rules when I did it?

14 MS. BONADEE:

15 I don't know.

16 MR. BOYLE:

17 All right. Thank you. That's it.

18 JUDGE SINGLETON:

19 All right, you can step down. Thank you. All  
20 right, I'm going to take a brief recess for just a  
21 moment.

22 (RECESS)

23

1 JUDGE SINGLETON:

2 All right, now we're back on the record again, the  
3 time is 11:25 a.m. Officer Stokes, can you see this  
4 screen here?

5 CORPORAL STOKES:

6 No.

7 JUDGE SINGLETON:

8 No? What is it not doing now?

9 CORPORAL STOKES:

10 It's on.

11 JUDGE SINGLETON:

12 Oh, it is on?

13 MR. BOYLE:

14 It is now, yes.

15 JUDGE SINGLETON:

16 Okay. All right, I'm going to -- this was  
17 downloaded on 6/5 of 2024. This is for the date and  
18 time in question of the video. This is a YouTube  
19 comment from Mr. Boyles. How do you get rid of  
20 this? This crooked Oconee Probate Judge Singleton  
21 First Amendment Audit, 222 views, May 24th, 2024  
22 Oconee County. This is the email sent to Danny  
23 Singleton after he stated he would take action if I

1 posted this video on YouTube. There is an  
2 administrative order from the South Carolina Supreme  
3 Court stating film the clerk -- court clerk window  
4 is not allowed. This Order is contrary to the First  
5 Amendment and needs to be challenged. Dorothy has  
6 sued Danny Singleton in civil court for his actions  
7 outside of jurisdiction, therefore acting in his  
8 personal capacity. The case is publicly available,  
9 many detailed of just how crooked -- well, why is  
10 this -- hold on.

11 CLERK:

12 You need to track that bar at the bottom?

13 JUDGE SINGLETON:

14 Huh?

15 CLERK:

16 It's a drag.

17 JUDGE SINGLETON:

18 Just how crooked Singleton is are laid out here.  
19 This is extortion -- this is extortion is far from  
20 his only offense. Got the case number listed. Dear  
21 Judge Singleton, thank you for including this  
22 conversation (inaudible) the subject. I believe the  
23 Supreme Court ruling is absolutely incorrect in

1           accordance with the First Amendment. Why is it not  
2           doing it now? I recognize the challenge of  
3           addressing this discrepancy yet I think it is worthy  
4           of clarifying the terms of the First Amendment.  
5           Here is a copy of the video. I very intentionally  
6           did not record a third-party in the lobby. My  
7           contest is that you would have to justify a  
8           violation of privacy. Crooked Oconee Probate Judge  
9           Singleton, I will look forward to your reply. Thank  
10          you for this opportunity to contribute to the  
11          wellbeing of this great nation. If I can be helpful  
12          in any way I am excited to be of service. I can be  
13          present at any time.

14       MR. BOYLE:

15            May I make a comment on that?

16       JUDGE SINGLETON:

17            No, sir. When I get finished with this I'll be glad  
18            for you to. If you -- you have been sworn so making  
19            a comment will be testimony. You have indicated  
20            that you did not wish to do so without counsel,  
21            okay. But if you change your mind you have a right  
22            at any point in time to change your mind but it will  
23            be considered testimony, do you understand that?

1 MR. BOYLE:

2 I do, sir.

3 JUDGE SINGLETON:

4 Okay. All right. Further, p.s., I add a member of  
5 the Oconee County Sheriff's Department to this  
6 email. I do recognize that may draw interest. I  
7 had -- I have had conflict with Oconee County  
8 Sheriff's Department, this gentleman has been added  
9 because I believe he may be a good and upstanding  
10 law enforcement officer. I would hope with  
11 transparency issues will be clarified. All right,  
12 Mr. Boyle, this right here is going to be admitted  
13 as Court's Number 4, I believe.

14 CLERK:

15 Number five.

16 JUDGE SINGLETON:

17 Number five.

18 MR. BOYLE:

19 Can I get a copy of that affidavit that was  
20 submitted too?

21 JUDGE SINGLETON:

22 Copy of which affidavit?

23 MR. BOYLE:

1           The one that Maggie read. 'Cause I was not given  
2           that evidence before the trial.

3           JUDGE SINGLETON:

4           That's fine, you didn't ask for it either, I don't  
5           believe.

6           MR. BOYLE:

7           No, I didn't -- no, I didn't have an attorney until  
8           today.

9           JUDGE SINGLETON:

10          Okay, well I'll -- I'll be glad to give that to you  
11          shortly. All right, you have anything you would  
12          like to add about this statement? You understand  
13          that anything you say now here on out will be  
14          considered as testimony, do you understand that?

15          MR. BOYLE:

16          Yes, sir.

17          JUDGE SINGLETON:

18          All right.

19          MR. BOYLE:

20          So I certainly did not know about the Supreme Court  
21          administrative order before that video was filmed.

22          JUDGE SINGLETON:

23          All right. Well, now let me ask you this, do you

1 still believe today that's just -- that's a  
2 violation of privacy? When you're in a public place  
3 there is no privacy anywhere. But when you're in a  
4 public place you're wanting to claim it's a  
5 violation of privacy. What privacy would have been  
6 violated with you recording?

7 MR. BOYLE:

8 I will say the rationale behind that. I think  
9 that's right --

10 JUDGE SINGLETON:

11 But the thing, there's no privacy in a public  
12 building, there's no privacy.

13 MR. BOYLE:

14 That's right. So, okay, please let me know when  
15 it's my turn.

16 JUDGE SINGLETON:

17 All right. So, but for you -- for you to allege  
18 that it's a violation of privacy there is no  
19 privacy. This -- this is not a First Amendment  
20 issue. This is a conduct issue, all right. You  
21 can't -- you can't wrap your head around that. This  
22 is a conduct issue, not a first amendment issue. Do  
23 you have a right to speak freely most everywhere you

1 go? Absolutely you do, all right. But can your  
2 conduct -- can you video in this courtroom at this  
3 point in time, you cannot not, not unless you have  
4 my permission, all right. You can't video anywhere  
5 else. If news media were to come in and go back  
6 there behind my office, they would have to have  
7 permission to video.

8 MR. BOYLE:

9 That's right.

10 JUDGE SINGLETON:

11 All right? You did not have that permission.

12 MR. BOYLE:

13 I was in the lobby.

14 JUDGE SINGLETON:

15 At the clerk's window. We'll get to that in just a  
16 moment. We're going to move onto this --

17 MR. BOYLE:

18 I thought I was going to make a comment regarding --

19 JUDGE SINGLETON:

20 I thought you did.

21 MR. BOYLE:

22 I thought I was interrupted.

23 JUDGE SINGLETON:

1 Be careful.

2 MR. BOYLE:

3 All right. I'm -- I don't know. I'm sorry, sir.

4 JUDGE SINGLETON:

5 No, you --

6 MR. BOYLE:

7 I -- I don't --

8 JUDGE SINGLETON:

9 -- you were not interrupted. You made a statement  
10 and then you stopped and then I made a statement.  
11 Do you have any other comments you'd like to say  
12 regarding this post?

13 MR. BOYLE:

14 Yeah, regarding the privacy piece. I think that,  
15 you know, I do understand the need for privacy  
16 regarding things that would occur at the clerk's  
17 window. I didn't need privacy. In fact, I thought  
18 that because the clerk was a civil servant and  
19 because we've had misunderstandings at that window  
20 in the past that we could clarify and not have any  
21 misunderstandings about what reported. And I also  
22 have to say I mean maybe I confused about something  
23 but I thought that in a courtroom the First

1 Amendment rights were temporarily expend --  
2 suspended because there's a court reporter, there's  
3 a recording, like right now you're recording this,  
4 correct?

5 JUDGE SINGLETON:

6 Yes.

7 MR. BOYLE:

8 So -- so I thought that that was the reason for the  
9 suspension but either way I do believe that the -- I  
10 was -- I was not aware of the order at the time of  
11 that filming, and secondly that the order is a  
12 Supreme Court order I believe jurisdictionally it  
13 has to be enforced through the Supreme Court, but I  
14 don't know, again, I'm not a lawyer. I don't know  
15 if there's a jurisdictional issue related to  
16 enforcing a Supreme Court order in the Probate  
17 Court.

18 JUDGE SINGLETON:

19 No, that Supreme Court order was issued out to the  
20 Courts to -- for the Courts to enforce. If that was  
21 the case it would not specifically say that you have  
22 it posted, all right. We had it posted in the  
23 hallway, but for your benefit I put it up a second

1 time.

2 MR. BOYLE:

3 All right.

4 JUDGE SINGLETON:

5 For your benefit. It brings up -- brings up a point  
6 in the fact that you claim you were not aware of it  
7 the first time, would that have really mattered  
8 being that once you -- once you allegedly became  
9 aware of it you come back and done it a second time.

10 MR. BOYLE:

11 Well the second time I didn't film at the clerk's  
12 window. The second time I filmed from some distance  
13 from the clerk's window, I believe.

14 JUDGE SINGLETON:

15 This is the -- do we have these turned up?

16 CLERK:

17 Uh-huh (affirmative). Yeah.

18 JUDGE SINGLETON:

19 I don't know why they're not working. Yeah, turn it

20 --

21 (Video plays)

22 MR. BOYLE:

23 Yeah, I'm gonna pay that --

1 CLERK:

2 You may have to turn it up on this.

3 MR. BOYLE:

4 -- fraudulent charge Dorothy owes.

5 MR. BOYLE:

6 So this is the first time when I clearly didn't know  
7 about the order.

8 JUDGE SINGLETON:

9 Yes.

10 (Video plays)

11 MR. BOYLE:

12 There's a fraudulent charge that Dorothy owes.

13 CLERK:

14 You have the invoice?

15 MR. BOYLE:

16 What's that?

17 CLERK:

18 Do you have the invoice?

19 MR. BOYLE:

20 No. It can't be hard to look up. It's the famous  
21 case, they hate her so much here. Well at least  
22 some of them do.

23 JUDGE SINGLETON:

1           The Court has taken notice that that --

2           (Video plays)

3           MR. BOYLE:

4           It's a constitutional thing, once they make the  
5           threat of arrest and you pay you're not agreeing to  
6           the fine.

7           CLERK:

8           We don't have to discuss that.

9           JUDGE SINGLETON:

10          The Court is going to take notice that he's at the  
11          clerk's window where Jessica Loman works.

12          (Video plays)

13          MR. BOYLE:

14          That's okay, but I can say whatever I feel, it's a  
15          First Amendment. This is public space.

16          MR. BOYLE:

17          But I was not aware of the --

18          JUDGE SINGLETON:

19          That's fine, we're --

20          MR. BOYLE:

21          -- order at this time.

22          JUDGE SINGLETON:

23          -- we're watching a video.

1 (Video plays)

2 CLERK:

3 When was that invoice put in here?

4 FEMALE VOICE:

5 (Inaudible).

6 CLERK:

7 For Dorothy Pierce.

8 FEMALE VOICE:

9 (Inaudible).

10 CLERK:

11 Do what?

12 FEMALE VOICE:

13 (Inaudible).

14 MR. BOYLE:

15 You absolutely could've given her a courtesy call  
16 before placing the criminal bull -- b.s., right? I  
17 mean if you would've just called her she probably  
18 would've -- she just hates bullies and might be --  
19 when Judge Singleton acts like such a bully they're  
20 just asking her to stand up and fight for her  
21 rights. And he should feel proud of himself 'cause  
22 Dorothy pays almost all of her money to feed orphan  
23 children in Uganda and this is six months of --

1           that's six months of food for an orphan child we're  
2           paying right now. All right, keep that filming  
3           right here. One, two, three, four, five, six,  
4           seven, eight, nine, 10; that is 200. One, two,  
5           three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, 10,  
6           there's 200. And there's 20.

7           CLERK:

8           Twenty, 40, 60, 80, one. Twenty, 40, 60, 80, two.  
9           Sixty, 80, three. (Inaudible).

10          MR. BOYLE:

11                 (Inaudible). When I post it on YouTube later you  
12                 will not (inaudible).

13          CLERK:

14                 One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight,  
15                 nine, 10.

16          MR. BOYLE:

17                 Yeah, I do recognize it's not you guys, like the  
18                 people at the front desk that are the problem. I'm  
19                 not trying to suggest it is. Judge Singleton is  
20                 crooked and you guys got to deal with it as much as  
21                 we do.

22          FEMALE VOICE:

23                 Is that all you want me to put in this?

1 CLERK:

2 Yeah, just make sure you put his name (inaudible).

3 MR. BOYLE:

4 Remember when Judge Singleton tried to say I was  
5 breaking the law in the lobby?

6 CLERK:

7 What is your name again?

8 MR. BOYLE:

9 Jason Boyle. Judge Singleton tried to say I was  
10 breaking the law in the lobby and I was never  
11 allowed back in here.

12 CLERK:

13 Spell your last name for me.

14 MR. BOYLE:

15 It was so funny. What's that?

16 CLERK:

17 Spell your last name for me?

18 MR. BOYLE:

19 B-O-Y-L-E. If he hadn't threatened to kick me out  
20 of here like illegally I wouldn't be so annoyed with  
21 him as a whole. But when he broke the law so  
22 blatantly in my face and then denied to admit it  
23 later because he was so ignorant of the law, I mean,

1           he's got a high school degree. He doesn't even have  
2           a college degree and he's a Probate Judge in Oconee  
3           County, I mean, that's wild. Whoever thought that  
4           was a good idea, he's not intelligent enough to  
5           understand complex arguments but he's managing  
6           complex probate cases?

7           CLERK:

8           Here's your change back.

9           MR. BOYLE:

10          It's kinda scary. But thank you. I do appreciate  
11          you.

12          CLERK:

13          Give me just a second I'll get your receipt.

14          MR. BOYLE:

15          Yeah, I just need a receipt obviously. But  
16          seriously, I do appreciate both of y'all. You both  
17          have been very polite and professional this whole  
18          time.

19          CLERK:

20          All right, (inaudible) you have a good day.

21          MR. BOYLE:

22          Hey, thank you so much.

23          CLERK:

1 Uh-huh (affirmative).

2 JUDGE SINGLETON:

3 All right. That will be Bates Number -- Court's  
4 Number 6. All right, Mr. Boyle, the issues are one,  
5 obviously that shows a direct violation in videoing.  
6 That came from your video that not only you posted  
7 online but then you were brazen to email it to me as  
8 well along with what you put online. I'm not going  
9 to go into the other one that you end up labeled at  
10 Crooked Judge Singleton this and that, but I am  
11 going to address a couple things and some of it's  
12 going to be repeated from the last hearing. You  
13 allege that I accused you of breaking the law and  
14 tried to illegally kick you out of the probate court  
15 and then later denied it. I will once again state  
16 on the record now that I informed you to leave that  
17 day and later on I will inform you that I never  
18 denied it. So I don't know where you got that  
19 information from. But I think like I told you at  
20 the last hearing that your lie is not everyone  
21 else's truth. That never happened. You want to  
22 twist words. We had an associate judge speaking  
23 with somebody about a probate matter concerning the

1 completions of forms. You interrupted that judge  
2 and informed that person, don't listen to them, they  
3 don't know what they're doing, come outside and  
4 speak to my wife she knows everything about probate,  
5 all right.

6 MR. BOYLE:

7 That sounds like hearsay to me, sir.

8 JUDGE SINGLETON:

9 Sir, I'm telling you what -- I'm just telling you  
10 that you -- the hearsay that I -- that I kicked you  
11 out illegally and then later lied about it, you --  
12 was that hearsay on your part? That's previously  
13 what happened. You're making false statements okay.  
14 All right, you're liable in putting false statements  
15 and lies about a public official in print and then  
16 it's slanderous and liable when you video it saying  
17 the same things knowing that it's not true.

18 MR. BOYLE:

19 Can I make a comment on that?

20 JUDGE SINGLETON:

21 All right then -- no, sir, wait. Then you claim  
22 that I have nothing more than a high school  
23 education, all right. I told you last time, that --

1           that is a lie.

2 MR. BOYLE:

3           Can we do one topic at a time, sir?

4 JUDGE SINGLETON:

5           No, no, sir. I'm going through the things that you  
6           discussed. All right. And I'm going to tell you  
7           now, I run this courtroom, you don't.

