Jeff Fenton

From: Jeff Fenton

Sent: Friday, August 30, 2019 2:48 PM

To: Virginia Story; Heidi Macy; Kathryn Yarbrough

Cc: elaine.beeler@tncourts.gov

Subject: Miscommunication Yesterday

Attachments: 2019-08-29 COURT ORDER.pdf

Hello Ms. Story,

I just had the Clerk's and Master's Office send me a copy of the court order from yesterday.

Apparently there was a miscommunication somehow, between when you spoke about the TV and the Dehumidifier, where Chancellor Binkley understood your comments about me selling the them, to have occurred during the Restraining Order Statutory Injunction, which is not at all correct. This was months before.

It looks like that is what upset the Chancellor, and caused him to change his ruling to forbid me from taking any of my personal property with me when I move.

As I don't believe that was what you were alleging, and I know that isn't what happened, how do we get this cleared up, so that I can take my personal property with me, so that I can move to Michigan, as planned?

This seems to all be about a simple misunderstanding, more so that favoritism, as I thought. I just couldn't rationalize any other reason for such drastic changes in the order.

How do we fix this quickly so I can leave?

I've done nothing against the Statutory Injunction at all. If anything, a little bit of money could arguably be kept from my final proceeds.

Please advise, I want to get packing, but I legally can't.

Thanks.

JEFF FENTON METICULOUS.TECH

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This was BEFORE I understood about PROPOSED ORDERS and AGREED ORDERS, or had any idea that the "PREVAILING" Counsel WROTE THE COURT ORDER. Or understood that in Williamson County "PRO SE" Litigants aren't allowed to PARTICIPATE in the PROPOSED/AGREED ORDER PROCESS (as they are in some other Tennessee Judicial Districts), to submit corrections, or draft an alternative PROPOSED ORDER for the Judge to consider before ENDORSING and EXECUTING EITHER, thereby making it essentially LAW!

Ms. Story INTENTIONALLY TOLD the OPPOSITE OF THE TRUTH in COURT (which I believe is PERJURY), while after Court she WROTE THE COURT ORDER (unbeknownst to me then), slamming me for the very fault SHE PURPOSEFULLY MISLEAD the Court about, while (at the same time) she INSISTED in emails with me, that the SAME FAULT mentioned in the Court Order (WHICH SHE WROTE), wasn't really the CAUSE of the UNREASONABLY HARSH JUDGMENT. Claiming it caused me NO PREJUDICE whatsoever!

That's NOT just PERJURY and a violation of EVERY OATH OF OFFICE, it is also FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT, HORRIBLY MALICIOUS LITIGATION, DEPRIVATION OF RIGHTS UNDER COLOR OF LAW, and I believe JUDICIAL COLLUSION & CORRUPTION!

TENNESSEE: #M2019-02059-COA-R3-CV (WILCO: #48419B)

Jeff Fenton

From: Virginia Story <virginia@tnlaw.org>
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2019 3:36 PM

To: Jeff Fenton; Heidi Macy; Kathryn Yarbrough

Cc: elaine.beeler@tncourts.gov

Subject: RE: Miscommunication Yesterday

Mr. Fenton,

The transcript will reflect that we had no verification of a date that you sold the property and there was no prejudice to you whatsoever as you had just mentioned this in your multiple page pleadings that you filed on the morning of the hearing 8/29/19.

You are welcome and should provide proof of when you sold the TV and dehumidifier as this will be addressed at the final hearing.

The Judge made the decision that you will take personal clothing, your jewelry and toiletries/medication only. He went over that several times with you.

You were not able to complete certain tasks in order to have the house ready for the auctioneers and at this point we will just have to store the items that you tag that you would like.

Remember whatever the storage fee is you will most likely have to pay out of your share of the proceeds so <u>do not tag</u> anything that you want the auctioneer to sale please. The more you sale the less you have to haul to <u>Michigan</u>. The proceeds from the sale of the real property and the proceeds from the sale of the furniture will be deposited into the clerk's office for save keeping.

Please note that our office is closed Monday for a holiday so we appreciate your not emailing after office hours which are 8 to 5 pm.

Thanks, Virginia



Virginia Lee Story Attorney at Law 136 Fourth Avenue South Franklin, TN 37064 (615) 790-1778 (615) 790-7468 fax Virginia@tnlaw.org

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You may use this form to tell the court about any income, property, or benefits that are protected from sale or seizure (garnishment) under state or federal law. You should file this form for each judgment you have against you.

You may have to pay a filing fee. Can't afford the fee? Ask the court clerk for a paper called a Request to Postpone Filing Fees and Order (Uniform Civil Affidavit of Indigency). Or go on the internet to www.tncourts.gov or www.justiceforalltn.com to get the form.

Fill out the form. Make a copy for each judgment against you before you write in the file number and before signing the form. Sign each copy. You can update this form if you need to protect new property. You must file an update for all unpaid judgments against you.

IMPORTANT! You can protect up to \$10,000.00 worth of personal property (lines 1-6), and only up to \$1,900 for line 7.

Some things are automatically protected. You do not have to list them below, such as: your family's clothing and suitcases or trunks where the clothing is stored, family portraits and photographs, the family bible and schoolbooks.

I am the Defendant/Debtor in the court case listed above. I live in Tennessee and I claim that the following items are protected from garnishment. (TCA §§ 26-2-103 and 26-2-114). This personal property exemption right is in addition to certain items that are automatically exempt by law and do not need to be included in my \$10,000 total, including funds on deposit in checking and/or savings accounts at:

Name of Bank

consisting solely of Social Security, SSI, Unemployment, Workers Comp. AFDC/Families First. Veteran's benefits, alimony or child support, and/or state, federal or city pension.