8 MR. BOYLE:

9           Yes, sir.

10 JUDGE SINGLETON:

11           You claim that I've got nothing more than a high  
12           school education. I do have a college education,  
13           along with that I've got a well over 1,000 or so  
14           hours of judicial CLE's, that's continuing legal  
15           education units. I study at my job. I don't know  
16           what type job that you actually do, if you even do  
17           one at all, because this week you were here most  
18           every day this week, a few times last week. So if  
19           you have a job I don't know how in the world you're  
20           able to maintain it if you're here all the time.  
21           That's the only information that the Court is going  
22           to submit at this time. Well, I'm sorry, there are  
23           two emails, one dated June 13th from Jasonboyles03me

1 -- [jasonboyles03@gmail.com](mailto:jasonboyles03@gmail.com), Thursday, June 13th,  
2 2024 at 11:55 a.m. to Maggie Bonadee, request for --  
3 to the Probate Court. I consider the Oconee County  
4 Sheriff a threat. Jimmy Dixon came to my house off  
5 duty to threaten me and my family in my  
6 investigations, 911 calls were erased from the  
7 county records, and my phone records are evidence of  
8 that. Please do not send the sheriff to our  
9 residence anymore. If you would like to see me or  
10 Dorothy we -- we are excited to meet you in your  
11 office. Please acknowledge that you have received  
12 this. I do not understand what proper communication  
13 with the Court is, whom I'm supposed to be writing.  
14 The Judge is also the prosecutor which leaves me a  
15 little bewildered. I do not have an attorney. I  
16 have not been offered an attorney and so I believe  
17 it is the Court's responsibility to offer me  
18 guidance as to procedure. All right, as far as not  
19 having an attorney, you have received two Rule to  
20 Show Causes and each one tells you that you have a  
21 right to counsel. That's not the Court's fault if  
22 you choose not to make that happen. All right. The  
23 follow-up on June the 12th prior to that from the

1 same email, a copy of all filings, communication  
2 between Probate Court and Nathan Chambers, any  
3 conversation that was not recorded can be  
4 summarized. I'm not going to sit around and  
5 summarize anything for anybody and conversations I  
6 have in my office in chambers is private so that  
7 information is not coming to you. Wednesday, June  
8 the 12th, 2024 at 11:34 a.m., all records on court  
9 with my name involved; I do believe you've received  
10 that. All recorded calls between me and Court; I  
11 don't believe we have any of those. I generally  
12 don't sit around record phone calls. All  
13 recordings, videos, and audios from hearing where I  
14 was sentenced to 60 days, all communications between  
15 Oconee Probate Court and Sheriff's Office, you did  
16 receive the hearings from where you were sentenced  
17 to the 60 days. All communications between Oconee  
18 Sheriff and Probate, explanation from Probate as to  
19 how I fall under jurisdiction of the Pierce estate  
20 case. Again, you have nothing to do with the estate  
21 case. You claimed that that's your home. That is  
22 not your home. You're just a resident that you live  
23 with somebody there that lives in the home and which

1 is not her residence either, that has not been  
2 established, it's in probate. You chose to  
3 interject yourself into that estate matter, all  
4 right. You -- if you would've simply come in, if  
5 you wanted to pay the invoice for Ms. Pierce or do  
6 a filing for her or whatever, that would've been  
7 perfect, left things alone, but no, you got to go  
8 further you've got to video when you come in. Who  
9 is the prosecutor in this case? There is no  
10 prosecutor. This is a matter brought back before  
11 the Court. It's issued from the Bench, so it's a  
12 matter between you as the individual and the Court,  
13 not having anything to do with your First Amendment  
14 rights; it's got to do with your conduct in court.  
15 All affidavits and summons from or in possession of  
16 the Court. I believe that you've received all that  
17 information. Same email, [jasonboyle03@gmail.com](mailto:jasonboyle03@gmail.com),  
18 Wednesday, June the 12th, this is going to be Number  
19 6 or Number 7. You indicated a few more things, a  
20 copy of all filings, communication between Probate  
21 Court and Nathan Chambers, any conversation that was  
22 not recorded can be summarized, that's part of that  
23 other email in that email chain. Who is the

1           prosecutor in this criminal case? Long live Doyle  
2           Peace, he was not a perfect man but he is proud of  
3           Dorothy from his resting place. If Doyle Pierce  
4           was still alive today you would not be here, you  
5           would not be in that home. All right, and again  
6           it's the continuation of those other emails so that  
7           would be Number 8 or Number 9.

8           CLERK:

9           Number 8.

10          JUDGE SINGLETON:

11                Then we have the Order dated June 5th, pursuant to  
12                Rule to Show Cause served upon Jason Boyle a hearing  
13                was conducted on June 5th to determine that Jason  
14                Boyle should be held in contempt of court. After  
15                testimony evidence was taken it was determined  
16                beyond a reasonable doubt that Jason Boyle did  
17                commit direct contempt of court, therefore it is  
18                ordered Jason Boyle to be sentenced to serve a  
19                period of 60 days in the Oconee County Detention  
20                Center; that was dated June 5th, 2024. The very  
21                next day it was determined that you had ineffective  
22                counsel and a order of release was immediately done  
23                for your release and then you were served with the

1 Rule to Show Cause to be present at today's date.  
2 This right here is an exhibit that was reported to  
3 be Respondent's Number 1 in the last Rule to Show  
4 Cause when you had ineffective counsel. Therefore,  
5 I'm going to now make it a part of the Court's  
6 information, this is to Honorable Judge Danny  
7 Singleton, Oconee County Probate Judge, personal  
8 letter and affidavit of John L. Boyle, II. Dear  
9 Judge Singleton, I am John L. Boyle, II residing in  
10 Ann Arbor, Michigan. I write to you as the father  
11 of Jason M. Boyle who is presently detained for  
12 contempt of court. With my experience spanning over  
13 40 years as a strategy consultant, a considerable  
14 portion involving complex legal issues, I have  
15 encountered numerous situations where a respect for  
16 a rule of law was paramount. Never have I or any of  
17 my clients considered defying a court order, a  
18 tenet I have endeavored to impart to my son. Jason  
19 M. Boyle is a man of considerable intellect --  
20 intellect and integrity. His academic achievements  
21 including Ph.D. in chemistry and substantial post-  
22 doctoral work at Navy Weapons Laboratory  
23 illustrating his diligence and steadfast commitment

1 to his field, equally as a dedicated family man  
2 which his household -- with his household soon to  
3 grow. It came as a profound shock to me that Jason  
4 disregarded a court order. Such behavior is  
5 inconsistent with the son I reared who grasped the  
6 significance of abiding by the law. As a father the  
7 weight of his actions rest heavily upon me. I trust  
8 in Jason's capacity for rectification. I am  
9 prepared to be the best -- to the best of my ability  
10 to ensure his strict compliance with the Court's  
11 directives going forward. Therefore, I beseech you  
12 to extend clemency and consider releasing Jason  
13 Boyle from jail should he be entrusted into my care,  
14 I vow to steer him towards rectitude and full  
15 adherence to all judicial mandates and future court  
16 appearances. We, his family, stand ready to  
17 underpin him in his efforts to reestablish good will  
18 with the Court and to prevent further instances of  
19 contempt. I declare these statements true. If I am  
20 trusted with my son's guidance I am committed to  
21 preventing a reoccurrence of his recent  
22 transgressions. Respectfully submitted, the 5th day  
23 of June, 2024. You've indicated that is a letter

1 from your father, that's not a fictitious letter?

2 MR. BOYLE:

3 No, it's not.

4 JUDGE SINGLETON:

5 Okay, all right. That's going to be Court's Number

6 --

7 CLERK:

8 Nine.

9 JUDGE SINGLETON:

10 Nine. All right, with that, as a father the weight  
11 of his actions rest heavily upon me. I trust in  
12 Jason's capacity for rectification. I am prepared  
13 to do the best of my ability to ensure his strict  
14 compliance with the Court's directives going  
15 forward. Apparently none of that has taken effect  
16 since that time. You have come back to the Court.  
17 You have constantly attempted to intimidate, harass  
18 the Court on a almost daily basis for whatever  
19 reason. You come here with no reason. You end up  
20 request certain things that just -- if I had a  
21 father that wrote a letter about -- that about me I  
22 would be proud of it and I would try to abide by  
23 what it says.

1 MR. BOYLE:

2 Yes, sir.

3 JUDGE SINGLETON:

4 All right. But obviously you don't care. You don't  
5 care. I don't need any comment on that but that's  
6 just personally if my dad wrote a letter about that  
7 about me talking about intellect, intelligence,  
8 being steadfast in trying to -- trying to assist you  
9 or help you, I would do my best to try to abide by  
10 it. If you keep putting your hand in and around the  
11 fire you're going to get burned and that's what  
12 you're doing. All right, before we close, Mr.  
13 Boyle, now is the point in time you have indicated  
14 that you did not wish to testify. You've indicated  
15 you do not wish to testify because you did not have  
16 an attorney. The Court -- you've asked for  
17 instructions from the Court, the Court simply told  
18 you on multiple occasions you have a right to an  
19 attorney. If you want an attorney get one. The  
20 Court has met its burden.

21 MR. BOYLE:

22 I tried.

23 JUDGE SINGLETON:

1           The Court met its burden.

2       MR. BOYLE:

3           Can I ask --

4       JUDGE SINGLETON:

5           The Court met its burden.

6       MR. BOYLE:

7           -- questions of the Clerk? Do I get to call  
8           witnesses?

9       JUDGE SINGLETON:

10          What witnesses do you have to call?

11       MR. BOYLE:

12          I'd like to call Officer Stokes.

13       JUDGE SINGLETON:

14          Sure. Officer Stokes, can you come take the stand,  
15          please? Officer Stokes, can you place your left on  
16          the bible, raise your right hand please. Do you  
17          swear or affirm the testimony you're about to give  
18          be the whole truth and nothing but the truth so help  
19          you God?

20       CORPORAL STOKES:

21          I do.

22       JUDGE SINGLETON:

23          All right, if you don't mind have a seat and state

1           your name and your occupation, please.

2   CORPORAL STOKES:

3           Corporal Justin Stokes, Oconee County Sheriff's  
4           Office.

5   JUDGE SINGLETON:

6           And how long have you worked there?

7   CORPORAL STOKES:

8           Nine and a half years now.

9   JUDGE SINGLETON:

10          Mr. Boyle, if you don't mind I'm just going to clear  
11          up a few things for you. Are you a certified law  
12          enforcement officer?

13   CORPORAL STOKES:

14          Yes, sir.

15   JUDGE SINGLETON:

16          All right. How many weeks of training do you go to  
17          to obtain certification?

18   CORPORAL STOKES:

19          I did 12.

20   JUDGE SINGLETON:

21          Twelve weeks of basic training?

22   CORPORAL STOKES:

23          Yes, sir.

1 JUDGE SINGLETON:

2 How many CLE's you required to get every year? Your  
3 continuing education?

4 CORPORAL STOKES:

5 We do two a year.

6 JUDGE SINGLETON:

7 Two a year?

8 CORPORAL STOKES:

9 Yes.

10 JUDGE SINGLETON:

11 Okay. All right. Mr. Boyle, you have any  
12 questions?

13 MR. BOYLE:

14 Is it true you've seen me multiple times in this  
15 lobby?

16 CORPORAL STOKES:

17 Yes, I think twice.

18 MR. BOYLE:

19 I think three times now, maybe, including today.

20 CORPORAL STOKES:

21 Well with Court, yeah, three times.

22 MR. BOYLE:

23 So have you ever seen me act irrationally or

1           impatiently?

2   CORPORAL STOKES:

3           I wouldn't say irrationally.  You obviously when  
4           you're asked to leave and all that you -- you tend  
5           not to and you don't want to and --

6   MR. BOYLE:

7           So the time that I was asked to leave last time --

8   CORPORAL STOKES:

9           Uh-huh (affirmative)

10  MR. BOYLE:

11           -- I was filing papers and getting documents from  
12           the window.  What did I do when I sat down on the  
13           bench?

14  CORPORAL STOKES:

15           I think you said you were looking through emails.

16  MR. BOYLE:

17           Looking through emails, for what purpose?

18  CORPORAL STOKES:

19           I'm not sure.

20  MR. BOYLE:

21           All right.  But there's -- there's a chance it  
22           could've been for the purpose to make additional  
23           requests for the Court?

1 CORPORAL STOKES:

2 It could've been, yes.

3 MR. BOYLE:

4 It could've been, right. And then in any point have  
5 I ever resisted an order of an officer?

6 CORPORAL STOKES:

7 On my behalf, I don't know about anyone else, on my  
8 behalf you -- you have not, no.

9 MR. BOYLE:

10 I have not, all right. And have you ever seen me be  
11 agitated in temperament with Judge Singleton?

12 CORPORAL STOKES:

13 Not in temperament, but in words I would say  
14 agitated, yes, as in --

15 MR. BOYLE:

16 So the one time that we were standing in here and I  
17 was here with my son, and you and I were standing  
18 there and Judge Singleton showed up, what would you  
19 say his temperament was?

20 CORPORAL STOKES:

21 When -- when he was asking you to leave?

22 MR. BOYLE:

23 Yes.

1 CORPORAL STOKES:

2 Can't speak on his temperament, it seemed like he  
3 wanted you to leave the --

4 MR. BOYLE:

5 You can't speak on his temperament, why not?

6 CORPORAL STOKES:

7 I don't know what his temperament was.

8 MR. BOYLE:

9 But you spoke on my temperament.

10 JUDGE SINGLETON:

11 I can save you trouble with that. The Court will  
12 admit, yes, I -- you agitated me. And I wanted you  
13 to leave. You had no other filings. I'll consent  
14 to that. I asked you to leave, you refused to  
15 leave. I asked you if you had any filings, you had  
16 no filings. I asked officers twice to escort you  
17 out, and both times I believe that they were  
18 appearing to be somewhat passive because they don't  
19 want controversy with people. And I get that. And  
20 I finally told you, hold on, give me about five  
21 minutes and then later on within that five minutes I  
22 became aware that you left and then the issue was  
23 done. So if that's what you're wanting to try to

1 get at, I never misspoke to you, never said a harsh  
2 word. Was I agitated somewhat, absolutely. You  
3 were here most daily, again, I asked you if you were  
4 trying to intimate the Court and then you turned  
5 around and accused me that I'm threatening to have  
6 you arrested for intimidation of the Court when that  
7 wasn't said. What was said I asked if you were  
8 attempting to intimidate the Court, all right. So  
9 if that's the line of questioning, you know, I --  
10 I'll -- I'll admit, yes, was I somewhat agitated,  
11 yes. I was on the way back from Patrick Harris  
12 Hospital from doing a site visit and meeting with  
13 the director there and then you were here and you  
14 wanted to wait until I got here, that's the  
15 information that I received, okay. I came in, asked  
16 what you needed, do you have anything else, after a  
17 period of time I asked you to leave twice. Then I  
18 asked the officers to escort you out twice. And  
19 each time you kept saying, no, that you would not  
20 leave unless you were -- you asked multiple times if  
21 you were threatened with arrest then you would leave  
22 and then you asked me if I was threatening you with  
23 arrest and I told you no. Is that what -- if that's

1           where you're trying to get I'll -- I'll save time on  
2           that. It doesn't matter.

3 MR. BOYLE:

4           No, that's perfect, I appreciate that, sir.

5 JUDGE SINGLETON:

6           Okay. All right. Any other questions for this  
7           officer?

8 MR. BOYLE:

9           No, and I'd like to call one more witness.

10 JUDGE SINGLETON:

11          Okay.

12 MR. BOYLE:

13          Can I call Judge Green?

14 JUDGE SINGLETON:

15          You're going to have to -- just have a seat. You're  
16          going to have to be specific about what you're  
17          wanting to request her because she is a judge.

18 MR. BOYLE:

19          Well I want to request her --

20 JUDGE SINGLETON:

21          Let me tell you. I'm not opposed to you calling her  
22          as a witness but you're going to inform the Court  
23          what the questioning is about before I determine

1           whether or not she can testify.

2   MR. BOYLE:

3           That's the judge that said I was giving legal advice  
4           to someone in the lobby, correct?

5   JUDGE SINGLETON:

6           Yes.

7   MR. BOYLE:

8           Yeah, so that -- it's regarding that instance.

9   JUDGE SINGLETON:

10          Okay. That's fine. I'm -- was making a point.  
11          However, I'll go ahead and allow that but what I can  
12          tell you is what's being determined today is what  
13          your actions on that day when you were recording.  
14          That's what's being determined.

15   MR. BOYLE:

16          Just the one day?

17   JUDGE SINGLETON:

18          That one day.

19   MR. BOYLE:

20          Not two days.

21   JUDGE SINGLETON:

22          That one day.

23   MR. BOYLE:

1 Not two days. The one day you ruled where I didn't  
2 know --

3 JUDGE SINGLETON:

4 I'm just making a point that regardless that your  
5 conduct is not stopping, all right. At the last  
6 hearing when you had an attorney, or an alleged  
7 attorney, your demeanor was completely different.  
8 Absolutely different. Very apologetic, very nice,  
9 and then something now since that time since you got  
10 released because you had a non-attorney, an  
11 ineffective counsel, and out of fairness to you you  
12 were immediately released on my authority to be  
13 released from jail and served again with another  
14 Rule to Show Cause. That was absolutely the right  
15 thing to do and it was the fair thing to do, all  
16 right. So you're telling me that -- that brings the  
17 point that you didn't have counsel or you didn't  
18 know you had counsel, you know, you have been told  
19 that all along that you had a right to an attorney.

20 MR. BOYLE:

21 I thought I did have an attorney.

22 JUDGE SINGLETON:

23 Well, I'm telling you I don't know what your

1 relationship with Mr. Chambers is, that'll be  
2 something for a later date.

3 MR. BOYLE:

4 No, I thought I had an attorney with the Public  
5 Defender's office.

6 JUDGE SINGLETON:

7 I understand that. So, you're -- are you saying you  
8 didn't know that you had an attorney with Mr.  
9 Chambers?

10 MR. BOYLE:

11 Well -- well, I thought I did then too but I also  
12 this time I thought I had a attorney with the Public  
13 Defender's office. I was told that if I presented  
14 that at the Public Defender's --

15 JUDGE SINGLETON:

16 (Inaudible).

17 MR. BOYLE:

18 -- office I was told that (inaudible).

19 JUDGE SINGLETON:

20 I'm going to -- I'm going to let you ask her -- I'll  
21 get Judge Green in here and let you ask her those  
22 questions but it will be very limited because again  
23 what you're here about is what's within the scope of

1 the Rule to Show Cause that you're here for today.

2 MR. BOYLE:

3 Just the first filming incident?

4 JUDGE SINGLETON:

5 Yes. All right. Will you ask Judge Green to step  
6 in for just a moment, please?

7 OFFICER:

8 Yes, sir.

9 JUDGE SINGLETON:

10 Judge Green, if you don't mind, would you please  
11 come up and place your left hand on the bible, raise  
12 your right hand, please. Do you swear or affirm the  
13 testimony you're about to give be the whole truth  
14 and nothing but the truth so help you God?

15 JUDGE GREEN:

16 I do.

17 JUDGE SINGLETON:

18 You can have a seat please.

19 JUDGE GREEN:

20 Uh-huh (affirmative).

21 JUDGE SINGLETON:

22 If you don't mind, if you would state your name and  
23 your occupation, please.

1 JUDGE GREEN:

2 Erin Green, Associate Probate Judge.

3 JUDGE SINGLETON:

4 Okay, all right.

5 MR. BOYLE:

6 Hello, Ms. Green.

7 JUDGE GREEN:

8 Hey.

9 MR. BOYLE:

10 I don't know how to address you, is it Judge Green?

11 JUDGE GREEN:

12 That's fine.

13 MR. BOYLE:

14 Judge Green, the day that I was in the lobby and you  
15 were having the conversation with that gentleman.

16 JUDGE GREEN:

17 Uh-huh (affirmative).

18 MR. BOYLE:

19 Do you remember what it was exactly that I said?

20 JUDGE GREEN:

21 I do but pretty much, yes.

22 MR. BOYLE:

23 All right. Did it have anything to do with acting

1 pro se?

2 JUDGE GREEN:

3 Yes.

4 MR. BOYLE:

5 So, do you feel that anything I said in that lobby  
6 was illegal?

7 JUDGE GREEN:

8 At that time I wasn't sure. But you suggested that  
9 they go out and speak to your wife who knew all  
10 about probate, so, yes.