Item	Describe	Value: \$1,850	
1. Car, truck, or other vehicle	2003 BUICK LESABRE (WHITE) 4D	\$ 1,800	
	VIN: 1G4HR54K43U236502		

CAR COVER	TAN COVER MADE FOR LESABRE	\$ 50.00
. Furniture/Electronics		\$ 3,535
QUEEN BED & FRAME	LYLA FOAM MATTRESS WITH DARK WOOD FRAME	\$ 300
SCREEN ROOM DIVIDE	BROWN WOOD 4-PANEL	\$ 100
MASTER CHAIR	BLUE/GRAY PLUS MICROFIBER	\$ 50
LINEN HAMPERS	BROWN WICKER (2)	\$ 40
FLOOR LAMP	BRASS (BEDROOM)	\$ 25
OFFICE DESK SET	2 L-SHAPED GLASS TOP DESKS	\$ 200
OFFICE DESK CHAIRS	CLOTH & VINYL SWIVEL CHAIRS	\$ 50
FLOOR LAMPS	(2) SATIN NICKEL (OFFICE)	\$ 30
GRAY FILING CABINET	SHORT-MATCHES DESK (OFFICE)	\$ 30
FILING CABINETS	(2) HON BLACK METAL FULL-SIZE	\$ 40
RED SECTIONAL	3-PIECE WITH 3-MATC PILLOWS	\$ 350
LARGE RUN & PADDING	BENEATH SECTIONAL IN FAM/RM	\$ 100
ENTERTAINMT CENTER	ESPRESSO WOOD	\$ 300
END TABLE	ESPRESSO WOOD w/ DRAWERS	\$ 100
COFFEE TABLE	ESPRESSO TRIANGULAR GLASS	\$ 100
FLOOR LAMP	SATIN NICKEL (FR)	\$ 30
LR COUCH & CHAIR	TAN PLUSH w/ TILE END TABLE & 2-TABLE TOP LAMPS	\$ 200
LAMP STAND	IVORY BROKEN-SLAB	\$ 50
BOOKSHELVES	BLACK COMPOSITE	\$ 25
TV-TRAY SET	(4) NATURAL WOOD COLOR	\$ 25
DINING ROOM SET	WOOD TABLE & 6-CHAIRS	\$ 200
FRAMED ARTWORK	SOAR LIKE EAGLES	\$ 50
FRAMED ARTWORK	BOBCAT & BIRD UP TREE (DAD)	\$ 25
SAMSUNG 40" TV	ON ENTERTAINMENT CENTER	\$ 150
MISC INPUT DEVICES	REMOTES, KEYBOARDS, MICE	\$ 65
CANON CAMERA	80D, 2 LENSES, CASE, ACCESS	\$ 400
MANFROTO TRIPOD	055 XPROB TRIPOD w/ 229 HEAD	\$ 150
MANFROTO TRIPOD	FREE FLOATING FOR VIDEO	\$ 100
MOULTRIE 180I	GAME CAMERA w/ EXT BATTERY	\$ 100
CYBERPOWER UPS(S)	MISC UNINTERRUPTIBLE POWER SUPPLIES & SURGE PROTECTORS	\$ 150

Household goods		\$ 3,320
DISHES, GLASSES, CROK, PANS, UTINCILS, CULTERY, FLATWARE	ASSORTED KITCHEN EQUIP FOR PREPARING, SERVING, STORING, EATING FOOD	\$ 200
MICROWAVE	GE (WHITE)	\$ 25
SERINITY PRAYER	PLAQUE OVER STOVE	\$ 20
SHARK VACCUUM	ROCKET DUO w/ ATTACHMENTS	\$ 75
CLEANING SUPPLIES	MISC BROOMS, MOPS, BUCKETS, SCRUB BRUSHES, SOAPS, DETERGENTS, CHEMICALS	\$ 50
TOILETRIES	PAPERS, PERSONAL HYGIENE	\$ 50
TOILETRIES (SURPLUS)	TOILET PAP, PAP TOWELS, KLEENEX	\$ 75
DEHUMIDIFIER	SANTA FE "MAX DRY" 155	\$ 1,000
LAWN MOWER	HONDA HRX217HYA	\$ 150
GAS TRIMMER	STIHL FS250R	\$ 100
CHAIN SAW	STIHL MS391	\$ 200
DEWALT CHOP SAW	DEWALT DW705	\$ 100
DEWALT 18V KIT	KIT: DW4CPK2 WITH CORDLESS DRILL DW959, RECIP SAW DW938	\$ 100
PROTECTIVE HELMET	STIHL HELMET & FACE SHIELD	\$ 25
ROLLING TOOL CHEST	CRAFTSMAN RED 10-DRAWER	\$ 125
ALL TOTES IN CRAWL SPACE & HOUSE	TOTES BOTH BLACK AND GRAY, WITH CONTENTS AND EMPTY	\$ 300
HAND TOOLS	ASSORTED HAND TOOLS OF ALL KINDS, SOCKETS, WRENCHES, SAWS, SHEETROCK, PAINTING, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, HOUSEHOLD MAINT & LT CONST	\$ 350
MISC BLUNT TOOLS	MISC HAMMERS, PRY BARS, SLEDGEHAMMERS, AXES, SHOVELS, RAKES, YARD HAND TOOLS	\$ 125
REGENT WORK LIGHTS	(3) ORANGE WORK LIGHTS	\$ 50
MISC POWER CORDS	EXT CORD REELS – ALL SORTS	\$ 100
MISC HARDWARE & ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES	CAT-5 CABLE, ELECTRICAL WIRE, LOOSE HARDWARE FITTINGS, ETC	\$ 50
RIGID WET/DRY VAC	RIGID 6.25 HP 16-GAL	\$ 30
FURNITURE DOLLYS	2 GROUND LEVEL DOLLYS	\$ 20