11 MR. BOYLE:

12 Well about being pro se in probate, correct.

13 JUDGE GREEN:

14 Yes.

15 MR. BOYLE:

16 All right.

17 JUDGE GREEN:

18 No, no, just go and speak to your wife she knows all  
19 about probate is what you said.

20 MR. BOYLE:

21 So is that illegal to say that?

22 JUDGE GREEN:

23 I -- I don't know the answer to that question

1           without looking it up.

2   MR. BOYLE:

3           All right. Is then -- so would that be an  
4           appropriate reason than to say that a person is  
5           never again allowed in the probate court?

6   JUDGE GREEN:

7           If you're going and saying that to everyone then  
8           yes, that's --

9   MR. BOYLE:

10          But that one incident you corrected me and I didn't  
11          --

12   JUDGE GREEN:

13          I did not correct you.

14   MR. BOYLE:

15          Oh, you didn't correct me?

16   JUDGE GREEN:

17          No, I did not.

18   MR. BOYLE:

19          I couldn't remember, it's been so long.

20   JUDGE GREEN:

21          No.

22   MR. BOYLE:

23          So you didn't correct me in the lobby?

1 JUDGE GREEN:

2 I didn't know who you were. I didn't know what was  
3 -- I stood in between you and the person.

4 MR. BOYLE:

5 Yeah, yeah, I remember. But you -- you -- you  
6 clearly looked at me at some point --

7 JUDGE GREEN:

8 I looked at you and got in between you and the  
9 person --

10 MR. BOYLE:

11 And then -- then did I do anything after that?

12 JUDGE GREEN:

13 I don't know, I turned my back to you --

14 MR. BOYLE:

15 Yeah, so I -- I -- I realized there was something  
16 unappro -- uncomfortable and I became quiet. So did  
17 you read the email that Judge Singleton sent to  
18 Dorothy saying that I was never again allowed the  
19 probate court?

20 JUDGE GREEN:

21 I did not.

22 MR. BOYLE:

23 You did not read that email?

1 JUDGE GREEN:

2 I did not.

3 MR. BOYLE:

4 Would you feel it was appropriate to say that I was  
5 never again allowed in the probate court due to that  
6 incident?

7 JUDGE GREEN:

8 I didn't know the whole gravity of all the incidents  
9 that have happened so that's not my call.

10 MR. BOYLE:

11 Was -- was there another incident at that time --

12 JUDGE GREEN:

13 I -- I don't know.

14 MR. BOYLE:

15 Yeah, there --

16 JUDGE GREEN:

17 If there were emails sent I (inaudible).

18 MR. BOYLE:

19 That -- that was the first conflict that I had with  
20 Judge Singleton; that was the first one. So --

21 JUDGE GREEN:

22 Okay, I --

23 MR. BOYLE:

1           And then -- so, were you aware of this  
2           administrative order saying that there's no filming  
3           at the clerk's window?

4       JUDGE GREEN:

5           Yes.

6       MR. BOYLE:

7           Is it your understanding that in order to hold  
8           someone in contempt for that that they would have to  
9           be aware of the orders existence? Would there have  
10          to be an intent?

11       JUDGE GREEN:

12          Well, I think -- ask me the question a different  
13          way.

14       MR. BOYLE:

15          So, I did not know of the administrative order when  
16          I filmed at the window. I didn't know it existed.  
17          So when I filmed --

18       JUDGE GREEN:

19          It's posted right outside --

20       MR. BOYLE:

21          I didn't -- I didn't see it. I just walked in the  
22          door. I didn't see it. So, when I -- when I was  
23          filming the first time I was unaware of the order

1           itself. So -- and what date was the order posted on  
2           the door outside, do we know?

3 JUDGE GREEN:

4           It's been there as long as I've --

5 MR. BOYLE:

6           So it's been there a long time, all right. I didn't  
7           know that. So, do you feel that if I was not aware  
8           of the order itself that the order is enforceable?

9 JUDGE SINGLETON:

10          Now, I'm not going to allow those things. You're  
11          asking how do you feel, how someone feels.

12 MR. BOYLE:

13          Well, it's the law. It's the law.

14 JUDGE SINGLETON:

15          No, that's -- no, that's not --

16 MR. BOYLE:

17          She's the judge (inaudible).

18 JUDGE SINGLETON:

19          The law is not how someone feels.

20 MR. BOYLE:

21          All right, I got a couple --

22 JUDGE SINGLETON:

23          Either rephrase your question or move on.

1 MR. BOYLE:

2 I -- I get you. I get -- I understand, sir, thank  
3 you. So, in your knowledge would it be illegal to  
4 film at the window if you're unaware of the order?

5 JUDGE GREEN:

6 You can't film in any court. So --

7 MR. BOYLE:

8 In any lobby the -- the --

9 JUDGE GREEN:

10 Any --

11 MR. BOYLE:

12 So would I be legally allowed to film in the lobby  
13 at all?

14 JUDGE GREEN:

15 No.

16 MR. BOYLE:

17 But that's not what the Order says.

18 JUDGE GREEN:

19 Well, I don't think you should be able to, but --

20 MR. BOYLE:

21 Well, right, but the law is different than what we  
22 feel --

23 JUDGE GREEN:

1           You shouldn't be able to film up there, no, sir, you  
2           shouldn't be able to.

3           MR. BOYLE:

4           Anywhere in the lobby?

5           JUDGE SINGLETON:

6           All right, Mr. Boyle, I'm going to ask that you move  
7           on. The Judge is testifying there I told you that  
8           it would be limited --

9           MR. BOYLE:

10          All right --

11          JUDGE SINGLETON:

12          -- because she is -- hold on. Because she is a  
13          judge and two, she did not make that decision and  
14          three, I'm the judge of probate, they are  
15          assistants.

16          MR. BOYLE:

17          I'm just trying to clarify. There is some  
18          misunderstandings about the Order in general even  
19          with one of the probate judges. So --

20          JUDGE SINGLETON:

21          That's fine but --

22          MR. BOYLE:

23          So then I have a -- another question, when -- to

1           enforce an order does the person have to be served  
2           with the order?

3           JUDGE GREEN:

4           I don't know the answer to that question.

5           MR. BOYLE:

6           So --

7           JUDGE GREEN:

8           I would go to -- to my probate judge and ask that.

9           I don't know the answer to that question.

10          MR. BOYLE:

11          So could you answer that, Mr. -- Honorable --

12          JUDGE SINGLETON:

13          I'm not -- this is the witness, you --

14          MR. BOYLE:

15          All right.

16          JUDGE SINGLETON:

17          -- you got an opportunity to ask one more question

18          and she's going to be removed.

19          MR. BOYLE:

20          All right. And then so are you aware of any other

21          way than the posting on the door or on the hallway?

22          I don't know where it's posted. You say it's posted

23          in the hallway?

1 JUDGE GREEN:

2 Uh-huh (affirmative).

3 MR. BOYLE:

4 Is that outside the door of the courtroom or inside  
5 the door of the courtroom?

6 JUDGE GREEN:

7 At the door.

8 MR. BOYLE:

9 At the door? But on the other side, outside at the  
10 lobby.

11 JUDGE GREEN:

12 Well, it's you have to walk down the hallway to get  
13 to our --

14 MR. BOYLE:

15 Oh, oh, in the little hallway where you come down.

16 And so, are you -- do you have any knowledge that I  
17 knew of that order?

18 JUDGE GREEN:

19 I have no idea what you know.

20 MR. BOYLE:

21 Right. I appreciate it. Thank you.

22 JUDGE SINGLETON:

23 All right, you can step down. Thank you.

1 MR. BOYLE:

2 And then can I call you as a witness, Mr. Singleton?

3 JUDGE SINGLETON:

4 No. I'm the sitting judge, no.

5 MR. BOYLE:

6 Well can you at least confirm that you sent an email  
7 to my wife saying I'd never be allowed again in  
8 probate court?

9 JUDGE SINGLETON:

10 Yeah, that's -- that's in the print. I told her  
11 that you're -- and one, that's not your wife.  
12 That's your --

13 MR. BOYLE:

14 I'm sorry, my fiancée.

15 JUDGE SINGLETON:

16 -- your fiancée, baby's mother, whatever. But you  
17 are not married, correct?

18 MR. BOYLE:

19 Not under the definition of American law.

20 JUDGE SINGLETON:

21 Of American law?

22 MR. BOYLE:

23 That's correct.

1 JUDGE SINGLETON:

2 Okay, all right. I don't recall the whole gist of  
3 the email but I did email her because I did not have  
4 your email and I did indicate to her that you would  
5 not be allowed to be back here in the probate court,  
6 that you cannot interrupt other judges and give  
7 legal advice to others. That's what you did. I  
8 done that as a courtesy and as a warning and of  
9 course thereafter you showed back up for me not to  
10 have any issues I have allowed you to return back to  
11 the Court but then it gets more aggressive each and  
12 each time. So, you've got a copy of the email. You  
13 know what it says. I know what I wrote on it but I  
14 don't have it in front of me to read it word for  
15 word. So, yes, I did say that. But then you have  
16 been back since then multiple times.

17 MR. BOYLE:

18 Yes, sir.

19 JUDGE SINGLETON:

20 Okay. All right, do you have anything else before I  
21 make a decision?

22 MR. BOYLE:

23 Yes, sir, I'd like to say one thing.

1 JUDGE SINGLETON:

2 Okay.

3 MR. BOYLE:

4 Well, I'd like to say several things actually. One,  
5 the first time I filmed I was not aware of the  
6 order. The second time I filmed I did not film at  
7 the clerk's window so I was in the lobby. And that  
8 I do hold true to everything. I think you made a  
9 good point that my demeanor and things are different  
10 now. I felt more secure when I had a lawyer next to  
11 me. My heart rate is probably at 120, 140 beats a  
12 minute right now. My heart is pounding through my  
13 chest, sir. I am doing everything I can to maintain  
14 my -- my, you know, my calm. No, I -- I'm not going  
15 to -- you know what I'm saying, I like, I feel like  
16 I might not speak well, my anxiety is high. And  
17 certainly everything I said in the previous is -- I  
18 -- I stand by. I -- I wish that this conflict  
19 didn't exist. I do apologize for the overly rude  
20 comments. I did feel that my family was being  
21 threatened by the court at the time. And so, I -- I  
22 don't know about jurisdiction. I don't know about  
23 what a lot of things. I do know that the first time

1 I filmed I was completely unaware that there was any  
2 restriction whatsoever in filming in a courthouse  
3 lobby. And then the second time I filmed I did not  
4 go to the window and I complied with the order.

5 JUDGE SINGLETON:

6 Okay. All right, anything else?

7 MR. BOYLE:

8 That would be it, sir.

9 JUDGE SINGLETON:

10 All right. All right. At this time I do make a  
11 finding that there's proof beyond a reasonable doubt  
12 that you did violate the order. Ignorance of law is  
13 no excuse, all right. No one can expect anyone to  
14 know every law that's been ever written but if it's  
15 published then you're presumed, as a citizen, you're  
16 presumed to know what the law is regardless, you're  
17 presumed to know. You've challenged that Chief's  
18 Justice's order saying that it is not law. You've  
19 got three types of law. You -- you've got statutory  
20 law, you got common law and you got case law. And  
21 case law can come from administrative orders or  
22 decisions from courts. That order is a decision  
23 from the Supreme Court saying this is how your

1           conduct must be at a particular location, a  
2           particular time, all right. That's law. That's a  
3           court order. A court order is not an invitation  
4           saying just do if it you want to but if you don't  
5           it's okay. It is a court order.

6           MR. BOYLE:

7           Can I ask a question?

8           JUDGE SINGLETON:

9           No, sir. We're -- we're done. I've heard  
10          everything that I'm going to hear. I do find that  
11          you're in contempt beyond a reasonable doubt. I do  
12          find that it is direct. At the last sentence -- at  
13          the last hearing you were sentenced to serve a  
14          period of 60 days. You understand this Court has a  
15          discretion to sentence you up to six months, you  
16          understand that?

17          MR. BOYLE:

18          I don't know anything, sir.

19          JUDGE SINGLETON:

20          Well, okay. Well, I'm telling you. I'm telling  
21          you. You've not believed most anything that I've  
22          said regardless. You have tried to demean me in  
23          every way. Want to claim that I'm uneducated. All

1           these things, the probate is not complicated issues,  
2           it's the people that come in and do things in  
3           probate that complicates it. But probate is not  
4           complicated. That's the difference. At this time  
5           I'm going to -- I'm going to give you some grace at  
6           this time. I'm going to instead of the 60 days that  
7           you originally had, taking into account that you'd  
8           already been sentenced to the 10 days, with that 10  
9           days you were actually released it was either two or  
10          three days early when I released you from that 60  
11          days, you still had a few days left on that 10. The  
12          detention center contacted me about it and I'm not  
13          worried about those few days. I went ahead and  
14          released you.

15       MR. BOYLE:

16            Thank you, sir.

17       JUDGE SINGLETON:

18           All right, I done that out of fairness and obviously  
19           that was the right thing to do and I think the  
20           legally -- legally required thing to do. I've told  
21           you last time that your conduct here with this court  
22           is over, all right. For whatever reason I thought  
23           maybe that might hold true, but it didn't. So

1           therefore you're going to be sentenced to serve a  
2           period of 50 days in the county jail.  So I'm giving  
3           you that credit, that is grace that I'm giving you  
4           knowing that I could have given you up to six  
5           months.  All right, now that that has ended I'm  
6           going to make one other statement to you and for the  
7           sake of having it recorded, I'm going to make sure  
8           that it is recorded and part of this record.  You  
9           made a phone call to the South Carolina Court  
10          Administration.  You indicated to the South Carolina  
11          Court Administration that you had Googled where I  
12          attend church and something to the effect that there  
13          was an event that evening and that maybe that you  
14          would attend that event and take that discussion up  
15          with Judge Singleton and the members of the church  
16          or the congregation or whatever.  I don't know the  
17          rest of that conversation, but what I can tell you  
18          is that that court representative called the court  
19          here because your conduct -- I took a late lunch.  I  
20          think it was after 2:00, I took a late lunch, called  
21          the office here, she could not get me on the phone.  
22          She told my clerk that it was an emergency that she  
23          had to have my cell number.  By the time I got back

1 to my office she had called me indicating that you  
2 had called the South Carolina Court Administration  
3 and made a threat against me.

4 MR. BOYLE:

5 How is that a threat, sir?

6 JUDGE SINGLETON:

7 They took it as a threat. You think you can spout  
8 whatever you want to come out of your mouth.  
9 Sometimes people take things different ways. But  
10 they took it as a threat. They informed me to  
11 contact the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.  
12 I didn't have to do it. The -- that lady at the  
13 court administration she done it and included me on  
14 the email. I'm telling you your anger issues that  
15 you got sometimes you speak before you think.

16 MR. BOYLE:

17 I wasn't angry, sir.

18 JUDGE SINGLETON:

19 So you were not angry you just thought --

20 MR. BOYLE:

21 No, sir. No, I didn't --

22 JUDGE SINGLETON:

23 -- you didn't think it would've --

1 MR. BOYLE:

2 -- Google your --

3 JUDGE SINGLETON:

4 -- been appropriate that if I attend a church and  
5 you show up at a congregation and cause a scene  
6 because of an issue that you don't like in probate  
7 court --

8 MR. BOYLE:

9 Can I clarify something, sir?

10 JUDGE SINGLETON:

11 Please do.

12 MR. BOYLE:

13 So I ran into a woman at Walmart and we were talking  
14 and just about life and she's a beautiful, kind  
15 person.

16 JUDGE SINGLETON:

17 Just tell me what the conversation was if you want  
18 to share it, I don't care how beautiful she was.

19 MR. BOYLE:

20 And I -- I said that I was in conflict in Oconee  
21 County, she said with who. I said with you. She  
22 said I know him well, come to our church event  
23 tonight and just enjoy. And so I did. I did go to

1           that church event that night and we had a good time.  
2           We never discussed you. I didn't discuss your name  
3           with anyone but I did go to that church event  
4           (inaudible).

5 JUDGE SINGLETON:

6           Are you telling me that the attorney, the probate  
7           representative at probate court is a liar?

8 MR. BOYLE:

9           I don't know what she said, so --

10 JUDGE SINGLETON:

11           All right.

12 MR. BOYLE:

13           -- I didn't Google you.

14 JUDGE SINGLETON:

15           Further I received a separate email from one -- from  
16           a deputy here that had relayed it to their  
17           supervisor, the same thing that you -- that you  
18           intended to come to a church function that you told  
19           them on the way out that you intended to come to a  
20           church function that I would be at --

21 MR. BOYLE:

22           I was also having --

23 JUDGE SINGLETON:

1           -- so you could confront me.

2 MR. BOYLE:

3           -- a conversation -- not confront you to have a  
4           conversation (inaudible).

5 JUDGE SINGLETON:

6           I'm not -- if I see you ever in public the best  
7           thing you can do is turn around and go the other  
8           way. You and I -- you and I are done. You have  
9           nothing to do with probate. I'm telling you now by  
10          the end of the day or tomorrow I will have an Order  
11          issued either preventing you from coming into  
12          probate court or I will limit your time as to the  
13          day of the week and the time that you can appear,  
14          all right. I can tell you because of the comment  
15          that you made to the South Carolina Court  
16          Administration I had to contact our county  
17          administrator. Our county administrator had this  
18          whole building, the whole complex on lockdown  
19          because of you.

20 MR. BOYLE:

21          Because I said I was going to go to church and try  
22          to have a conversation with you?

23 JUDGE SINGLETON:

1 Yes.

2 MR. BOYLE:

3 I thought church was the place for that.

4 JUDGE SINGLETON:

5 Not for probate issues.

6 MR. BOYLE:

7 Well, I was (inaudible).

8 JUDGE SINGLETON:

9 Now please tell me you're not that dumb. Not for  
10 probate issues.

11 MR. BOYLE:

12 I don't know --

13 JUDGE SINGLETON:

14 Other people and the words that spout out of your  
15 mouth -- the words that spout out of your mouth  
16 caused me to have a conversation, if the Court  
17 Administration was worried about, I had to have a  
18 conversation with my own family.