Bank Accounts	Bank Name	Balance
NONE OTHER THAN LISTED ON PAGE-1	N/A	N/A
. Other		\$ 1,180
SENEGAL PARROT	PET BIRD NAMED "KIWI"	\$ 100
SUREFIRE FLASHLIGHT	MODEL G2 CENTURION LED LGT	\$ 30
. Cash		\$ 107
. Tools of the Trade (Things I need to earn a living)		\$1,900
CABLE MODEM	MOTOROLLA (MODEL MB8600)	\$ 50
ROUTER & ACCESS PT	(2) ASUS (MODEL AC1900)	\$ 100
UNINTERRUPTIBLE POWER SUPPLY	(2) CYBERPOWER (MODEL 1500PFCLCD)	\$ 100
DELL 24" MONITORS	MODELS SP2309W & ST2320L	\$ 100
DELL OPTIPLEX 380	DESKTOP COMPUTER (WIN-7)	\$ 150
DELL OPTIPLEX 755	DESKTOP COMPUTER (WIN-XP)	\$ 100
HP PAVILION HPE-500Y	DESKTOP COMPUTER (WIN-10)	\$ 150
DVI KVMP SWITCH	ATEN CUBIQ (MODEL CS1644)	\$ 50
MULTIMEDIA SPEAKER	HARMAN KARDON SOUNDSTICKS	\$ 50
FUJITSU SCANNER	SCANSNAP IX500 DUPLEX DOC	\$ 150
BROTHER LABEL MKR	P-TOUCH PRO XL	\$ 60
WIRELESS HEADSET	PLANTRONICS (MODEL CS351N)	\$ 30
CORDED HEADSET	PLANTRONICS (MODEL T20RA)	\$ 30
DESKTOP TELEPHONE	PAN 4-LINE (MODEL KX-TG4000B)	\$ 50
NETWORK PRINTER	RICOH AFICIO LASER (SPC410DN)	\$ 350
AUSU NOTEBOOK	ASUS MODEL 305C	\$ 150
SHREDDER & TRASH	PAPER SHREDDER& TRASH CANS	\$ 30
WD PASSPORT & BOOK	USB BACKUP DRIVES	\$ 100
DELL POWER EDGE	SC1420 SERVER (WINDOWS 2003)	\$ 100

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ATTORNEY VIRGINIA LEE STO	RY			

Name of Who You Are Giving This To (The creditor's lawyer or the creditor if no lawyer)

136 FOURTH AVENUE SOUTH, FRANKLIN, TN 37064

Address of the Lawyer or the Creditor (Include City, State and Zip Code)

9/19/2019 (Date you mailed/hand-delivered the copy)

IMPORTANT!

The court and clerks are not allowed to give you legal advice, even if you don't have a lawyer. This form is a public record. It is not legal advice. The law may change and it is

Bring the original and 2 copies of this form to the Court Clerk to be date stamped. Give the original to the Court Clerk.

Bring a stamped envelope addressed for each plaintiff to the Court Clerk. Mail one copy to the lawyer or if there is no lawyer, mail it to the plaintiff or company that sued you. Keep one copy for yourself.



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September 26, 2019

Via First Class Mail and E-Mail

Mr. Jeffrey Fenton 17195 Silver Parkway, #150 Fenton, MI 48430 Jeff@meticulous.tech

Re: Fawn Tiffany Fenton vs. Jeffrey Ryan Fenton
Williamson County Chancery Court No. 48419B

Dear Mr. Fenton:

To follow up on correspondence sent to you on September 16, 2019, we never received any information on a storage unit you would like to use to store the extensive list of items you wish to retain from the Sunnyside residence. Therefore, Ms. Fenton took it upon herself to obtain a quote from Fox Moving and Storing to have these items packed, moved and stored. **The quote is attached hereto.** As you can see, the cost for packing only your personal items (i.e. remaining clothing, photos, etc.) is \$639.00. The cost for moving the larger items and your personal items is \$2,895.00. This would include moving the items to Fox's storage facility in Nashville. The cost to store these items in their storage facility would be approximately \$495.00 per month. Finally, to have all of these items packed and moved to Michigan, the cost would be over \$6,000.00.

At this point, it is our position that moving the items to Michigan is not financially responsible but that is up to you if you want to use any proceeds you received to have your items shipped. It is our position and that of Mr. Anderson's that the entire value of the remaining contents of the home is only approximately \$3,000.00, therefore the cost to move and store these items far outweighs their worth. However, if you would like for the items to be packed and stored in the Fox storage facility in Nashville then you will need to send a check to my office in the amount of \$3,534.00 no later than next Wednesday. October 2, 2019, made payable to Fawn Fenton and she will schedule the movers and the storage facility for one month until you decide if you want to have the items moved to Michigan. The only other option is to have the remaining property sold and any proceeds will be placed in the Clerk & Masters office for distribution at a later date. We will go ahead and file a Motion with the Court to sell or otherwise get rid of all remaining items in the home in the event that you do not agree to pay the cost for packing, moving and storing the items that you wish to retain.

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Finally, you still have not disclosed where all of your guns are located. Please advise where they are located with the contact information or whether you have taken them with you to Michigan. If you have any guns in your possession, please provide an itemized list of all guns that you removed, manufacturers, and models.

I thank you in advance for your prompt response to these time sensitive matters.

Sincerely,

Virginia Lee Story

Attorney at Law

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Fawn Fenton

I NEVER HEARD OR SAW ANYTHING ELSE ABOUT A "MDA" (MARITAL DISOLUTION AGREEMENT). I BELIEVE THAT CHANCELLOR MICHAEL W. BINKLEY AND ATTORNEY VIRGINIA LEE STORY, DECIDED IN AN EXPARTE' COMMUNICATION, NOT TO EVEN BOTHER OFFERING ME AN MDA, SINCE I NO LONGER HAD COUNSEL TO "PROTECT" ME. CHOSING INSTEAD TO TAG-TEAM ME, DEPRIVE ME OF ALL MY PROPERTY AND RIGHTS, "UNDER THE COLOR OF LAW", WHILE HAVING THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CHASE ME OUT OF MY HOME, AND SUBSEQUENTLY MIDDLE TENNESSEE, WITH NO WHERE ELSE FOR ME TO GO!

I BELIEVE THAT THEY CALCULATED THAT ONCE MY HOME AND MY MONEY WAS ALL GONE, THEN I WOULD NEVER BOTHER TO RETURN. ESPECIALLY SINCE I WAS ALL BUT GUARANTEED TO NEVER FIND ANY MERCY OR JUSTICE IN THAT COURT, NO MATTER HOW MUCH EVIDENCE I PROVIDED! THEY REFUSED TO EVEN HEAR MY SIDE!