19 MR. BOYLE:

20 I wonder if that call is recorded.

21 JUDGE SINGLETON:

22 I don't know. I'm just telling you what's relayed  
23 to me. This is outside of that and yet I still give

1           you grace and give you less time.

2   MR. BOYLE:

3           Well I apologize for --

4   JUDGE SINGLETON:

5           Me and you -- me and you are done. Do you  
6           understand that?

7   MR. BOYLE:

8           Yes.

9   JUDGE SINGLETON:

10          Me and you are done.

11   MR. BOYLE:

12          I -- I did not mean --

13   JUDGE SINGLETON:

14          Me and you are done, do you understand that?

15   MR. BOYLE:

16          Yes, sir.

17   JUDGE SINGLETON:

18          Do you understand? We are done. Smirk if you want  
19          to.

20   MR. BOYLE:

21          I'm not smirking, sir.

22   JUDGE SINGLETON:

23          You and I are done.

1 MR. BOYLE:

2 My anxiety is all the way up, sir. My heart is  
3 running at 150 miles an hour.

4 JUDGE SINGLETON:

5 How do you think I feel when I have to talk to my  
6 family saying I don't know what this means but the  
7 Court Administration takes it as a threat? I'm here  
8 -- I'm here to serve the people.

9 MR. BOYLE:

10 (Inaudible) would not be (inaudible).

11 JUDGE SINGLETON:

12 I'm here to serve the people of this county as the  
13 probate judge, do you understand that? And I will  
14 be here until the people tell me otherwise.

15 MR. BOYLE:

16 Sir, I apologize, I thought that going to church --  
17 I got met by one of your friends that said she was a  
18 good friend of yours, that she wanted --

19 JUDGE SINGLETON:

20 I don't -- I don't -- I don't want to hear anything  
21 about that. Don't want to -- don't want to -- no,  
22 just don't. I don't care. The majority of the  
23 people in this county tell me that they know me and

1           we're best friends and I don't even have a clue who  
2           they are.

3           MR. BOYLE:

4           Well I thought she was -- she seemed to act --

5           JUDGE SINGLETON:

6           I don't --

7           MR. BOYLE:

8           -- like she wanted to help resolve the (inaudible).

9           JUDGE SINGLETON:

10          I -- I don't care. But if you wanted to call the  
11          Court Administration you're actually more than  
12          welcome, you can call and complain on me, do  
13          whatever you want to do, but they took it as a  
14          threat and then I had to treat it as a threat and  
15          then that's -- being that I had to treat it as a  
16          threat I had to notify our court administer -- the  
17          county administration, they went around and had  
18          every other department on lockdown and had to have  
19          law enforcement here because of you.

20          MR. BOYLE:

21          Because I wanted to go to the church where I was  
22          invited by --

23          JUDGE SINGLETON:

1           To have a conversation with me concerning --

2 MR. BOYLE:

3           I was invited by --

4 JUDGE SINGLETON:

5           -- concerning a probate issue.

6 MR. BOYLE:

7           -- the woman said to come --

8 JUDGE SINGLETON:

9           That's fine. Sir, you and I are done. I will have  
10          an order delivered to you either today or tomorrow  
11          to either prevent you from ever entering the probate  
12          court again, not unless you have a matter in which  
13          you're a personal representative or you're some type  
14          of conservator or guardian or it will be an order  
15          directing the day and the time for you to appear,  
16          that's it. Officer, take him into custody and  
17          remove him from the courtroom.

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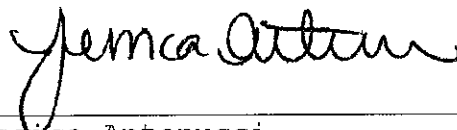
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5 Plaintiff,) )

6 Versus )  
7 Danny Singleton, et al, )  
8 Defendant.) )

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## PROCEEDINGS

1  
2 THE COURT: And I ask you did you understand and you  
3 told me, absolutely. You made a motion the other day for a  
4 continuance based on an email meeting. I'm not trying to beat  
5 up on you, Mr. Boyle. You got to file things, you got to pay  
6 your motion fee or it's not a proper motion, that's why that  
7 was not heard. Okay? But going back to my order, I mean, this  
8 is what it says. "Now, as the Defendant, his service agents,  
9 employees or anyone acting on his behalf, including legal  
10 counsel are under a gag order. Prohibiting them from speaking  
11 publicly about this case including, but not limited to news  
12 agency, social media to anyone not necessarily to the  
13 preparation of this case."

14 Now, I read some of your initial responses and you  
15 said some of these things were posted prior to me issuing that  
16 order and that you had nothing to do with it being reissued.  
17 However, since you -- that may be -- that very well may be. I  
18 don't know if it is or not. I do know, I was contacted  
19 yesterday by people here in this courthouse and given pictures  
20 of things you're filing and you have a right to have your  
21 opinion about me and I don't care. It doesn't matter if you  
22 like me, despise me, whatever or Mr. Logan or Mr. McDuff or  
23 Judge Singleton. However, you tied me into this case. And  
24 when you did that, you completely violated this order and my --  
25 yeah, you did. And then I looked at it, my law clerk looked up

1 | you were out here handing out these little pictures around.  
2 | I'm going to make them part of the Court's record in this case.  
3 | You were seen holding signs up about the case with Judge  
4 | Singleton. And again, you have a right to have your opinion  
5 | about anybody, anyone involved in the system.

6 |           But your prohibition was about you saying things  
7 | about this case which you violated. Now, my options are revoke  
8 | your bond, let you set your time out in jail while you're  
9 | pending. I still think that wouldn't be the way to do things,  
10 | because if you were vindicated on your appeal then you would  
11 | have served more time than you would have to serve under the --  
12 | in other words, you'll serve more time than you have to --  
13 | while you're waiting for your appeal you serve all your time.  
14 | And then while -- any win that you may have on appeal if you  
15 | win would be kind of meaningless you've already spent your time  
16 | in jail. So, what I'm going to do is this. I'm going to find  
17 | that you are in contempt of court from my order that is my bond  
18 | order, nothing to do with Mr. Singleton or Judge Singleton.

19 |           I'm going to wait to the end of this litigation to  
20 | see how you act from here on out. I'm going to give you a  
21 | chance to not do this anymore. And if you do that will be  
22 | given a lot of consideration in whatever the Court may order.  
23 | On the other hand, if you decide that you want to keep, you  
24 | know, violating this -- a gag order and tying everything into  
25 | this case then that's your choice. Each violation is a

1 separate violation that carries up to six months. Okay? So,  
2 I'm going to warn you to do that, I'm going to urge you to do  
3 live by the terms of the bond that I gave you. I didn't grant  
4 you an injunction, I felt like the proper thing to do is let  
5 you out pending resolution. That's the only thing I did. I'm  
6 the one that let you out of jail and I don't know why you want  
7 to beat me up but that's okay. But I will not allow you to go  
8 violate the terms of this gag order anymore. Okay? And if you  
9 do then there will be repercussions at the end of this process.  
10 Do you understand me?

11 MR. BOYLE: I do, sir. May I defend myself, or no?

12 THE COURT: Well, I tell you what I will let you hear  
13 yourself, but you going to have a chance to defend yourself  
14 further when we have a punishment hearing at the end of the  
15 day. There's no way you can get around saying this wasn't  
16 about this case. There's no -- I mean, I'm just -- I can look  
17 at it and read it but I'll be glad to hear what you have to  
18 say.

19 MR. BOYLE: Well, so I appealed the case at some  
20 point and then at some point I got something --

21 THE COURT: Stand up, please.

22 MR. BOYLE: Yeah, sorry.

23 THE COURT: It's fine.

24 MR. BOYLE: So, I appealed the case, the gag order at  
25 some point and then I got some notice that that had been --

1 well, actually, I have that here. I have noticed that the  
2 appeal was denied on August 12th but I didn't receive that  
3 until a much later date in the mail. And then I filed a motion  
4 to reconsider because it violated my fundamental rights. And I  
5 believe that motion to reconsider is still being held in the  
6 appeals court now which I --

7 THE COURT: Well, when you filed your notice of  
8 appeal, did you happen to bother sending copies to the Court?  
9 So, we know anything about that or your motion reconsideration?

10 MR. BOYLE: Yes, sir. I sent it to Amanda

11 THE COURT: Or to me.

12 MR. BOYLE: Well, and to your clerks and to the -- I  
13 sent it to everybody.

14 THE COURT: Let me see your appeal.

15 MR. BOYLE: The --

16 THE COURT: I haven't received anything along those  
17 lines. You haven't been served?

18 MR. LOGAN: No, sir.

19 MR. BOYLE: Where do I take it?

20 THE COURT: Again, it's what we were talking about  
21 earlier. Everybody's got to start serving these things on  
22 everybody because it -- they can start having problems

23 MR. BOYLE: And then the motion --

24 THE COURT: Hang on, stop. I can tell you that you  
25 haven't served me with this at all but that's the first I've

1 | seen of it.

2 |           MR. BOYLE: Really?

3 |           THE COURT: It is.

4 |           MR. BOYLE: I sent it to your clerk, I believe in an  
5 | email. And then I brought it -- and it's also filed with  
6 | Amanda, I believe.

7 |           THE COURT: Well, it was not served on me or served.  
8 | Did you get notice of appeal?

9 |           MR. LOGAN: I did not, Your Honor.

10 |          THE COURT: You didn't serve the opposing party?

11 |          MR. BOYLE: I'm pro se. I'm going -- I tried to do  
12 | my best.

13 |          THE COURT: You're not pro se. I mean, you are pro  
14 | se but you got to serve the opposing party.

15 |          MR. BOYLE: All right. And then here's the motion to  
16 | reconsider that I filed on August 26th after I received that  
17 | motion, which I received quite late saying that the Court --  
18 | the Supreme Court had denied my motion for appeal. I filed a  
19 | motion to reconsider and I have not received any response from  
20 | that motion to reconsider at this point.

21 |          THE COURT: Okay. So, your basis is and if you've  
22 | got under appeal, you don't have to abide by the order?

23 |          MR. BOYLE: I'm not a lawyer, sir. I don't know.

24 |          THE COURT: Well, you're acting as you are. So, your  
25 | position is you don't have to abide by the order?

1           MR. BOYLE: I believe the order is stayed if it's  
2 under appeal. Correct.

3           THE COURT: And so that gives you a right to go out  
4 and put these things out about this case and direct violation  
5 of that order. Is that what your position is?

6           MR. BOYLE: I believe that the everything --

7           THE COURT: Stand -- please stand up.

8           MR. BOYLE: All right. Yeah. Sorry, sir. I didn't  
9 -- I don't know the procedure. It's only my -- I've never been  
10 in court before

11          THE COURT: That's all right -- I'm just -- that's  
12 just protocol. Okay.

13          MR. BOYLE: Yeah. All right. So, the -- I forgot  
14 what the question was, I got distracted.

15          THE COURT: I -- well, the question is to me I issued  
16 a PR bond and put conditions on it and I told you in the bond  
17 order you can't talk about this case. I -- and I in fact, told  
18 you I can't violate your First Amendment rights but I can order  
19 that you not talk about this case which I do have authority to  
20 do that and I did. And, you know, apparently you decided you  
21 just weren't going to abide by that and you didn't. And so,  
22 what I'm telling you is that at some point, we're going to have  
23 a hearing. Now, if the Supreme Court says you're right then  
24 they said then I'm wrong, it won't be the first time I've been  
25 told I'm wrong and it won't be the last time. I don't think I

1 | will be, but if I am wrong then we won't have a hearing. But  
2 | probably, I don't think they won't find me wrong and we're  
3 | going to have a hearing about what punishment you'll have. And  
4 | I'm trying to get you to hear me clearly that from this point  
5 | forward, your conduct until the end of this matter will  
6 | determine in great measure what kind of punishment you may  
7 | receive. If you want to continue to throw your thumb in the  
8 | face of my order that's your -- that's what you want to do. If  
9 | you don't then that will be considered as well. Okay?

10 |           MR. BOYLE: And then -- so then if I can just add it  
11 | on August 20th, I found my appeal brief and I think anything  
12 | that was written after that was also included in that appeal  
13 | brief. So, it was of the public record and if it's going to be  
14 | a criminal trial, I would like to have an attorney. I'd like a  
15 | jury trial and I'd like a special prosecution.

16 |           THE COURT: Well, I have the option of make -- having  
17 | it civil, I have the option of doing criminal. I have the  
18 | option of making it less than six months, at which time you do  
19 | not have a right to an attorney. But I have no problem. I  
20 | would suggest that you do get an attorney and talk to him or  
21 | her about what you should do between here and the time that you  
22 | going to get sanctioned if I get -- if I go there.

23 |           MR. BOYLE: Well, I certainly can't afford one so.

24 |           THE COURT: Well, you know, you can afford to do  
25 | these other things and stay out here all day, handing out

1 leaflets but you can't afford an attorney but that's up to you.  
2 So -- and Mr. Boyle, I can't tell you any more clear terms than  
3 what I'm telling you but that's going to be my ruling. I'm  
4 finding that you are in contempt subject to me being ruled  
5 wrong by the Court of Appeals. Okay? Then we'll defend --  
6 we'll decide that way.

7 MR. BOYLE: I'd like to appeal that.

8 THE COURT: Sir?

9 MR. BOYLE: I would like -- if you do make that  
10 ruling, I would like to appeal it --

11 THE COURT: You certainly can.

12 MR. BOYLE: All right. Thank you.

13 THE COURT: All right.

14 MR. LOGAN: Would -- I like --

15 THE COURT: It's going to be a -- it's not a final  
16 ruling yet though because to the punishment comes that's when  
17 you will feel to appeal it. Well, go ahead.

18 MR. LOGAN: I'd like to make two requests to add on  
19 to what you've just said. It's my understanding that this  
20 article has been published -- has been the subject of  
21 additional articles more than 24 times. We would like this  
22 article withdrawn if that is at all possible. And I don't see  
23 why it isn't and that we would like for the order to provide  
24 him with an order to stay off of public -- off of social media.

25 THE COURT: I can't order him off of social media. I

1 -- I'm just going to do again what I just said. I'm going to  
2 leave it up there. If you want to leave it up there, that's  
3 going to be considered by me at the end of the day. Okay? I  
4 would urge you to take it down as it -- if it involves this  
5 case. I saw a lot of other things you were writing that are  
6 fine, that didn't have any violations at all because they  
7 didn't talk about this case. Okay? But when you do and you tie  
8 it all together, this case that's when you violate the order.  
9 So, I'm going to leave that up to you. I would urge you to  
10 talk to counsel. That being said the next matter before us is  
11 the -- your motion and appeal --

12 MR. LOGAN: Whose motion?

13 THE COURT: Is -- he is Mr. Boyle's appeal from Judge  
14 Singleton's finding him in contempt. It's my understanding that  
15 the first matter on the docket?

16 MR. LOGAN: No, sir. The first matter is Defendant's  
17 motion to dismiss the Plaintiff's appeal.

18 MR. BOYLE: The motion to dismiss wasn't on the  
19 docket, was it?

20 MR. LOGAN: Well, it's on this docket that I'm  
21 looking at right here and I'll pass it up to the Court for 3:00  
22 o'clock today.

23 THE COURT: I have -- it doesn't matter to me but I'm  
24 -- that's not what I'm seeing it but if it's on there whatever,  
25 what's -- I will call them in the order they appear.

1 MR. BOYLE: Was I given notice of this motion to  
2 dismiss hearing today?

3 MR. LOGAN: It's a public roster.

4 MR. BOYLE: I don't even --I don't go on the computer  
5 system much, Dorothy does it --

6 THE COURT: Let me tell you something. If you are  
7 going to represent yourself, once they publish a roster, you're  
8 deemed to have notice. That's just a rule. So --

9 MR. BOYLE: When did they publish? I looked a week  
10 ago.

11 THE COURT: Okay.

12 THE CLERK: His roster is the same one that you have.

13 THE COURT: It is.

14 THE CLERK: It's a motion to dismiss.

15 THE COURT: Okay. So, what happened?

16 THE CLERK: There is a motion to dismiss. It's the  
17 appeal, [indiscernible]

18 MR. LOGAN: Yeah. I -- so these are --

19 THE CLERK: Those are the motions.

20 MR. LOGAN: Before the Court. All right.

21 THE CLERK: Yes.

22 MR. LOGAN: Well, that's right. So, the motion --  
23 first motion is my motion.

24 THE COURT: The first motion that I have on my docket  
25 is the motion -- the appeal from Mr. Boyle.

1 MR. BOYLE: Yes, sir.

2 MR. LOGAN: The probate appeal.

3 THE COURT: Then there's a motion or do you want an  
4 injunction option to strike transcript and then a mandamus.  
5 That's what I have. Is that what is on the docket for today?

6 THE CLERK: Yes, sir.

7 THE COURT: Okay. Let me give you this stuff back to  
8 you.

9 MR. LOGAN: My motion -- may I, my motion to dismiss  
10 the Plaintiff's appeal is not on this roster?

11 THE COURT: It's not did I see -- come here, go give  
12 that to him. It was filed September the ninth. You know, Mr.  
13 Logan, I'm sorry. I -- you know, I don't publish it. I -- it  
14 is just it is what it is. So, we will have opportunity.

15 MR. LOGAN: Well, I would request that we schedule a  
16 hearing as soon as possible on this motion.

17 THE COURT: Sir?

18 MR. LOGAN: I said I would ask the Court to schedule  
19 a hearing on this motion.

20 THE COURT: Sure.

21 MR. LOGAN: As soon as possible because it is  
22 critical to this case proceedings.

23 THE COURT: Okay, I will. And if you would just get  
24 with Amanda and Mr. Boyle, y'all get with Amanda, we can get  
25 this put on the docket as soon as we can. Okay. Mr. Boyle,

1 | this is your motion on your appeal or your appeal?

2 |           MR. BOYLE: Yes, sir. I believe hearing this is  
3 | premature because the record hasn't been updated. I filed that  
4 | writ of mandamus asking that the probate court update the  
5 | record. And again, I need my --

6 |           THE COURT: Well, first that motion is denied. I'm  
7 | not going to tell them what to do. They have the -- this is  
8 | not appropriate motion but go ahead.

9 |           MR. BOYLE: See I don't know they say -- I know that  
10 | somehow there has to be a court record. There's no case number  
11 | for my case, so I don't have any way of looking up any of the  
12 | records that they have --

13 |           THE COURT: Well, you know, Mr. Boyle, you're the one  
14 | who have filed this thing and this is your job to do this. I  
15 | mean, the Court if you filed it, you must have filed it under a  
16 | case number. Did you put a case number on it when you filed  
17 | it?

18 |           MR. BOYLE: Yeah, I used the Doyle Pierce's estate  
19 | case number, but that case number has been thrown out by the  
20 | probate court. The Doyle Pierce state case number is no longer  
21 | the case number on that thing. If you go to probate court --

22 |           THE COURT: When you -- let me ask Amanda, when you  
23 | appeal the probate court, don't we assign it a new case number  
24 | when it gets up here?

25 |           THE CLERK: Right. It's the common police case

1 number.

2 THE COURT: It's the what?

3 THE CLERK: Common police case number. I think he's  
4 referring to the probate court case number.

5 THE COURT: Okay. What is the common police case  
6 number on this case? It's 00451.

7 MR. BOYLE: Yes.

8 THE COURT: Okay. Then that's your case number.

9 MR. BOYLE: All right. And then I would just say  
10 it's premature on 62-1-308, there's a schedule set forth. I  
11 have followed that schedule immaculately, I filed my appeal  
12 brief on October -- or sorry, on August 20th, which means my  
13 initial appeal brief which means my final appeal brief will be  
14 due by September, I think 19 because there was 31 days in  
15 August. And then the --

16 THE COURT: Well, let me ask you. I've got that in  
17 front of me here. Did you file your notice of intent to appeal  
18 within 10 days and serve it on the probate court and the  
19 circuit court?

20 MR. BOYLE: Yes, sir.

21 THE COURT: Did -- and within 45 days, did you write  
22 the statement of the issues on appeal?

23 MR. BOYLE: Yes, sir.

24 THE COURT: And how about the transcript? Have you  
25 obtained the transcript?

1           MR. BOYLE: Yes sir. Well, the transcript is under  
2 debate because the case number. I've put a motion to strike on  
3 the transcripts, it uses the incorrect case number but other  
4 than that I haven't --

5           THE COURT: Motion to strike I don't even know what  
6 you're talking about.

7           MR. BOYLE: So, in the probate court during -- on the  
8 June 17th hearing I was called in front on a summons, which  
9 included the case number of the Doyle Pierce estate case.

10          THE COURT: Okay. And that's the one that you were  
11 found in contempt for violating the order from the Supreme  
12 Court?

13          MR. BOYLE: Correct, sir.

14          THE COURT: Okay.

15          MR. BOYLE: And so -- and then if you look at page 14  
16 of that transcript, I was confused because I couldn't  
17 understand why I was under the Doyle Pierce estate case number  
18 and I was -- couldn't get a public defender for this criminal  
19 case because the public defender said it was a civil case  
20 because it was the Doyle Pierce estate case. And so, then  
21 here's a quote from Judge Singleton on June 17th at my criminal  
22 trial. Judge Singleton says, "No, this is not under the Doyle  
23 Pierce case. This is not under -- this is -- you may have  
24 attached a case number to it, but this is your conduct. It has  
25 nothing to do with the estate of Doyle Pierce. This has to do

1 with you recording on the date and time in question, recording  
2 at the clerk's window." I reply, "The summons you sent had  
3 Doyle Pierce's estate number," and Singleton replies, Judge  
4 Singleton replies, "It is associated somewhat with the case  
5 because you were here on the matter to allegedly pay an invoice  
6 for -- on the behalf of someone else." All right. But in  
7 reality, technically does not have anything to do with Pierce  
8 estate. All right. This time the Court is going to call  
9 Jessica Lowman," and he moves on.

10           So, it doesn't -- the case doesn't have anything to  
11 do with the Doyle Pierce estate case by Judge Singleton's  
12 admission. But on the front of the transcript is the Doyle  
13 Pierce estate case number. So, I would like to have a  
14 transcript that removes this number. And I -- that's my motion  
15 to strike because I actually submitted a transcript that did  
16 not have this case number on the front of it.

17           And then they pleaded with you to have Legal Eagle produce  
18 the transcript. And then Legal Eagle came back with a  
19 transcript, which has this incorrect case number on. So, I  
20 filed a motion to strike today, because I'd like to strike this  
21 transcript from the record and get a transcript that's more  
22 consistent with what actually occurred in the hearing.

23           THE COURT: Are you saying that other than having the  
24 probate case number, that the transcript is somehow not  
25 indicative of what happened?

1 MR. BOYLE: No, I think that -- I think the  
2 transcript does lay it out. I think that having that case  
3 number on --

4 THE COURT: Why don't we just amend it to provide  
5 that the case number is one you have in this case going on now?

6 MR. BOYLE: Whatever you feel is appropriate is fine  
7 by me, sir. I just feel like that is --

8 THE COURT: Let me tell you, I got a lot of feelings  
9 about what is and what's not appropriate, but that's not  
10 relevant. It just seems to me that that would be the way to do  
11 it since it's got a new case number when it came up. You  
12 didn't actually stay -- you didn't actually have a case that  
13 you brought and you were found in contempt in a case that was  
14 proceeding for the Court. I -- quite frankly, I'm not sure how  
15 to handle that if you want to.

16 MR. BOYLE: Well, right. I mean, I was held in  
17 detention for 40 days with no case number or no publicly listed  
18 crime. I think that, you know, there's reason to investigate.  
19 That's my understanding is that that's not appropriate to hold  
20 someone for 40 days with no case number or no crime listed.

21 THE COURT: You know what, I can't answer that or not  
22 quite frankly but --

23 MR. LOGAN: Your Honor, can I hopefully provide some  
24 clarity here. This is the motion that I was referring to and I  
25 had sent a memorandum to the Court with the --- with some

1 | attachments

2 |           MR. BOYLE: And have I received these?

3 |           MR. LOGAN: Yes sir, I have served you with  
4 | everything I have filed. It has both case numbers on it. My  
5 | memorandum does because his cover sheet when he filed his first  
6 | notice of appeal contained both numbers. So, I have carried  
7 | that forward in my motion to dismiss his appeal. He has a copy  
8 | -- has had it for weeks.

9 |           I had Legal Eagle transcribe the hearing. His copy or  
10 | whoever produced his transcript starts about halfway, Legal  
11 | Eagle starts from the beginning. There is a certification  
12 | attached to the Legal Eagle just like there always is, that it  
13 | is as accurate transcript of the hearing. He has that as well  
14 | as what the condensed version which he has and I have. There  
15 | basically -- the only difference is Legal Eagle starts from the  
16 | beginning of the hearing.

17 |           THE COURT: Let me stop you right there. Any -- do  
18 | you have any argument that the transcript that has been  
19 | provided by Legal Eagle is somehow not accurate or doesn't  
20 | accurately reflect what happened in the hearing?

21 |           MR. BOYLE: Yes sir. Only in a couple places.  
22 | There's a whole dialogue between Judge Singleton and Jessica  
23 | Lowman in the transcript, but I don't believe that's actually  
24 | Jessica Lowman in the transcript. I believe that that's a  
25 | different clerk. And I think that --

1           THE COURT: That well may be but that's what we've  
2 always done is had somebody certify this is a legitimate  
3 transcript. That's what they did in this case, Legal Eagles.  
4 They don't have anybody to reward or punish in this case, they  
5 just were doing what the transcript says. I'm glad to put a  
6 new number on it for you but other than that I'm going to leave  
7 the transcript just as it was done by Legal Eagle. Okay. Sir?

8           MR. LOGAN: Does the Court have a copy of my  
9 memorandum that I filed on this case, which is my motion --  
10 actually my motion to dismiss his appeal.

11          THE COURT: Okay.

12          MR. LOGAN: So, I'll be glad to have -- I thought we  
13 served it on him. I'll give him another copy, but I'll be glad  
14 to hand this up but it does have a stamp that it was filed.

15          THE COURT: Okay. I don't doubt it, I never did.

16          MR. LOGAN: Okay. But I -- if it is a little  
17 technical but I can explain, but I do ask the Court to study a  
18 little bit because it is significant --

19          THE COURT: Asking me to study a bit, are you trying  
20 to say that I don't study --

21          MR. LOGAN: I'm sorry, Your Honor. I know you study  
22 everything. So, I just ask that -- I'll withdraw my statement,  
23 I should not have said it and I'm sorry.

24          THE COURT: I'm sorry, go ahead.

25          MR. LOGAN: Thank you. All right. This is what he -

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2 MR. BOYLE: Is this the motion to dismiss we're  
3 hearing now?

4 MR. LOGAN: Motion to dismiss, Your Honor.

5 MR. BOYLE: That was not on the docket, sir. I'm not  
6 prepared for that at all.

7 MR. LOGAN: It says motion/appeal on the docket.

8 THE COURT: And his motion is -- the response is the  
9 motion to dismiss your appeal and that is a response.

10 MR. BOYLE: The response -- again, I'm pro se I don't  
11 really -- I try my best. I work a full-time job and I have a  
12 kid and I have a life. I try my best.

13 THE COURT: Please --

14 MR. LOGAN: Your Honor, he can't come into court and  
15 keep saying because --

16 THE COURT: Stop, I know that. Let's do this. Do  
17 your appeal, do your motion to dismiss, argue your motion for  
18 your appeal. Stand up while you're doing it, please.

19 MR. BOYLE: All right. Yes, sir. Again, I would  
20 like to state that this seems very premature because the Rule  
21 62-1-308 sets forth the schedule, which we have not adhered to.  
22 In this case, a lot of things happened that -- for example, I  
23 had an attorney approved by the Public Defender's Office. I  
24 gave Judge Singleton prior to the hearing my approved public  
25 defender. And he said it wasn't approved for some reason and

1 | then he called the public defender down to the courtroom. At  
2 | the time of the court hearing, the public defender said that I  
3 | was not permitted to have a public defender because of the case  
4 | number, basically that said that it was a civil case because I  
5 | was being held in contempt of the Doyle Pierce estate case,  
6 | when in fact I was being held in contempt of a Supreme Court  
7 | administrative order.

8 |           And if I had been held in contempt of the Supreme  
9 | Court Administrative order under a new case number, then I  
10 | would've been permitted a public defender. But either way, at  
11 | the day of the hearing, I was given no notice. I requested a  
12 | continuance for a public defender and that was denied. I  
13 | submitted a full motion to dismiss, which pointed out the  
14 | glaring contradiction of Judge Singleton asking -- acting as  
15 | the victim, the moving party, the primary witness, the  
16 | investigator, the judge, and who knows what else.

17 |           The -- and so this motion to dismiss was -- I don't even  
18 | think he had time to read it, but it -- he dismissed it at the  
19 | start of the hearing. But that dismissal was never put on the  
20 | public record. There's no public record of my motion to  
21 | dismiss being dismissed. So, I think that that is a  
22 | significant thing that we need to look into.

23 |           And then that during the hearing, Judge Singleton  
24 | acted as the prosecutor calling witnesses and the witnesses he  
25 | called were largely his subordinates. He called his clerks and

1 he called -- I think he just called his two clerks. And he  
2 even collected affidavits from his clerks. He's being the  
3 investigator and he's going -- you know, he's a witness and  
4 he's gathering information.

5 He wasn't even present for what he's calling the direct  
6 criminal contempt. He got it through hearsay from other people  
7 and so it doesn't really feel like direct criminal contempt to  
8 me. And again, there was a litany of other things. For some  
9 reason I had believed that once we recognized that we had not  
10 adhered to the schedule of 62-1-308, that we would all agree to  
11 talk about this on a later date.

12 THE COURT: Well, let me point out something for you  
13 right quick.

14 MR. BOYLE: Yes.

15 THE COURT: That's a probate court schedule, you just  
16 asked the probate court not be part of this case. It's not a  
17 part of this case. As you rightly pointed out, this is not a  
18 probate case. So, it's not relevant to your appeal at all.

19 MR. BOYLE: Interesting.

20 THE COURT: Okay. It's not.

21 MR. BOYLE: Well, I don't -- again, I'm not a lawyer,  
22 sir.

23 THE COURT: I know. And that doesn't work for you  
24 anymore because you are a pro se litigant. I -- you know, I've  
25 urged you to go talk to counsel. I really think you should but

1 go ahead if you would.

2 MR. BOYLE: Let's see. The -- you know, and I think  
3 that there was a reason to think that Judge Singleton had held  
4 a lot of animosity against me for a long time. On October  
5 24th, 2023, I was in the probate lobby with my son. And as I  
6 was waiting for papers to be delivered to me assistant Judge  
7 Green was in the lobby.

8 And Judge Green was talking with an older man. And it  
9 sounded to me like she was giving the option of he could either  
10 sign these documents or get an attorney. I jumped in and kind  
11 of interrupted maybe a little bit, but I said that you could  
12 also act pro se of informing the man of his rights. This is  
13 all actually really clearly detailed in the transcript of the  
14 June 17th hearing. And so, Judge Green then apparently told  
15 Singleton something. She apparent -- she says in the  
16 transcript, she didn't tell him I broke the law, but Judge  
17 Singleton somehow interpreted this into me breaking the law as  
18 the giving legal advice illegally, when in fact all I did was  
19 inform the man of his rights.

20 Judge Singleton then sent an email to all the parties  
21 of the Doyle Pierce's estate case that didn't include me and  
22 said that I was breaking the law in the court lobby and was  
23 never again allowed in the Court lobby. So, he made an order  
24 over an email against me that I was never served. Of course, I  
25 did return to the lobby many times because I have to file

1 paperwork on behalf of my wife. She can't always make it. And  
2 so, I feel like he's been holding a grudge from then ever  
3 since. When I went into the probate court lobby itself on the  
4 day, luckily, I filmed myself entering the room. The Supreme  
5 Court order that I am accused of violating, it says very  
6 clearly that it shall be posted on the Court door and as, you  
7 know, sir, shall as a mandatory directive.

8           And so, Judge Singleton's office violated that order  
9 by not posting it correctly on the door. During my time of  
10 filming the entire time, I was obviously unaware of the order.  
11 I'd never been notified of the order in any way. And I was  
12 filming to protect myself because there had been  
13 inconsistencies at the window and accusations made at the  
14 window related to the clerks and Judge Singleton.

15           I felt the need to protect myself with a recording. And  
16 it really helped because in this hearing, one of them says I  
17 was intimidating and one of the clerks said I was very loud.  
18 But luckily, we have it all recorded and we can watch it and  
19 see that I was not either of those things. And so, the order  
20 was never posted, I filmed the entire duration. I was never  
21 informed of the order; I was never asked to stop filming.

22           No one asked me to stop filming from the time I  
23 started filming till the time I left. No one informed me it  
24 was against the order. So, I did not willingly violate any  
25 order on that day. So, there is a ton of reasons why I feel

1 that this appeal is very valid. That's probably the most  
2 blatant one is that and then there's these two incidences of  
3 May 29th and May 24th. There was never a hearing on May 29th.  
4 I was sentenced to direct criminal contempt in the lobby for  
5 filming in the lobby, I was never accused of violating the  
6 order on May 29th. So, I assume the sentence is for the  
7 potential violation of May 24th.

8 In this transcript, there's a really troubling part,  
9 sir. So, I was sentenced on May 29th to 10 days in jail. That  
10 order includes the events of May 24th and May, 2019. Both  
11 incidents that I was filming in the court lobby. The first  
12 incident I was filming at the clerk's window, unaware of the  
13 order. And then in the second sentencing of June 5th, which  
14 turned out to be a mistrial because my lawyer ended up being a  
15 fake lawyer, I was sentenced to 60 days. Again, that trial  
16 only heard the events of May 24th.

17 THE COURT: Say that again?

18 MR. BOYLE: The events of the second trial on June  
19 5th only included the events of May 24th. The day where I was  
20 obviously unaware of any order, I had no idea that any order  
21 existed that I supposedly violated. And then that was a  
22 mistrial, in which case I was released and I was brought back  
23 on June 17th. On the June 17th hearing, I asked three times in  
24 this transcript, are we only hearing May 24th? He said yes, all  
25 three times. Both the clerks testified to having no knowledge

1 of me being aware of the Supreme Court Administrative Order.  
2 Judge Green testified to me having no way of knowing that I'm  
3 aware to the Supreme Court. Judge Singleton being the primary  
4 witness, refused to be cross-examined. So, I don't know what  
5 his position is, but I did actually ask to cross-examine Judge  
6 Singleton as the primary witness and he denied my petition to  
7 cross-examine him. So, I don't think there's any evidence --

8 THE COURT: Let me ask you this?

9 MR. BOYLE: Yes, sir.

10 THE COURT: When you appeal or finding of contempt is  
11 what you're doing?

12 MR. BOYLE: Yes, sir.

13 THE COURT: What is the scope of review for me to  
14 look at that to give you any relief?

15 MR. BOYLE: I guess, I don't really understand the  
16 legal language but I think that the --

17 THE COURT: In other words, what do I have to find in  
18 order to say, okay, yeah, you are entitled to some relief here.

19 MR. BOYLE: I would think that you'd have to find  
20 that I was never notified of the order itself that I didn't  
21 willingly violate it. Because the transcript clearly shows  
22 there's no evidence that I willingly violated that order at any  
23 level, at any time. And then I want to go back to that  
24 sentencing thing, if you don't mind for a second. So, I was  
25 sentenced to 10 days and then later in 60 days. And if you get

1 to the end of this, it's very troubling. When he gives the  
2 sentence of 50 days on the last one, he's really talking like  
3 he gave me 10 days and then he gave me 60 days as if he feels  
4 that was one sentence. Like he took the 10-day sentence and  
5 extended the 10-day sentence up to 60 days. But that's  
6 actually not what I believe the record shows. I believe the  
7 record shows that I was sentenced to 10 days and then I was  
8 sentenced completely separately to 60 days for the exact same  
9 crime, which would've been a double jeopardy because I think  
10 we're only just -- there's no trial ever held or no accusation  
11 ever held that I violated the order on May 29th.

12           So, we're talking only about May 24th now was  
13 sentenced twice. And in this case, he sentenced me to 50 days  
14 saying I already served 10 days of the 60-day sentence. That  
15 he -- I mean this convolution of what is one crime and what is  
16 double jeopardy, I think is also a major, major problem. And  
17 even if we want to say that the May 29th order for some reason  
18 stands because who knows how that could be justified, but the  
19 May -- the June 17th order, there's no way it stands, it's  
20 double jeopardy. He already sentenced me for that crime on May  
21 29th.