THAT WAS WHY I HOPED TO SETTLE THIS OUT OF COURT WITH MY WIFE. SINCE SHE HAD ALREADY FORCEFULLY TAKEN, LIQUIDATED, AND DISBURSED THE WHOLE OF OUR PROPERTY, SAVINGS, AND OUR FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS, DEPRIVING ME OF EVERYTHING WE HAD BUILT TOGETHER AND EVEN SAVED FOR RETIREMENT BEFORE MEETING.

TO SEEK ANY LEGAL RESOLUTION, MEANT THAT EITHER HER OR I (OR BOTH) WOULD LOSE MORE, WITH LITTERALLY NOTHING FOR EITHER TO GAIN WITHOUT HURTING THE OTHER. WHICH WERE ALL UNACCEPTABLE OPTIONS TO ME. SO I BECAME WILLING TO FORFEIT ALL THE MONEY, IF WE COULD END THIS THE WAY WE BEGAN, BY OURSELVES, USING FREE COURT FORMS, DROPPING THE BLAME AND THE POWER GAMES, TO PEACEFULLY PART WITHOUT MORE DAMAGES.

I LEFT MY "PEACE OFFERING", WHICH THEY TOOK, <u>WITHOUT ACCEPTING THE TERMS OF MY OFFER</u>. WHILE INJURING ME FURTHER <u>BECAUSE THEY COULD</u>, DESPITE EVERY OATH OF OFFICE, LAWS, CIVIL RIGHTS, AND CONSTITUTIONS BY OUR STATE AND OUR COUNTRY!

IT WAS ALL ABOUT POWER AND DOMINANCE! PURELY MASOCHISTIC!

FOR THIS REASON I MUST SPEAK-UP, LEST ANOTHER PERSON EXPERIENCE WHAT I DID, IN WILLIAMSON COUNTY CHANCERY COURT, UNDER THE PERVERTED PRETENSE OF "JUSTICE"!

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE AT FRANKLIN

FAWN TIFFANY FENTON,)	
Plaintiff/Wife,)	
v.	No. 48419	B
JEFFREY RYAN FENTON,)	
	,	
Defendant/Husband.)	

NOTICE OF ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMITTED DOCUMENT PURSUANT TO T.R.C.P RULE 5.02

Pursuant to Rule 5.02(2)(a) of the Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff, Fawn Tiffany Fenton, by and through her attorney of record, Virginia Lee Story, hereby serves this Notice of Electronically Transmitted Documents upon Defendant, Jeffrey Ryan Fenton as follows:

Document(s) Transmitted: MOTION TO SELL REMAINING

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RESIDENCE

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Email Address: Kathryn L. Yarbrough

kyarbrough@tnlaw.org

on behalf of Virginia Lee Story

Name/ E-mail Address

of Recipient(s): Jeffrey Ryan Fenton

Jeff@meticulous.tech

If you did not receive the above listed document(s), please notify the sender immediately to receive an electronic or physical copy of this document.

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Charles M. Walker
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge
Dated: 9/27/2019

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE:)		
FAWN TIFFANY FENTON)	CHAPTER	13
)	CASE NO:	19-02693
BRENTWOOD, TN 37027)	JUDGE	WALKER
SSN: XXX-XX-2065)		
)		
DEBTOR			

ORDER GRANTING EXPEDITED MOTION TO SELL REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

This matter came before the Court on September 25, 2019 upon the Debtor's Expedited Motion to Sell Real Estate and Personal Property with notice given to all parties pursuant to Local Rule 9075-1.

There being no objections raised at the call of the docket, the Motion is found to be well taken and it is therefore ORDERED as follows:

Debtor shall be allowed to sell real property located at 1986 Sunnyside Drive, Brentwood,

Tennessee and items of personal property remaining in the house at auction pursuant to an Order Granting

Motion to Sell Marital Residence by Auction entered in the Chancery Court for Williamson County,

Tennessee on August 6, 2019. The Debtor will sell the real estate under Section 363(f)(3) subject to the

liens of Bank of America, N.A. and Bancorp South. This transaction shall be conditioned on the Debtor

providing the auction report to the Trustee once the sale has taken place. All net proceeds from the sale of
the property shall be deposited into the Chancery Court Clerk's Office and placed in an interest bearing
account on behalf of the parties pending further orders of the Chancery Court for Williamson County,

Tennessee.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

THIS ORDER WAS SIGNED AND ENTERED ELECTRONICALLY AS INDICATED AT THE TOP OF THE FIRST PAGE.

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:

/s/ Alex Koval

Alex Koval
ROTHSCHILD & AUSBROOKS, PLLC

Attorney for Debtor(s)
1222 16th Avenue South, Suite 12
Nashville, TN 37212-2926
(615) 242-3996 (telephone)
(615) 242-2003 (facsimile)
notice@rothschildbklaw.com

2019-09-25 Ms. Story's Secret Weapon to Supersede Tennessee State Laws with Federal Laws to, SELL and DISCARD MY "PROTECTED INCOME & ASSETS"!

THIS IS PROOF OF STRATEGICALLY MANIPULATING WIFE'S BANKRUPTCY, SPECIFICALLY TO HARM ME MORE!

THIS PROVES SEVERAL SERIOUS FEDERAL CRIMES COMMITTED BY ATTORNEY VIRGINIA LEE STORY, VIA ADA, FED & BK LAWS!

I LEFT MY "PEACE OFFERING" (BELOW), WHICH THEY TOOK,
WITHOUT ACCEPTING THE TERMS OF MY OFFER.
WHILE INJURING ME FURTHER BECAUSE THEY COULD,
DESPITE EVERY OATH OF OFFICE, LAWS, CIVIL RIGHTS, AND
CONSTITUTIONS BY OUR STATE AND OUR COUNTRY!

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PURELY MASOCHISTIC!

AN ABOMINATION OF "JUSTICE"!