22           THE COURT: Anything further?

23           MR. BOYLE: I'm sure there is more at the top of my  
24 head right now.

25           THE COURT: I'll give you a chance to respond.

1 MR. LOGAN: Okay.

2 THE COURT: All right.

3 MR. LOGAN: I'm a little confused now. Did he file a  
4 notice of appeal? I haven't been served with it.

5 THE COURT: Did you not serve him a notice of appeal?

6 MR. BOYLE: I put things in the mail several times.

7 THE COURT: That doesn't answer my question. Guys,  
8 let me ask you this. Either we're going to have a hearing  
9 today or I'm going to continue it and let y'all come back at  
10 another day.

11 MR. LOGAN: Well, I can't respond completely to what  
12 he has argued.

13 THE COURT: We're going to continue everything.  
14 Okay. Give him a copy of your notice of appeal. You give him  
15 a copy or y'all do whatever you do to get the transcript done.

16 MR. LOGAN: Sure, he got a copy of my notice.

17 THE COURT: Okay.

18 MR. LOGAN: If I file them up.

19 THE COURT: All right. And so, before you leave get  
20 with Amanda. It doesn't have to be me to hear the case. It  
21 can be any sort of court judge. However, I'm more than happy  
22 to hear the case, it doesn't matter. Then we'll reschedule it  
23 once everybody gets their paperwork ready to go, ready. It's  
24 fair for you, fair for you. This is not a probate court appeal.  
25 I would -- those things that you're talking about don't have

1 any --

2 MR. BOYLE: Well, just have the probate -- the  
3 summons was given with the probate case number. So, I kind of  
4 fell under the rule.

5 THE COURT: I don't -- you know, I don't blame you  
6 for thinking that. I mean, quite frankly, I'm just you know --

7 MR. LOGAN: Your Honor, are you saying that Section  
8 621-308 dealing with appeals from the probate court is not  
9 applicable?

10 THE COURT: I don't think it is. That's where  
11 probate -- he's finding him in contempt for doing -- for what  
12 I've gathered -- for using his direct contempt -- inherent  
13 direct contempt powers or inherent powers for direct contempt  
14 in the -- around or near the Court's presence. That doesn't  
15 have anything to do with the probate court. It might have been  
16 put under that number but it has to do with conduct outside of  
17 the Court case.

18 MR. LOGAN: Can I make a comment?

19 THE COURT: You certainly may.

20 MR. LOGAN: It says in Section A, the notice of  
21 intention to appeal to the circuit court must be filed in the  
22 office of the circuit court, et cetera.

23 THE COURT: I know that.

24 MR. LOGAN: And one of my arguments is that he did  
25 not make the filings on time under this court. And it deals

1 | with what comes from the circuit court. I mean from the  
2 | probate court to the circuit court and the timeliness of that.  
3 | So --

4 |           THE COURT: Well, here's the thing. You know, you  
5 | have two types of -- you have direct contempt, you have  
6 | constructive contempt, you have criminal contempt, and you have  
7 | civil. I mean civil contempt and they're all different things  
8 | and standards are different. You know, I have to find the  
9 | civil contempt by clear and convincing evidence, criminal by  
10 | proof beyond a reasonable doubt.

11 |           And the punishment kind of dictates which it is and civil  
12 | contempt, as you know better than I do is you get the keys to  
13 | the jailhouse and if you do something to comply then you get  
14 | out. Of criminal contempt you can't get out. You have to do  
15 | what they do. So, it seems to me this case is a case of  
16 | criminal contempt because it was an order that you're going to  
17 | do 60 days and there's no way to him not to do that.

18 |           So, I think that is criminal contempt. But it is for  
19 | conduct outside the scope of this case, it's for conduct that  
20 | occurred in the lobby of this case is my understanding. And an  
21 | alleged violation of an order from the Court administration  
22 | saying you can't film or whatever the order said. That's my  
23 | understanding. So, therefore why it might have taken place at  
24 | the probate court location, it's not a probate court matter.  
25 | That's my interpretation of it.

1 MR. LOGAN: Well, I'll reserve my right.

2 THE COURT: Yeah. And if you can prove me wrong, I -  
3 - you know, I get proven wrong about every other day and I  
4 don't -- I'm not so thick that it bothers me, I'm glad to be  
5 corrected. I just think that if he were sitting out here doing  
6 something out that I thought he was guilty or you of direct  
7 criminal intent and I said, "Hey, you're -- you've got --  
8 you're under contempt of court.

9 You under the inherent authority that I have to control of  
10 the court proceedings, you have directly violated that and so  
11 I'm sentencing you 30 days. That is a criminal contempt and --  
12 but it has nothing to do with the fact that I'm trying a civil  
13 case or a criminal case at the time.

14 MR. LOGAN: Well, I'm sure I may have some additional  
15 arguments but it just seems that if you are appealing something  
16 that happened from the probate court that the time to do that,  
17 not anything else but the time to do that would be governed by  
18 these rules. Now that I -- that I've attached to my --

19 THE COURT: Well, let me ask you this. What is the  
20 time to appeal a criminal order?

21 MR. LOGAN: I -- I've got to go back and look at  
22 this.

23 THE COURT: It's 10 days.

24 MR. LOGAN: Okay.

25 THE COURT: Same timeframe.

1           MR. LOGAN: Okay. And also, to what about filing the  
2 -- because this rule talks about filing a -- must be filed a  
3 written notice. Excuse me, within 45 days after receipt of the  
4 notice of the order so and so forth, the appellate must file  
5 with the clerk of the circuit court a statement of issues on  
6 appeal. And it's my -- the crux of my motion is that he did  
7 not file that notice within that 45-day time period.

8           THE COURT: My law clerk just said that the notice of  
9 appeal was filed on 6-14-24 with the Court and the amended  
10 appeal served on Singleton 6-26-24. That's what she just told  
11 me based on the record.

12           MR. LOGAN: Well, I just -- I would like for her to  
13 read my memo and since y'all didn't have it you apparently  
14 haven't done that as how I distinguish that. He's got two  
15 notices of appeal here. The first one he filed within 10 days;  
16 the problem is he didn't file within 45 days that started  
17 running from the filing date of that notice -- first notice of  
18 appeal. And if that goes away because that's dismissed then  
19 there is no double jeopardy and that throws out his second  
20 appeal. That's where I'm coming from.

21           THE COURT: I got you.

22           MR. LOGAN: Okay.

23           THE COURT: And we're not arguing it today, I'm going  
24 to let you have a chance. My view and subject to either one of  
25 you proving me wrong. You still -- I can't tell you what to

1 do. You have a right to represent yourself, I would urge you  
2 to talk to a lawyer at a minimum.

3 MR. BOYLE: I'm broke, sir.

4 THE COURT: Huh?

5 MR. BOYLE: I'm broke, I'm financially broke.

6 THE COURT: Well, that's up to you. But either my  
7 judgment is that this is not a probate matter in the classical  
8 sense that I'm working within the state or some other issue  
9 that's contained in the probate court. This is a matter that  
10 occurred in the perimeters of the probate court that violated  
11 administrative order from South Carolina Supreme Court. And it  
12 does not involve only the probate court it just involves the  
13 inherent authority of the Court.

14 MR. LOGAN: And I'm not -- the 10-day time period is  
15 the same. Well, I've got to go back now based upon what you've  
16 said is, is there a time period for filing the transcript just  
17 like there is here and I don't know what that time period is or  
18 I don't know if it's the same as what's in here.

19 THE COURT: I -- you know what? The only thing I can  
20 tell both of you is when I was looking and getting ready for  
21 this hearing, said that probate court specialized appellate  
22 rules. You don't follow the general rules that you have for  
23 the other appellate rules is 241 or whatever it is. Anyway, I  
24 don't know but don't go until you -- we have a hearing  
25 scheduled. Okay? It -- and again, I don't -- you're not going

1 | to break my heart if you don't want me to hear it. It's not  
2 | going to break my heart if you want me to hear it, whatever  
3 | y'all schedule, is what we'll do I don't care. Okay?

4 |           MR. LOGAN: So, that applies to all -- to the other  
5 | two or three motions?

6 |           THE COURT: Yeah. We all continue everything until  
7 | we do that.

8 |           MR. BOYLE: Can I respond to what this gentleman  
9 | said?

10 |           THE COURT: Well, there is no need. I'm not making  
11 | an order today and it's not going to help you or hurt you one  
12 | way or the other.

13 |           MR. BOYLE: Thank you, sir. I really appreciate  
14 | that.

15 |           THE COURT: All right. But the other order, remember  
16 | what I told you. I would urge you to consider that one,  
17 | beginning at the hearing on the rule to show cause. Okay?

18 |           MR. BOYLE: Yes, sir.

19 |           THE COURT: All right. Guys thank you. If I'm going  
20 | to hear your case I'll see you later. If not good luck to you.  
21 | All right.

22 |           MR. BOYLE: Thank you, sir.

23 |           THE COURT: All right.

24 |   [END OF HEARING]

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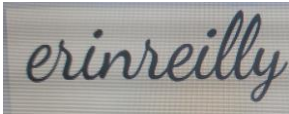
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DANNY SINGLETON, )  
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1 MR. BOYLE: All right. Just give me half a second, sir  
2 -- sorry, your Honor. So this appeal is based on errors in  
3 law during the criminal trial of my contempt hearing. 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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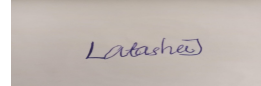
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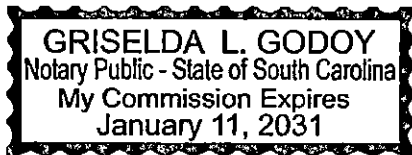
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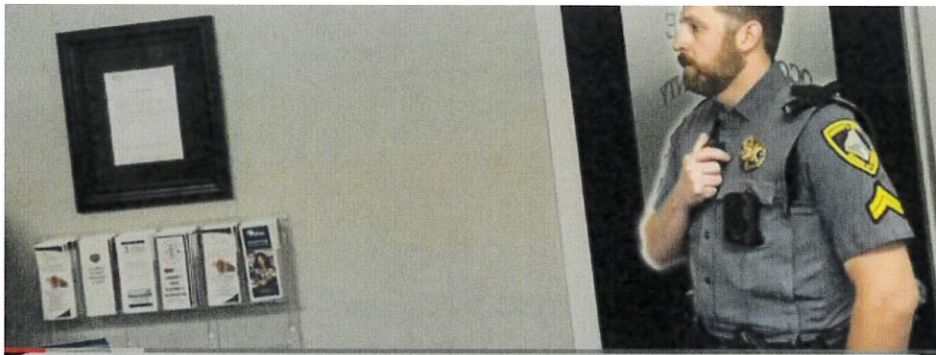
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IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURTS OF APPEALS  
APPEAL FROM THE OCONEE COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
Order of Honorable Judge Lawton McIntosh

**APPELLATE CASE NO: 2024-001241**

JASON MICHAEL BOYLE----- Appellant,

V.

DANNY SINGLETON, “et al” -----Respondents

**AMENDED NOTICE OF APPEAL**

The Appellant, Dr. Jason Michael Boyle, hereby files this Amended Notice of Appeal to include the Order of Contempt issued by the Honorable Judge Lawton McIntosh on September 16, 2024, in addition to the initial Order of Release dated July 17, 2024, which was already appealed on July 25, 2024. Both orders are being challenged on multiple grounds, including jurisdictional errors and violations of the Appellant’s substantial constitutional rights.

**BACKGROUND**

1. **Original Appeal Filed:** On July 25, 2024, the Appellant filed a notice of appeal to challenge the Order of Release issued by Judge McIntosh on July 17, 2024. This order imposed restrictive conditions, including a gag order, which the Appellant asserts infringes upon his First Amendment rights and other substantial liberties.
2. **Additional Contempt Order Issued on September 16, 2024:** While the appeal of the Order of Release was pending, Judge McIntosh issued an Order of Contempt on September 16, 2024, finding the Appellant in contempt for allegedly violating the gag order by posting a video on July 19, 2024, and publishing an article on September 8, 2024. The Appellant contends that this contempt order is based on factually incorrect

evidence, as no such video was posted on July 19, 2024, on the Appellant's YouTube channel.

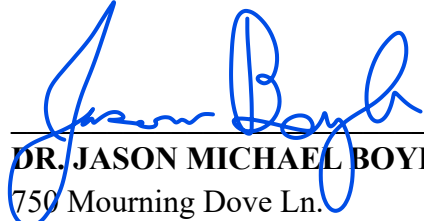
3. **Jurisdictional Errors:** The Order of Contempt was issued while the Order of Release was under appeal, which, pursuant to South Carolina law, stayed the enforcement of the gag order. Accordingly, the lower court was divested of jurisdiction over the matter, and any enforcement actions, including the contempt finding, were outside the court's jurisdiction. The Order of Contempt was issued without proper authority, further exacerbating the violation of the Appellant's constitutional rights.
4. **Improper Ex Parte Communication:** The Appellant further contends that Judge Danny Singleton's attorney engaged in improper ex parte communication with Judge McIntosh, which resulted in the wrongful issuance of a Rule to Show Cause without proper notice or due process. This improper communication and the resulting order violated the Appellant's rights and contributed to the finding of contempt.

The Appellant now amends his notice of appeal to include the Order of Contempt issued on September 16, 2024, in addition to the already-appealed Order of Release issued on July 17, 2024. Both orders must be reviewed together, as they directly relate to each other and present overlapping legal issues regarding the lower court's jurisdiction and the Appellant's constitutional rights.

### **RELIEF SOUGHT**

The Appellant respectfully requests that this Court:

1. **Review Both Orders:** Review both the Order of Release dated July 17, 2024, and the Order of Contempt dated September 16, 2024, together in the context of this appeal.
2. **Vacate Both Orders:** Vacate the Order of Release and the Order of Contempt on the grounds that they were improperly issued, are based on incorrect evidence, and violate the Appellant's substantial rights, including his First Amendment rights.
3. **Provide Further Relief:** Grant any other relief that the Court deems just and proper under the circumstances.



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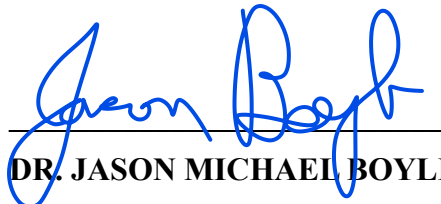
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Dear South Carolina Court of appeals,

I was held in contempt of court on September 16 by judge McIntosh of the 10th circuit court for violation of an order that is pending in appeals. I am pro se. The order is stayed, until the Appeals Court makes the decision. If the order is stayed, that maintains the status quo, and that means the gag order is not enforceable at this time.

If the appeals court could clarify this, I would greatly appreciate it.

Best regards,  
Jason Boyle

**EXHIBIT A**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

ANDERSON/GREENWOOD DIVISION

Dorothy Pierce,	)	C/A No. 8:23-cv-05609-TMC-KFM
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	<b><u>REPORT OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE</u></b>
	)	
vs.	)	
	)	
Danny Singleton,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
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The plaintiff, proceeding *pro se* and *in forma pauperis*, brings this action seeking damages and injunctive relief from the defendant. Pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(b), and Local Civil Rule 73.02(B)(2) (D.S.C.), this magistrate judge is authorized to review all pretrial matters in this case and submit findings and recommendations to the district court.

The plaintiff’s complaint was entered on the docket on November 3, 2023 (doc. 1). By order filed November 21, 2023, the plaintiff was given a specific time frame in which to bring her case into proper form for judicial screening (doc. 6). The plaintiff complied with the court’s order, bringing her case into proper form. On December 4, 2023, the plaintiff’s amended complaint was entered on the docket (doc. 9). Nevertheless, upon review of the amended complaint, the instant matter is subject to summary dismissal.

**ALLEGATIONS**

The plaintiff’s claims appear to involve her dissatisfaction with proceedings in the Oconee County Probate Court for the estate of Doyle Pierce at Case Number 2020ES3700532 (“the Estate Proceeding”), over which the defendant is the current presiding judge (see docs. 9; 9-1).

The plaintiff alleges that the defendant, Judge Singleton, entered multiple orders in the Estate Proceeding even though the plaintiff has a pending appeal of one of his prior orders in the South Carolina Court of Appeals (doc. 9-1 at 1–2). The plaintiff also contends that the beneficiaries in the Estate Proceeding entered a bad faith settlement agreement to prevent the plaintiff from appealing orders entered by Judge Singleton in the Estate Proceeding (*id.* at 2). Judge Singleton is also allegedly biased because he grew up with the other beneficiaries in the Estate Proceeding (*id.*). The plaintiff contends that she was removed as personal representative in the Estate Proceedings by a prior probate judge and that the order was procured by fraud and the plaintiff’s motion for a new trial was wrongfully denied (*id.* at 3–4). The plaintiff filed an appeal, which remains pending at this time in the South Carolina Court of Appeals (*id.* at 4). A special administrator to the estate was then appointed despite a finding that the plaintiff did nothing wrong as personal representative (*id.*). The special administrator later resigned due to difficulties with the Estate Proceeding, and the plaintiff contends that Judge Singleton then pressured all of the beneficiaries to settle the estate despite the plaintiff’s pending appeals (*id.* at 4–6). The plaintiff contends that Judge Singleton made it clear during settlement discussions that he was aware of aspects of the plaintiff’s personal life that he could only have obtained through *ex parte* communications with the other beneficiaries (*id.* at 6–8). The plaintiff contends that counsel for another beneficiary then sent in a proposed order for the settlement agreement that was reached, and Judge Singleton entered the order even though the plaintiff objected to several portions and the order violated Rule 43 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure (*id.* at 8–12). The plaintiff appealed the order, and despite the appeal, Judge Singleton entered an amended order removing one of the clauses (*id.* at 12). The settlement orders reappointed the plaintiff as personal representative in the Estate Proceedings even though the plaintiff had previously appealed the order removing her as personal representative (*id.* at 13). The orders also required the plaintiff to withdraw her

appeals, but the plaintiff contends that she has the right to appeal (*id.* at 13–14). After the plaintiff amended her appeal of Judge Singleton’s order, Judge Singleton threatened to remove the plaintiff as personal representative and later told a member of the plaintiff’s family that they were practicing law without a license (*id.* at 14–15). Judge Singleton cursed at the plaintiff and the beneficiaries during a hearing to remove the plaintiff as personal representative in November 2023 and ordered the plaintiff to pay sanctions for being in contempt of court because she would not withdraw her appeals and demanded that he follow the law (*id.* at 15–17). The plaintiff contends that several orders were issued despite her pending appeals, which should have stayed the Estate Proceeding (*id.* at 18–20).

The plaintiff’s first, fourth, fifth, and sixth causes of action are violations of her rights under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 (*id.* at 20–21, 22–25). The plaintiff’s second cause of action is conspiracy to violate her rights under 42 U.S.C. § 1985(3) (*id.* at 21). The plaintiff’s third cause of action is deprivation of rights under 18 U.S.C. § 242 (*id.* at 22). The plaintiff contends that Judge Singleton has caused her irreparable harm and damage to her reputation (*id.* at 25–27). For relief, the plaintiff seeks a stay preventing Judge Singleton from issuing any orders in the Estate Proceeding, recusal of Judge Singleton in the Estate Proceeding, review of any orders entered by Judge Singleton in the Estate Proceeding, and money damages (docs. 9 at 5; 9-1 at 27–28).

### **STANDARD OF REVIEW**

As a *pro se* litigant, the plaintiff’s pleadings are accorded liberal construction and held to a less stringent standard than formal pleadings drafted by attorneys. See *Erickson v. Pardus*, 551 U.S. 89 (2007) (*per curiam*). The requirement of liberal construction does not mean that the Court can ignore a clear failure in the pleading to allege facts which set forth a claim cognizable in a federal district court. See *Weller v. Dep’t of Soc. Servs.*, 901 F.2d 387, 391 (4th Cir. 1990).

“The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure recognize that courts must have the authority to control litigation before them.” *Ballard v. Carlson*, 882 F.2d 93, 95 (4th Cir. 1989) (citing Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b)). Federal courts are courts of limited jurisdiction, “constrained to exercise only the authority conferred by Article III of the Constitution and affirmatively granted by federal statute.” *In re Bulldog Trucking, Inc.*, 147 F.3d 347, 352 (4th Cir. 1998). Since federal courts have limited subject matter jurisdiction, there is no presumption that the court has jurisdiction. *Pinkley, Inc. v. City of Frederick*, 191 F.3d 394, 399 (4th Cir. 1999) (citing *Lehigh Mining & Mfg. Co. v. Kelly*, 160 U.S. 337 (1895)). Accordingly, a federal court is required, *sua sponte*, to determine if a valid basis for its jurisdiction exists, “and to dismiss the action if no such ground appears.” *Bulldog Trucking*, 147 F.3d at 352; *see also* Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(h)(3) (“If the court determines at any time that it lacks subject-matter jurisdiction, the court must dismiss the action.”).

### **DISCUSSION**

As noted above, the plaintiff filed the instant action seeking damages and injunctive relief from the defendant. For the reasons that follow, this action is subject to summary dismissal.

#### ***Younger Abstention***

In *Younger v. Harris*, 401 U.S. 37 (1971), the Supreme Court held that a federal court should not interfere with state criminal proceedings “except in the most narrow and extraordinary of circumstances.” *Gilliam v. Foster*, 75 F.3d 881, 903 (4th Cir. 1996). *Younger* abstention may apply in noncriminal proceedings when three elements are met: (1) ongoing state judicial proceedings; (2) the proceedings implicate important state interests; and (3) there is an adequate opportunity to raise federal claims in the state proceedings.” *Brown-Thomas v. Hynie*, 441 F. Supp. 3d 180, 219 (D.S.C. 2019) (citing *Martin Marietta Corp. v. Md. Comm’n on Hum. Rels.*, 28 F.3d 1392, 1398 (4th Cir. 1994)). Here, the plaintiff’s amended complaint, as noted above, arises out of her dissatisfaction

with matters in the Estate Proceeding, with the plaintiff seeking an order from this court preventing actions in the Estate Proceeding (which remains pending at this time) (see docs. 9 at 5; 9-1 at 27–28). As such, the first criterion is met as the Estate Proceeding remains pending at this time. With respect to the second criterion, probate and estate administration proceedings implicate important state interests; thus, the second criterion is met. See *Harper v. Pub. Serv. Comm’n of W. Va.*, 396 F.3d 348, 352–53 (4th Cir. 2005); *Eveland v. Maryland*, C/A No. 1:16-cv-00762-CCB, 2016 WL 6780207, at \*2 (D. Md. Nov. 16, 2016), *aff’d*, 691 F. App’x 111 (4th Cir. 2017) (noting that “[r]esolution of state probate matters is a vital state interest”). Third, the plaintiff has the ability to raise her objections to orders entered in the Estate Proceedings in her pending appeals in the state courts (including the Oconee County Court of Common Pleas and the South Carolina Court of Appeals). Further, the plaintiff has failed to alleged “extraordinary circumstances” justifying federal interference with the state proceedings. See *Robinson v. Thomas*, 855 F.3d 278, 286 (4th Cir. 2017) (“A federal court may disregard *Younger’s* mandate to abstain from interfering with ongoing state proceedings only where ‘extraordinary circumstances’ exist that present the possibility of irreparable harm.”). As such, *Younger* abstention applies, and this action should be dismissed.

### **Failure to State a Claim**

In addition to *Younger* abstention, this action is also subject to dismissal for failure to state a claim.

#### **A. 18 U.S.C. § 242 Claim**

To the extent the plaintiff purports to bring claims pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 242, her claim is subject to summary dismissal. This is a federal criminal statute that does not create a private right of action. See *Pinckney v. U.S. Government*, C/A No. 2:19-cv-00939-BHH-BM, 2019 WL 4171117, at \*2 (D.S.C. June 20, 2019), *Report and Recommendation adopted by* 2019 WL 4168753 (D.S.C. Sept. 3, 2019). The plaintiff, as a private citizen,

may not enforce federal criminal law. See *Linda R.S. v. Richard D.*, 410 U.S. 614, 619 (1973). As such, the plaintiff's claim brought pursuant to this statute is subject to summary dismissal.

### **B. Section 1983 Claims**

The plaintiff's § 1983 claims are likewise subject to summary dismissal. Section 1983 "is not itself a source of substantive rights,' but merely provides 'a method for vindicating federal rights elsewhere conferred.'" *Albright v. Oliver*, 510 U.S. 266, 271 (1994) (quoting *Baker v. McCollan*, 443 U.S. 137, 144 n. 3 (1979)). A civil action under § 1983 "creates a private right of action to vindicate violations of 'rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and laws' of the United States." *Rehberg v. Paulk*, 566 U.S. 356, 361 (2012). To state a claim under § 1983, a plaintiff must allege two essential elements: (1) that a right secured by the Constitution or laws of the United States was violated, and (2) that the alleged violation was committed by a person acting under the color of state law. *West v. Atkins*, 487 U.S. 42, 48 (1988).

Here, the plaintiff's § 1983 claims fail because Judge Singleton has judicial immunity. As noted, the plaintiff alleges that Judge Singleton – the current probate judge presiding over the Estate Proceeding – has violated her rights by ruling against her in the Estate Proceeding and removing her as personal representative in the Estate Proceeding (docs. 9; 9-1). It is well-settled that judges have absolute immunity from a claim for damages arising out of their judicial actions unless they acted in the complete absence of all jurisdiction. See *Mireles v. Waco*, 502 U.S. 9, 11–12 (1991); *Stump v. Sparkman*, 435 U.S. 349, 356–64 (1978); *Chu v. Griffith*, 771 F.2d 79, 81 (4th Cir. 1985) (explaining that if a challenged judicial act was unauthorized by law, the judge still has immunity from a suit seeking damages). Whether an act is judicial or non-judicial relates to the nature of the act, such as whether it is a function normally performed by a judge and whether the parties dealt with the judge in his judicial capacity. *Mireles*, 502 U.S. at 12. Immunity applies even when

the judge's acts were in error, malicious, or in excess of their authority. *Id.* at 12–13. Absolute immunity is “an immunity from suit rather than a mere defense to liability.” *Mitchell v. Forsyth*, 472 U.S. 511, 526 (1985) (emphasis omitted). The plaintiff's allegations in this action all involve Judge Singleton acting as the presiding judge in the Estate Proceeding, including making determinations regarding who should serve as personal representative, engaging in discussions with all parties regarding resolution of the Estate Proceeding, and entering orders in the Estate Proceeding (see docs. 9; 9-1). Thus, the plaintiff's bare assertions of bias and retaliation are insufficient to overcome the judicial immunity afforded to Judge Singleton and do not involve him stepping out of his judicial role. See *Gibson v. Goldston*, 85 F.4th 218, 223–26 (4th Cir. 2023) (noting that judicial immunity did not apply where a family court judge engaged in a law enforcement capacity in engaging in a search of a litigant's home as part of property division proceedings in a divorce). As such, judicial immunity squarely applies and the plaintiff's § 1983 claims against Judge Singleton should be dismissed.

### C. Section 1985 Claim

The plaintiff's claim asserting a conspiracy under 42 U.S.C. § 1985 is also subject to summary dismissal. First, the Fourth Circuit has “specifically rejected section 1985 claims whenever the purported conspiracy is alleged in a merely conclusory manner,” absent concrete supporting facts. See *Simmons v. Poe*, 47 F.3d 1370, 1377 (4th Cir. 1995). Here, the plaintiff's amended complaint contains only vague and conclusory allegations of a conspiracy based on Judge Singleton knowing the other beneficiaries – not concrete facts (see doc. 9-1 at 2). Further, the plaintiff's amended complaint asserts a conspiracy under § 1985(3), which applies to conspiracies to engage in “class-based” discrimination to “deprive the plaintiff of the equal enjoyment of rights secured by the law.” *A Soc'y Without a Name v. Virginia*, 655 F.3d 342, 346 (4th Cir. 2011). The plaintiff, however, has not alleged membership to a class contemplated by the statute – indeed, her

conspiracy allegations appear to allege a personal animus by Judge Singleton, not a class based one. See *Batiste v. Fed. Bureau of Prisons*, C/A No. 5:13-cv-13565, 2013 WL 6589878, at \*3 (S.D. W. Va. Dec. 16, 2013) (noting that a plaintiff in a § 1985 action must allege that the conspiracy to discriminate is based upon race, gender, or national origin). As such, the plaintiff has failed to allege a claim under § 1985.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The undersigned is of the opinion that the plaintiff cannot cure the defects identified above by amending the amended complaint. Therefore, the undersigned recommends that the district court dismiss this action *with* prejudice, without leave to amend, and without issuance and service of process. See *Britt v. DeJoy*, 49 F.4th 790 (4th Cir. 2022) (published) (noting that “when a district court dismisses a complaint or all claims without providing leave to amend . . . the order dismissing the complaint is final and appealable”). **The attention of the parties is directed to the important notice on the last page.**

**IT IS SO RECOMMENDED.**

s/Kevin F. McDonald  
United States Magistrate Judge

December 20, 2023  
Greenville, South Carolina

### Notice of Right to File Objections to Report and Recommendation

The parties are advised that they may file specific written objections to this Report and Recommendation with the District Judge. Objections must specifically identify the portions of the Report and Recommendation to which objections are made and the basis for such objections. “[I]n the absence of a timely filed objection, a district court need not conduct a *de novo* review, but instead must only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation.” *Diamond v. Colonial Life & Acc. Ins. Co.*, 416 F.3d 310 (4th Cir. 2005) (quoting Fed. R. Civ. P. 72 advisory committees note).

Specific written objections must be filed within fourteen (14) days of the date of service of this Report and Recommendation. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b); see Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(a), (d). Filing by mail pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5 may be accomplished by mailing objections to:

Robin L. Blume, Clerk  
United States District Court  
250 East North Street, Room 2300  
Greenville, South Carolina 29601

**Failure to timely file specific written objections to this Report and Recommendation will result in waiver of the right to appeal from a judgment of the District Court based upon such Recommendation.** 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); *Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140 (1985); *Wright v. Collins*, 766 F.2d 841 (4th Cir. 1985); *United States v. Schronce*, 727 F.2d 91 (4th Cir. 1984).

**EXHIBIT B**

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
ANDERSON/GREENWOOD DIVISION

Dorothy Pierce,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	Civil Action No. 8:23-cv-5609-TMC
	)	
vs.	)	<b>ORDER</b>
	)	
Danny Singleton, <i>Oconee County</i>	)	
<i>Probate Judge,</i>	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
	)	
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Plaintiff Dorothy Pierce, proceeding *pro se* and *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 7), filed this action against Judge Danny Singleton on November 3, 2023, raising a number of allegations relating to a pending probate matter. (ECF No. 1). In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) and Local Civil Rule 73.02(B) (D.S.C.), this matter was referred to a magistrate judge for all pretrial proceedings. Thereafter, the magistrate judge issued an order, instructing Plaintiff to bring the case into proper form within twenty-one (21) days of the order and informing her that failure to do so may result in her case being forwarded to the undersigned United States District Judge with a recommendation that her case be dismissed. (ECF No. 6).

Plaintiff subsequently filed an amended complaint, (ECF No. 9), wherein she asserted causes of action for violations of her rights under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, conspiracy to violate her rights under 42 U.S.C. § 1985(3), and deprivation of rights under 18 U.S.C. § 242. (ECF No. 9-1). Plaintiff contends she suffered irreparable injury due to Judge Singleton’s actions and seeks: (1) “a declaration from the court affirming the violation of [her] constitutional rights and the invalidity of Judge Singleton’s orders;” (2) an injunction against Judge Singleton; (3) monetary damages;

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(4) judicial review of Judge Singleton’s orders; (5) Judge Singleton’s recusal from the case; (6) “legal fees, lost wages, and costs;” and (7) “court-ordered measures to prevent further judicial misconduct or biased actions.” (ECF No. 9-1 at 25-28).

On December 20, 2023, the magistrate judge filed a Report and Recommendation, recommending this case be dismissed for failure to state a claim as well as pursuant to the United States Supreme Court’s decision in *Younger v. Harris*, 401 U.S. 37 (1971) and its progeny which provide that federal courts should not interfere with state proceedings absent extraordinary circumstances. (ECF No. 12). The magistrate judge opined that Plaintiff could not cure the defects identified in his Report; therefore, he recommended the undersigned dismiss this action with prejudice, without leave to amend, and without issuance and service of process. (ECF No. 12 at 8). The Report was mailed to Plaintiff at the address she provided the court, (ECF No. 13), and has not been returned as undeliverable. Therefore, Plaintiff is presumed to have received the Report. Plaintiff was advised of her right to file specific objections to the Report, (ECF No. 12 at 9), but she failed to do so. The time for Plaintiff to object to the Report has now expired, and this matter is ripe for review.

The magistrate judge’s recommendation has no presumptive weight, and the responsibility for making a final determination remains with the United States District Court. *Wimmer v. Cook*, 774 F.2d 68, 72 (4th Cir. 1985) (quoting *Mathews v. Weber*, 423 U.S. 261, 270–71 (1976)). Nevertheless, “[t]he district court is only required to review *de novo* those portions of the report to which specific objections have been made, and need not conduct *de novo* review ‘when a party makes general and conclusory objections that do not direct the court to a specific error in the magistrate judge’s proposed findings and recommendations.’” *Farmer v. McBride*, 177 Fed. App’x 327, 330–31 (4th Cir. 2006) (quoting *Orpiano v. Johnson*, 687 F.2d 44, 47 (4th Cir. 1982)); *see*

also *Elijah v. Dunbar*, 66 F.4th 454, 460 (4th Cir. 2023) (noting “an objecting party ‘must object to the finding or recommendation on that issue with sufficient specificity so as reasonably to alert the district court of the true ground for the objection’” and “an objection stating only ‘I object’ preserves no issue for review’” (quoting *United States v. Midgette*, 478 F.3d 616, 622 (4th Cir. 2007); *Lockert v. Faulkner*, 843 F.2d 1015, 1019 (7th Cir. 1988))). Thus, “in the absence of a timely filed objection, a district court need not conduct a de novo review, but instead must ‘only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation.’” *Diamond v. Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co.*, 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005) (quoting Fed. R. Civ. P. 72 Advisory Committee’s note). The court may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the recommendation made by the magistrate judge or recommit the matter with instructions. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). However, in the absence of specific objections to the Report and Recommendation, this Court is not required to give any explanation for adopting the recommendation. *Greenspan v. Brothers Prop. Corp.*, 103 F. Supp. 3d 734, 737 (D.S.C. 2015) (citing *Camby v. Davis*, 718 F.2d 198, 199–200 (4th Cir. 1983)). Furthermore, failure to file specific written objections to the Report results in a party’s waiver of the right to appeal the district court’s judgment based upon that recommendation. See *Elijah*, 66 F.4th at 460 (quoting *Lockert*, 843 F.2d at 1019); *Martin v. Duffy*, 858 F.3d 239, 245 (4th Cir. 2017).

Thus, having reviewed the Report and finding no clear error, the court agrees with, and wholly adopts, the magistrate judge’s findings and recommendations in the Report (ECF No. 12), which is incorporated herein by reference. Therefore, this case is **DISMISSED** with prejudice, without leave to amend, and without issuance and service of process.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

s/Timothy M. Cain  
United States District Judge

January 19, 2024  
Anderson, South Carolina

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL**

The parties are hereby notified of the right to appeal this order pursuant to Rules 3 and 4 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure.

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**ATTORNEY(S) FOR THE PLAINTIFF(S)**

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**ATTORNEY(S) FOR THE DEFENDANT(S)**  
**CLERK OF COURT**

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING DECISION BY THE COURT AS REFERENCED ON PAGE 1.**

This action came to trial or hearing before the court. The issues have been tried or heard and a decision rendered.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	)	IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
	)	
COUNTY OF OCONEE	)	CASE NO: 2024-CP-37-00451
	)	CASE NO: 2020-ES-37-00532
Jason Michael Boyle,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	<b>DEFENDANT’S MEMORANDUM IN</b>
	)	<b>SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR</b>
v.	)	<b>SUMMARY JUDGMENT</b>
	)	
Danny Singleton, et al,	)	
	)	
<u>Defendant.</u>	)	

Pursuant to Rule 56 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, Defendant Danny Singleton has moved this Court for summary judgment in the above captioned matters and the dismissal of all filings in these matters.

**PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND**

The Plaintiff filed his Statement of Issues on Appeal in this case on July 31, 2024 and his Initial Brief of Appellant on August 20, 2024. The Defendant is now filing his Response and Motion for Summary Judgment. It is interesting to note Dorothy Pierce (“Pierce”) previously filed a Complaint against Defendant Danny Singleton, Probate Court Judge, in the District Court (8:23-CV-5609-TMC) on November 3, 2023. Magistrate Judge Kevin G. McDonald issued a Report dated December 20, 2023 dismissing the case for Failure to State a Claim. Judge McDonald’s Report is attached hereto as Exhibit A. In addition, the Honorable Timothy M. Cain, United States District Court Judge, thereafter reviewed the Report and, finding no clear error, agreed with and wholly adopted the Magistrate Judge’s findings and recommendations in the Report and incorporated said Report in his Order and Dismissed with prejudice, without leave to amend and without issues and service of process. (Exhibit B). Based thereon, this Court issued its Order in the Pierce case on September 16, 2024 (Exhibit C).

The factual and legal bases for the present Motion are more fully set forth below.

**STATEMENT OF THE FACTS**

This action arises from Plaintiff's dissatisfaction with the proceedings in the Oconee County Probate Court for the Pierce matter over which the Defendant was the current presiding Judge.

The Plaintiff's filings herein set forth the allegations of the Plaintiff against Defendant, Judge Danny Singleton. Plaintiff contends in his Statement of Issues on Appeal that he suffered irreparable injury due to Judge Singleton's actions and seeks redress for the following:

1. Did the Probate Judge err when he accused the appellant, in an email to uninterested parties, of illegally offering legal advice to a citizen in the lobby of the probate court on October 24, 2023?
2. Did the probate court properly consider the appellant's right to free speech under the First Amendment on October 24, May 24 and May 29 in its accusations and/or orders?
3. Did the probate court err in exceeding its jurisdiction by criminally prosecuting the appellant for direct criminal contempt of a South Carolina Supreme Court Administrative Order (SCSC AO) on use Electronic Devices in Courthouses dated March 09, 2023?
4. Was the appellant properly informed of the administrative order, through service or notice, and/or any related restrictions before his actions on May 24 and/or May 29, 2024?
5. Did the probate court violate the appellant's constitutional rights by restricting his access to the probate lobby in emails and through requests to the Sheriff Deputies to have him removed?
6. Did the Probate Court err in its determination that Appellant committed direct criminal contempt of court?
7. Did the probate court err in denying the appellant's right to effective legal representation during the June 17, 2024 hearing?

8. Did Judge Singleton err in using the Probate Estate case number of the Doyle Pierce Estate in the two summonses for Rule to Show Cause?
9. Did the Probate Court err by not including descriptive details and clarity in court documents such as orders and/or summons?
10. Did the Probate Court err by not including case numbers in court orders and documents?
11. Did the probate court improperly deny the appellant's requests for a continuance on June 17, 2024?
12. Did the probate court err by not considering or hearing Appellant's Motion to Dismiss?
13. Did the probate court err in not granting requests made in the Memorandum on the Motion to Dismiss such as the requests for Judge Singleton to recuse himself, appointment of a special prosecutor, and/or to provide a jury trial?
14. Did the probate court err by verbally dismissing Appellant's Motion to Dismiss without an order of the court, reduced in writing and recorded with the clerk of probate court?
15. Did the probate court err by not giving the appellant a fair opportunity to present his case and respond to the allegations against him?
16. Did the probate court err in leading the public defender to believe this contempt rose out of a civil matter by using Doyle Elton Pierce's estate case number?
17. Did the probate court err by not properly following legal procedures and standards in sending summons and sentencing the appellant to incarceration?
18. Did the probate court err by not posting the South Carolina Supreme Court Administrative Order (SCSC AO) regarding Electronic Devices in Courthouses dated March 09, 2023, as directed in the order itself?
19. Did the probate court fail to properly document and file orders related to the appellant's case, affecting the validity and

enforceability of those orders?

20. Did the probate court err when Judge Singleton served as witness, prosecutor, investigator and judge, while acting as the *Sua Sponte* moving party?
21. Did Judge Singleton improperly testify to material facts from the bench?
22. Did Judge Singleton deprive appellant of his rights when he declined to be cross examined yet he was a material witness in Appellant's case.
23. Did Judge Singleton act out of judicial vindictiveness or personal bias against Appellant?
24. Did Judge Singleton err in bringing the Rule to Show Cause [RTSC] *Sua Sponte*, and then acting as the Judge?
25. Did the court err in having Judge Singleton call witnesses that were also his court clerks Subordinates?
26. Did Judge Singleton err in preparing his own clerks as witnesses for trial?
27. Did Judge Singleton err by testifying from the bench?
28. Did Judge Singleton err by participating in *Ex Parle* conversations with any witnesses and/or the public defender?
29. Did the Probate Court err in not following procedure during the June 17 trial?
30. Did the probate court err in not holding a trial for the events of May 29, 2024?
31. Did the probate court err by sentencing Appellant twice for the same crime?
32. Did the Probate Court violate Appellants Miranda Rights?
33. Did the probate court err by including Richard Hunt McDuff improperly in the proceedings and/or *Ex Parle* conversations?
34. Did Judge Singleton err by investigating the facts of the case prior to trial?
35. Did Judge Singleton err by participating as a witness to material facts of the case and Judge?
36. Did the probate court err by allowing improper hearsay testimony despite

objections?

37. Did Judge Singleton err by not maintaining the necessary calm required for ethical adjudication during his interactions with Appellant and during June 17, 2024, trial?
38. Did Judge Singleton err by holding animosity against Appellant due to his relationship with Mrs. Pierce, Appellant's public accusations that Judge Singleton is unintelligent and col TUpt, and/or his willingness to assert his rights?
39. Was the South Carolina Supreme Court Administrative Order (SCSC AO) regarding Electronic Devices in Courthouses dated March 09, 2023, nullified upon conception?
40. Does the South Carolina Supreme Court Administrative Order (SCSC AO) regarding Electronic Devices in Courthouses dated March 09, 2023, violate the US Constitution amendment rights?
41. Does this South Carolina Supreme Court Administrative Order (SCSC AO) regarding Electronic Devices in Courthouses dated March 09, 2023, essentially act as law, in a violation of Articles I and III of the US constitution?
42. Were Appellant's rights violated when he was incarcerated without a case number or crime on the public record?
43. Were Appellant's 1st, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and/or 14<sup>th</sup> amendment rights violated?
44. Did the probate court err by not providing Appellant with a fair trial?
45. Did Judge Singleton err in requesting Appellant to destroy evidence on May 29, 2024?

### **SUMMARY JUDGMENT STANDARD**

Summary judgment “shall be rendered forthwith if the pleadings, depositions, answers to interrogatories, and admissions on file, together with the affidavits, if any, show that there is no genuine issue as to any material fact and that the moving party is entitled to a judgment as a matter of law.” S.C.R.C.P. 56(c). **Summary judgment** is appropriate when it is clear that there is no

genuine issue of material fact and the conclusions and inferences to be drawn from the facts are undisputed. *Garvin v. Bi-Lo, Inc.*, [343 S.C. 625, 541 S.E.2d 831 \(2001\)](#). See also *Barron v. Labor Finders of S.C.*, 393 S.C. 609, 713 S.E.2d 634 (2011). The purpose of **summary judgment** is to expedite the disposition of cases that do not require the services of a fact finder. *Dawkins v. Fields*, [354 S.C. 58, 580 S.E.2d 433 \(2003\)](#).

In determining whether any triable issue of fact exists, the evidence and all inferences which can be reasonably drawn therefrom must be viewed in the light most favorable to the non-moving party. *Strother v. Lexington County Recreation Comm'n*, 332 S.C. 54, 504 S.E.2d 117 (1998); *Pye v. Aycock*, 325 S.C. 426, 480 S.E.2d 455 (Ct. App. 1997). "A court considering summary judgment neither makes factual determinations nor considers the merits of competing testimony; however, summary judgment is completely appropriate when a properly supported motion sets forth facts that remain undisputed or are contested in a deficient manner." *Guinan v. Tenet Healthsystems of Hilton Head*, 383 S.C. 48, 677 S.E.2d 32 (Ct. App. 2009).

### **STANDARD OF REVIEW**

As a *pro se* litigant, the Plaintiff's proceedings are accorded liberal construction and held to a less stringent standard than formal pleadings drafted by attorneys. See *Erickson v. Pardus*, 551 U.S. 89 (2007)(*per curiam*). The requirement of liberal construction does not mean that the Court can ignore a clear failure in the pleading to allege facts which set forth a claim against cognizable in a state court. See *Weller v. Dep't of Soc. Servs.*, 902 F. 2d 387, 391 (4<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1990).

### **DISCUSSION**

As noted above, the plaintiff filed the instant action seeking damages and injunctive relief from the defendant. For the reasons that follow, this action is subject to summary dismissal.

In *Younger v. Harris*, 401 U.S. 37 (1971), the Supreme Court held that a federal court should not interfere with state criminal proceedings "except in the most narrow and extraordinary of

circumstances.” *Gilliam v. Foster*, 75 F.3d 881, 903 (4th Cir. 1996). *Younger* abstention may apply in noncriminal proceedings when three elements are met: (1) ongoing state judicial proceedings; (2) the proceedings implicate important state interests; and (3) there is an adequate opportunity to raise federal claims in the state proceedings.” *Brown-Thomas v. Hynie*, 441 F. Supp. 3d 180, 219 (D.S.C. 2019) (citing *Martin Marietta Corp. v. Md. Comm’n on Hum. Rels.*, 28 F.3d 1392, 1398 (4th Cir. 1994)). Here, the Plaintiff’s Complaint arises out of her dissatisfaction with matters in the Estate Proceeding, with the plaintiff seeking an order from this court preventing actions in the Estate Proceeding (which remains pending at this time). As such, the first criterion is met as the Estate Proceeding remains pending at this time. With respect to the second criterion, probate and estate administration proceedings implicate important state interests; thus, the second criterion is met. See *Harper v. Pub. Serv. Comm’n of W. Va.*, 396 F.3d 348, 352–53 (4th Cir. 2005); *Eveland v. Maryland*, C/A No. 1:16-cv-00762-CCB, 2016 WL 6780207, at \*2 (D. Md. Nov. 16, 2016), *aff’d*, 691 F. App’x 111 (4th Cir. 2017) (noting that “[r]esolution of state probate matters is a vital state interest”). Third, the plaintiff has the ability to raise her objections to orders entered in the Estate Proceedings in her pending appeals in the state courts (including the Oconee County Court of Common Pleas and the South Carolina Court of Appeals).

Here, the plaintiff’s claims fail because Judge Singleton has judicial immunity. As noted, the plaintiff alleges that Judge Singleton – the current probate judge presiding over the matters that are the subject of this proceeding and his actions/conduct are the basis of the Plaintiff’s Appeal. It is well-settled that judges have absolute immunity from claims arising out of their judicial actions unless they acted in the complete absence of all jurisdiction. See *Mireles v. Waco*, 502 U.S. 9, 11–12 (1991); *Stump v. Sparkman*, 435 U.S. 349, 356–64 (1978); *Chu v. Griffith*, 771 F.2d 79, 81 (4th Cir. 1985) (explaining that if a challenged judicial act was unauthorized by law, the judge still has immunity from a suit). Whether an act is judicial or non-judicial relates to the nature of the act, such as whether it is a function normally performed by a judge and whether the parties dealt with the judge in his judicial capacity. *Mireles*, 502 U.S. at 12. Immunity applies even when the judge’s acts were in error, malicious, or in excess of their authority. *Id.* at 12–13. Absolute immunity is “an immunity from suit

rather than a mere defense to liability.” *Mitchell v. Forsyth*, 472 U.S. 511, 526 (1985) (emphasis omitted). The plaintiff’s allegations in this action all involve Judge Singleton acting as the presiding judge in the proceedings alleged that resulted in the contempt Orders in question. Thus, the plaintiff’s bare assertions of the actions/conduct of the Defendant are insufficient to overcome the judicial immunity afforded to Judge Singleton and do not involve him stepping out of his judicial role. *See Gibson v. Goldston*, 85 F.4th 218, 223–26 (4th Cir. 2023) (noting that judicial immunity did apply where a family court judge engaged in a law enforcement capacity in engaging in a search of a litigant’s home as part of property division proceedings in a divorce). As such, judicial immunity squarely applies.

To the extent that the plaintiff’s claims assert a conspiracy under 42 U.S.C. § 1985, that claim is also subject to summary dismissal. First, the Fourth Circuit has “specifically rejected section 1985 claims whenever the purported conspiracy is alleged in a merely conclusory manner,” absent concrete supporting facts. *See Simmons v. Poe*, 47 F.3d 1370, 1377 (4th Cir. 1995). Here, the plaintiff’s complaint contains only vague and conclusory allegations of a conspiracy based on Judge Singleton knowing the other beneficiaries – not concrete facts.

### **CONCLUSION**

Based upon the foregoing, the Defendant respectfully requests that the Defendant’s Motion for Summary Judgment be granted and that the action be dismissed, with prejudice, as to the rights of the Plaintiff against the Defendant.

Respectfully Submitted,

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	)	
COUNTY OF OCONEE	)	CASE NO: 2024-CP-37-00451
	)	CASE NO: 2020-ES-37-00532
Jason Michael Boyle,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	<b>DEFENDANT’S MOTION TO DISMISS</b>
	)	<b>OR MOTION FOR SUMMARY</b>
v.	)	<b>JUDGMENT ON PLAINTIFF’S</b>
	)	<b>STATEMENT OF ISSUES ON APPEAL</b>
Danny Singleton, et al,	)	<b>AND INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT</b>
	)	
<u>Defendant.</u>	)	

**TO: JASON MICHAEL BOYLE, PRO SE PLAINTIFF**

**YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Defendant, by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby moves the Court to dismiss the Plaintiff’s Statement of Issues no Appeal and Initial Brief of Appellant pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6) of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure or, in the alternative, for summary judgment pursuant to Rule 56 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure. While the Defendant denies any errors on his part in this proceeding, this Motion is based upon the grounds that the Plaintiff’s Statement of Issues on Appeal and Initial Brief of Appellant fails to state/argue a claim upon which relief can be granted and that the Defendant has absolute immunity as a matter of law. In the alternative, this motion is based on there being no genuine issue as to any material fact as to the Plaintiff’s claim(s).

This Motion is based upon the pleadings, deposition testimony and legal arguments of counsel that will be included in a Memorandum of Authorities that will be submitted to the Court.

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Plaintiff,	)	<b>DEFENDANT’S MOTION TO</b>
	)	<b>EXTEND DEADLINE TO RESPOND</b>
v.	)	<b><u>TO PLAINTIFF’S INITIAL BRIEF AND</u></b>
	)	<b><u>DESIGNATION OF MATTER AND</u></b>
Danny Singleton, et al,	)	<b><u>PLAINTIFF’S MOTION TO QUASH</u></b>
	)	<b><u>SUBPOENA/MOTION FOR</u></b>
<u>Defendant.</u>	)	<b><u>SANCTIONS</u></b>

Defendant Danny Singleton filed a Motion to Dismiss in this matter on September 9, 2024. A hearing has now been scheduled to be heard on November 14, 2024 for said Motion along with other outstanding motions filed in this matter.

Defendant’s Response to Plaintiff’s Appeal and Designation of Matter is due on September 19, 2024. Defendant’s Response to Plaintiff’s Motion to Quash Subpoena/Motion for Sanctions is also due on September 19, 2024.

Defendant herein renews his request that all deadlines to respond to said Motions be stayed until thirty (30) days after the Court’s decision on Defendant’s Motion to Dismiss.

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COUNTY OF OCONEE	)	CASE NO: 2024-CP-37-00451
	)	
Jason Michael Boyle,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	<b>Defendant Danny Singleton’s Response to</b>
v.	)	<b>Plaintiff’s Motion to Quash Subpoena</b>
	)	<b>And Motion for Sanctions</b>
Danny Singleton, et al,	)	
	)	
<u>Defendant.</u>	)	

Defendant, Danny Singleton, by and through his undersigned counsel, herein responds to Plaintiff’s Motion to Quash Subpoena and Motion for Sanctions. This issue is moot as the material in question was received by counsel prior to the Plaintiff’s Motion to Quash being filed. In addition, the Plaintiff was incarcerated in the Oconee County Detention Center at the time of the calls. As such, there exists no expectation of privacy and the parties to the call were told by a recorded message that the call was being recorded.

Defendant requests that Plaintiff’s Motion to Quash be denied.

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Mr. Logan,

Judge McIntosh has asked that I contact y'all to request that you prepare an order and rule to show cause for Mr. Boyle to appear in Court to determine whether he will be held in contempt for violating the gag order in this case. Thank you!

Respectfully,

**Chase Kinsey**

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How did it get violated?

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Chase,

I'm disturbed by this email accusing me of violating a gag order. Firstly, I have not received a copy of the order itself. I have been waiting for a copy to show up in the mail as I was not provided a copy while leaving the courthouse or Jail. Secondly, I have never discussed this case with anyone since I returned from Jail. I have been busy with my appeal brief.

I was told that it's the attorney for the respondent that has complained. How did he file this complaint without copying me? What exactly did I say that violated the gag order? Where did this violation take place and with whom?

I need the above questions answered in the affirmative.

Thank you.

Jason Boyle

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Chase,

I visited the court and received a copy of the Order of release. I have some questions regarding the order. Who is the appropriate person to ask?

Thank you,  
Jason

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Mr. Boyle,

Good afternoon, I have relayed your communications to Judge McIntosh. He has asked that any questions that you have regarding the order should be put in writing and all parties should be copied. When the questions are received, he stated that he will respond if a response is appropriate. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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When the order says no speaking publicly about this case, is that the appeals case, the probate case or both?

I took down all of my social media posts that were up from before i was incarcerated. Was i required to do that?

If i say I am out on a PR bond or that i have a hearing on July 31st, is that breaking the order?

I was under the impression that a gag order meant the details of the case that are to be litigated. This order says do not discuss the case publicly. Does that mean don't even discuss the existence of the case?

Thank you,

Jason

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Chase,

These questions were never answered. I believe an answer to these questions is appropriate and necessary.

Thank you,  
Jason

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