This Order has been electronically signed. The Judge's signature and Court's seal appear at the top of the first page.
United States Bankruptcy Court.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE AT FRANKLIN

FAWN TIFFANY FENTON,) 2615 OLT 21 PH 3: 50
Plaintiff/Wife,) FILED FOR E TRY
vs.) No. 48419B
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JEFFREY RYAN FENTON,)
Defendant/Husband)

AFFIDAVIT OF VIRGINIA LEE STORY

RECEIVED BY ludges' Chambers
Date: 10-22-19-40

STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON

Comes now, Virginia Lee Story, attorney of record for the Petitioner, and after being first duly sworn, states as follows:

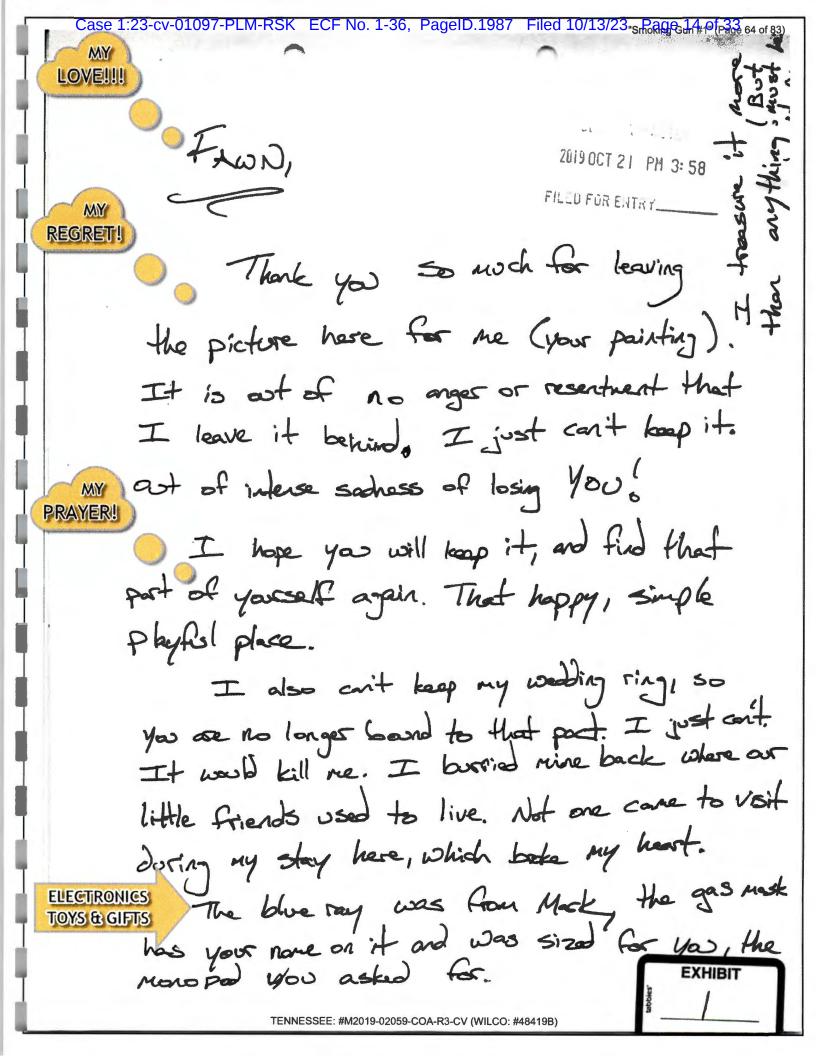
- 1. I am over 18 years of age and have personal knowledge of the following facts.
- 2. At the August 29, 2019 hearing in this matter, the Court set this matter for final hearing on October 21, 2019 in open Court with Mr. Jeffrey Fenton present in the courtroom.
 - 3. Since the August 29, 2019 hearing, Mr. Fenton relocated to Michigan.
- 4. In his handwritten note, he stated that he does not want to contest the divorce and that he does not wish to communicate with Virginia Story or anyone from her firm, ever again. He states that he will never be in Tennessee again. See attached Exhibit 1.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAITH NOT.

VIRGINIA LEE STORY

Notary Public

SWORN to and subscribed before me this $21S^{+}$ day of October, 2019.



2019-10-07 GIFTS LEFT AT OUR HOME FOR MS. FENTON WITH NOTE



TENNESSEE: #M2019-02059-COA-R3-CV (WILCO: #48419B)

It an so sorry things aread this way, but I can never speak with you again. To protect my heart, not at of arger or resentant

BECAUSE MS. STORY LITERALLY TERRORIZED AND ABUSED ME BEYOND

I will never communicate with Virginia Story or anyone from her firm, ever again. Regardless of the consequences.

TERMS OF MY OFFERARE

ACCEPTED: BUT MS: STORY
THEAUS EVERYTHING: WHITE SECRETILY DENNINGMY TERMS! LIKE a pin, then I will like wise 2000 my 250 page counter motion set

for october 215T.

REQUIRED CONDITIONS: A VERY GENEROUS OFFER, BUIT THEY ALWAYS WANT

I will mail you the fore simple divorce papers signed - and as long as no lawyers are involved, we each walk with what we have, Assets tolets, and no alimony etc... due either ever only if we finish non-contested together without a lawyer nothing motes

PUTS HER AT RISK SIMPLY FOR THE HRILL OF DOMINATING AND ABUSING ME

If Us. Story tries to use any of this against me, I will dedicate my life to fighting and appeal this to stake Court where the sake of our home will be found and proven to be against stake laws. If I never hear from Ms Stay or her start or court, Then I'm done, and I'm surrendes all. I will always love you to I'm so sorry! The

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2019-10-09 EMAIL FROM AUCTIONEER CONFIRMING MS. FENTON RECEIVED THE GIFTS, RATHER THAN SOMEONE ELSE TAKING,

AUCTIONEER PROMISED ME A HUD-I "SETTLEMENT STATEMENT" WHICH I NEVER GOT

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From: Tommy Anderson <tom@tommyanderson.us>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2019 6:42 PM

Sent: Wednesday, O
To: Jeff Fenton

Subject: Re: Closing | Utilities | Fully-Executed Settlement Statement

Attachments: image001.gif

Yes Fawn received all electronics and got them in her possession. I will have title company send you everything upon closing completion.

Sincerely,

Tommy Anderson

On Wed, Oct 9, 2019, 5:38 PM Jeff Fenton < jeff.fenton@live.com > wrote:

Hello Tommy,

Please let me know once the closing is completed, so that I can disconnect the utilities. They are all currently being billed to me, on my credit, and I need to minimize accruing debt, especially with zero proceeds from the sale, with which to pay any of my debts or expenses, while remaining unemployed.

Also, did you inform Fawn about the TV and Camera equipment at the house for her? Do you know if she has obtained that yet, or what her plan is? (I just want to ensure that Fawn gets the equipment, rather than the new buyer... he already got a good enough deal!)

Finally, I would like a scan of the fully executed HUD-1, emailed to me please, upon closing.

Thank you, sir.

Jeff Fenton

1986 Sunnyside Drive

Brentwood, TN 37027

FAWN TIFFANY FENTON vs JEFFREY RYAN FENTON 08/29/2019

1	MS. STORY: Since he probably will be
2	moving to Michigan, I would be amenable to him
3	attending the final hearing by telephone if he doesn't
4	want to drive back. And I can tell you, I will try to
5	accommodate him in any way I can.
6	THE COURT: I know you will. You already
7	have.
8	MS. STORY: And, also, the order probably
9	needs to say that Ms. Fenton can execute any other
10	documents that need to be executed because he might
11	not be here to sign anything, that Mr. Anderson might
12	need signed. So I would like to be able to put that
13	in the Order.
14	THE COURT: All right. Then if you'll
15	prepare the Order, that'll take care of us. That's
16	what we're doing. That's the Order of the Court.
17	Thank you very much.
18	(Proceedings were adjourned at 11:44 a.m.)
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& COUNTER COMPLAINT TO BE DUE - WHILE SHE PRIORITIZED THE FORCED DEPRIVATION OF MY HOME, AUCTONING MY BEAUTIFUL \$500k BRENTWOOD HOME FOR \$0! RENDERING ME HOMELESS! FORCED TO RELOCATE TO SURVIVE! **ATTORNEYS AGREEMENT BETWEEN EXTENSIONS** GRANTED STORY HAD BEGUN FOR DIVORCE ANSWER NOT

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE AT FRANKLIN

FAWN TIFFANY FENTON, Plaintiff/Wife,	FILED FOR EITH 14/28/19
vs.	No. 48419B
JEFFREY RYAN FENTON, Defendant/Husband.) RECEIVED BY Judges' Chambers Date: 10-22-19-42

FINAL DECREE OF DIVORCE

THIS CAUSE came on to be heard on the 21st day of October, 2019 before the Honorable Michael W. Binkley, Judge, holding Court for the Chancery Court for Williamson County, Tennessee, upon the Complaint for Divorce filed by Wife on June 4, 2019 of which Husband was served on June 20, 2019. Husband has not filed an Answer and has had two attorneys both of whom have withdrawn. The last attorneys, Marty Duke and Mitchell Miller, withdrew on August 29, 2019 while Mr. Fenton was in open Court and Mr. Fenton stated that he wished to proceed *Pro Se*. The Court informed Mr. Fenton of self-representation and Mr. Fenton confirmed that this is how he wished to proceed. The Court set a Final Hearing date in the Order entered on August 29, 2019. The Court finds, based upon the undisputed testimony of Wife, a witness for Wife as to the grounds for the divorce, the exhibits introduced in this cause, and the record as a whole, that the following shall be the Order of this Court.

It is therefore ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Wife, FAWN TIFFANY FENTON, shall be granted an absolute divorce on the grounds of inappropriate conduct. The parties' real property located at 1986 Sunnyside Drive, Brentwood, TN 37027 has a contract pending for sale. Attached is the closing statement and print out from the Bankruptcy Court as to the outstanding debt (Exhibit 1). There are no proceeds remaining to disburse. If for any reason the property does not close under the current contract, then Wife shall be granted all

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right, title and interest in and to said real property and shall take all necessary steps to ensure that Husband's name is not associated with the property or the debt. Wife may sign any and all documents to close the property if a subsequent buyer is obtained and any proceeds shall be awarded to Wife free and clear of claims of Husband. The parties have divided all personal property. Each party is awarded all personal property in their respective possession. Wife is in Bankruptcy which addresses her debt allocation and she will be responsible for all her indebtedness holding Husband harmless for the same.

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that Wife shall be solely responsible for all indebtedness in her name or incurred by her including her Bankruptcy. Husband shall be solely responsible for any and all debts in his name or that he has incurred holding Wife harmless for same. If Husband does not pay the creditors and they seek payments from Wife and she is forced to pay the same, then Wife shall be awarded a Judgment for any amounts she has to pay for which execution may issue.

Additionally, neither party shall contract any indebtedness on the credit of the other from and after the date of execution of this Agreement.

It is further **ORDERED**, **ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** that each party shall be awarded any banking, investment or retirement accounts in their respective names free and clear from the other party. All joint accounts have been closed. All right, title and interest of either party in and to any account or account balance awarded to the other party shall be, and is hereby, divested out of that party and vested absolutely in the other party.

It is further **ORDERED**, **ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** that the parties will file 2016 and 2019 taxes separately. Each party shall assume sole and separate responsibility for paying any taxes, penalties and/or interest which may hereafter be finally determined to be due as a result of

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income earned and/or received by that party or losses or deductions taken with respect to that party's income during any year for which the parties file, or have filed, joint income tax returns. Further, each party shall hold the other party harmless from any liability for such incomes taxes, penalties and/or interest as may hereinafter be finally determined to be due as a result of that party's misreporting of previous income.

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that Wife shall be awarded the 2017 Toyota Prius (VIN: JTDKBRFU2H3033495) titled in Wife's name free and clear of any claim by Husband. All right, title, and interest of Husband in and to said vehicle shall be, and is hereby, divested out of him and vested absolutely in Wife. Wife shall be, and is hereby, solely and separately responsible for any debt or liability associated with this vehicle as of the date of execution of this Agreement and shall indemnify and hold Husband harmless therefor. Each party shall be responsible for their own car expenses and insurance.

Husband shall be awarded the 2003 Buick LeSabre (VIN: 1G4HR54K43U236502) titled in Husband's name free and clear of any claim by Wife. All right, title and interest of Wife in and to said vehicle shall be, and is hereby, divested out of her and vested absolutely in Husband. Husband shall be, and is hereby, solely and separately responsible for any debt or liability associated with this vehicle as of the date of execution of this Agreement and shall indemnify and hold Wife harmless therefor. Husband shall be responsible for liability insurance on the 2003 Buick LeSabre and further agrees to remove Wife's name from any insurance policy regarding the same.

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that Wife is awarded a Judgment against Husband for all court costs incurred for which execution may issue. Attorney for Wife shall file her Affidavit for the Court of the communication from Husband that he did not wish to

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HEARD! 18 U.S.C. Conspiracy Against Rights, 18 U.S.C. Chapter 96—Racketeer Influenced Practice TO BE U.S. \$ 241 Law, 18 U.S.C. Color of 242 - Deprivation of Rights Under Organizations, and

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contest the divorce and that he was present in Court on August 29, 2019 when the Final Hearing

was set to be heard.

ENTERED this 24 day of Colors 12019.

Michael W. Binkley Circuit Court Judge/Chancellor 21st Judicial District, Division III

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:

VIRGINIA LEE STORY: BPR #11/700

Attorney for Wife 136 Fourth Avenue South Franklin, TN 37064 (615) 790-1778 virginia@tnlaw.org

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing has been forwarded via U.S. mail to Jeffrey Rvan Fenton, Husband Pro Se, at 17195 Silver Parkway, #150, Fenton, MI 48430 this day of October, 2019.

VIRGINIA LEE STORY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing has been forwarded to Virginia Lee Story, Attorney for Wife, at the above address, and to Joffey Ryan/Fonton, Husband Pro Se, at 17195 Silver Parkway, #150, Fenton, MI 48430 this 700

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From: Charles M. Duke < marty@mdukelaw.com >

Sent: Monday, August 5, 2019 5:39 PM
To: Jeff Fenton < Jeff@Meticulous.tech>

Cc: Mitchell Miller <mitchell@schafferlawfirmtn.com>

Subject: RE: Fenton v. Fenton

Jeff:

There is no definite date certain by which I agreed with Ms. Story to file an Answer & Counter-Complaint. However, until there is an Order entered relieving us as counsel in this matter, you should not file anything pro se.

Thanks. have a good evening. Marty

From: Jeff Fenton [mailto:Jeff@Meticulous.tech]

Sent: Monday, August 05, 2019 5:36 PM

To: Charles M. Duke Cc: Mitchell Miller

Subject: RE: Fenton v. Fenton

Thanks Marty.

Can you simply inform me of any critical dates which I need to self-represent by, as I can not afford further representation:

For example, when did you get the ANSWER & COUNTER COMPLAINT extended to?

Any other time critical dates would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks.

JEFF FENTON METICULOUS.TECH

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE AT FRANKLIN

FAWN TIFFANY FENTON,	
Plaintiff/Wife,	Docket No: 48419B
v.	
JEFFREY RYAN FENTON,	
Defendant/Husband.	

HUSBAND'S RESPONSE AND COUNTERMOTION TO WIFE'S MOTION
FOR VIOLATION OF THE EX PARTE ORDER OF PROTECTION,
AND IN OBJECTION TO ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO SELL THE
MARITAL RESIDENCE, AND HUSBAND'S ANSWER AND COUNTERCOMPLAINT TO WIFE'S COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE,
HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS HUSBAND'S "ONE-AND-DONE"

COMES NOW the Defendant/Husband, Jeffrey Ryan Fenton, for his response to the Wife's Motions, along with Husband's Countermotions, addressing all allegations to date, stating as follows:

First Husband would like to bring to the court's attention, the disabilities with which he has been diagnosed, and continues ongoing treatment for. If not properly understood, one could easily draw incorrect conclusions, specifically about Husband's communications, in how he speaks and even more so, his excessive use of words when writing. Please see Exhibit-A for a thorough explanation regarding this, from both Terry M. Huff (LCSW), Husband's Psychotherapist, and Dr. Richard E. Rochester (M.D.), Husband's Psychiatrist.

Husband suffers from the following handicaps:

Obsessive-Compulsive Personality Disorder (OCPD) DSM-5 301.4 (F60.5)

Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD) DSM-5 300.02 (F41.1)

Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) DSM-5 314.01 (F90.2)

I DID this to PROTECT MYSELF from ANY SCAM - Answering Every False Claim I had TIME to, on the very FIRST DAY I was "ALLOWED" to file anything "PRO-SE"! (I don't think they EVER EVEN READ IT!)

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DUE TO COVID-19

I NEED to get a JOB from HOME Because of my Mother's Health Which I CAN'T DO with this STUPID OP! Please have the OP REMOVED and EXPUNGED or Start Sending Me SUPPORT PLEASE!

ASTHMA, ALLERGY AND IMMUNOLOGY CENTER

S. Anne, M.D.

R. Botta, M.D.

I. Badr, M.D.

R. Mahajan, M.D.

H. Azzam, M.D.

Patient Name: Marsha Fenton

Visit Date: 7/2/2020

Thank you very much for letting me participate in the management of Marsha Fenton, who was seen by telephone consultation on 07/02/20. Marsha states that her IgA deficiency has been stable. She denies any upper or lower respiratory tract infection. She has been following strict avoidance measures from exposing to the COVID-19 infection. She is wearing the mask. She is staying home. Her son also stays with her, who is not working at this time. She denies any fever, chills, or rigors. She denies any upper or lower respiratory tract infection.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION: Deferred at this time since this was done by telephone consultation.

IMPRESSION: Ms. Marsha Fenton has:

- 1. IgA deficiency, and
- 2. Chronic rhinosinusitis.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. Marsha is prone to develop recurrent infections. Therefore, I advised her to follow strict isolation measures from exposure to COVID-19 infection.
- 2. Since her son stays with Marsha, I strongly recommend that her son should do his work from home since it will reduce significantly the risk of exposure of Ms. Fenton to the COVID-19 virus.
- 3. A follow-up appointment has been scheduled in one year but I advised her to contact me as soon as the pandemic is over for further evaluation and treatment.

Signed Electronically By Suresh Anne, MD

Signed Date: 7/3/2020 9:16:00 AM

E-Faxed to Ravikumar Peddireddy, MD On 7/3/2020 9:16:00 AM

Parents are responsible for the protection of their children. Unborn and small children are unable and not equipped to defend themselves against the schemes of the devil. As a result, God appointed agents to protect them and care for them. Again these agents are called parents. One day some years ago, the Lord opened up to me what I have since come to refer to as the STRONG MAN PRINCIPLE.

"Or how can anyone enter the strong man's house and carry off his property unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house."

(Matthew 12:29)

In this passage, Jesus is explaining how to expel demonic spirits. He says that there are different ranking spirits with which to deal. If you want to be rid of all the lower ranking spirits, you must first find their "chief," bind him, and then you can eliminate the others. The "chief" is called the strong man.

As I was studying this passage, one day the Lord spoke to me that the principle works exactly the same when the kingdom of darkness is attempting to invade your house. In the Greek language, the word translated "house" is the word "OIKOS." This word in this context is not referring to the physical dwelling place, but rather to the family. OIKOS literally means: "the descendants thereof."

So when the enemy (the devil and demonic spirits) comes to plunder your house (OIKOS), he is

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after your family. His purpose is to devastate and destroy your marriage, children, and grandchildren. In order to do so, he must first bind the strong man. Who is the strong man of your house? The husband is the strong man to the wife, and both parents are strongmen to the children. Thus, in the areas of life in which the enemy can bind the parents, he has access to the children.

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WILLIAMSON

How close can judges be with lawyers? Emails including Williamson Co. judge raise questions

Elaina Sauber The Tennessean

Published 5:00 a.m. CT Aug. 30, 2018

<u>Williamson County Judge Michael Binkley</u> sent an email to his wife in April 2016 to let her know a weekend lake trip organized for several judges and attorneys had been rescheduled to ensure the couple could attend.

"Looks like they made the lake party the second weekend so that you and I could be there. Very nice!! Put it on your calendar," Binkley wrote.

But the attorney who invited Binkley also had an active case before the judge in circuit court.

Three days before Binkley sent that email, the plaintiffs in a case he was overseeing, Sam and Shannon Clemmons, filed a motion asking the judge to recuse himself. Binkley later denied the motion.

One of the defense attorneys in the Clemmons' case, <u>Virginia Story</u>, invited <u>Binkley</u>, as well as his brother, Davidson County <u>Judge Joe Binkley</u>, on <u>weekend trips</u> in August 2015 and August 2016 featuring a houseboat, a lake house and dinners, according to emails obtained by USA TODAY NETWORK - Tennessee.

The Tennessee Administrative Office of the Courts refused to provide any emails about the trips, which were sent to or from judges' government-issued email addresses, claiming that the emails were not subject to inspection. This was in spite of the fact that the administrative office had previously produced some of those emails to another public records requester. The administrative office was specifically asked for those already-produced emails, but refused.

The lake trip emails sparked questions by the Clemmonses about whether judges can remain fair and impartial when presiding over cases while simultaneously vacationing with

attorneys in those cases.

Attorney James Oglesby, who said he's attended the trips in past years, said they are held at Center Hill Lake, and confirmed <u>Story</u> — the defense attorney in the Clemmons' case — hosts them.

The emails didn't raise concerns for the Tennessee Board of Judicial Conduct, which is the state's sole authority for investigating and reprimanding sitting judges who violate judicial conduct rules.

In a letter sent to the Clemmonses in March, responding to their 144-page complaint about Binkley, board chair and Judge Chris Craft noted that proof of a judge's ethics violation must be "clear and convincing."

"The investigative panel did not feel such a burden could be met in this case," Craft wrote.

The complaint was dismissed.

Binkley did not return a request for comment.

'You're going to get yourself into trouble'

It's unrealistic to expect a person to relinquish all their personal relationships with fellow attorneys once they become a judge, said Charles Geyh, an Indiana University law professor and expert in legal and judicial ethics.

But judges should be careful, Geyh said, if activities go beyond a casual lunch or social event.

Judges should never preside over cases when they're close friends with any of the attorneys involved, Geyh said.

"You start vacationing with people, and you're going to get yourself into trouble," he said. "It's not cool if it reaches the point of creating the perception that there are lawyers who have special access (to the judge)."

Tennessee judges must recuse themselves from presiding over cases in which their impartiality might "reasonably" be questioned, according to the state code of judicial conduct.

"People with whom you socialize actively, vacation with, enter business relationships with - there's nothing wrong with continuing to do that after (you become) a judge," Geyh said. "You just can't hear cases in which those lawyers make appearances before you."

'Just something you do'

It's unclear how many attorneys and judges were invited to or attended the boating trips in 2015 and 2016. One email from <u>Story</u> about the 2015 trip was sent to Michael Binkley, Joe Binkley, Williamson County Judge Joseph Woodruff, and more than a dozen Williamson County attorneys.

- Some attorneys who were included in the emails and contacted by The Tennessean for comment said they didn't think judges and attorneys vacationing together was an issue.
- "I don't think it's any business the public needs to have. It's just something you do," said Lori Thomas Reid, a Franklin family law attorney who was included on one of the emails.
- Attorney Michael Fort said the trips are harmless and likened them to events held by the Tennessee Bar Association or American Inns of Court, an organization comprised of local chapters of lawyers, judges and other legal professionals.
- "I don't understand the concern about it," he said.
 - It's common for lawyers' families to accompany them on the trips, Fort said.
 - "It's not a place for conversation on cases. You've got kids running around and swimming and (water) skiing," he said. "It's a place to let that guard down a little bit and personalize everybody."
- Oglesby echoed those sentiments, saying the trips are "purely a social thing."
- Story did not return a call for comment.

Judges required to report some gifts

- When a judge won't recuse themselves from a case, it's rare for higher courts to overrule them, said Richard Flamm, a California-based attorney who has published books on judicial and lawyer disqualification.
- "When it comes to disqualifying judges, there never seems to be enough of a reason," Flamm said. "There's very little case law you can find when moving to disqualify a judge."
- It's unclear whether attorneys paid for any of Judge Michael Binkley's expenses on the 2016 lake trip. If they did, that could prove problematic.