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Letter to Honorable Timothy Evans, Chief Judge, and The Executive Committee of The Circuit Court of Cook County

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Megan Mason <megan42@gmail.com> To: Mary.Wisniewski@cookcountyil.gov Fri, Dec 9, 2022 at 2:43 PM

Dear Ms. Wisniewski,

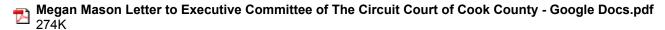
Attached is a letter addressed to The Executive Committee of The Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois. A copy of the letter has also been mailed to each member of the committee individually. I am providing it to you so that you may provide an electronic copy to the committee members as well as a copy of the relevant case filings.

Of course the committee will be in receipt of the letter in paper form and will have access to all documents via the Clerk's Office. I am simply providing the attachments as a courtesy to the committee members who I can imagine have a lot of duties and little time to scan and download documents.

Thank you so much for any thing you may do to help facilitate transparent and direct communication. I am seeking administrative oversight by the committee and actions to protect me as a federal witness and whistleblower.

Kind Regards, Megan Mason

3 attachments



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Megan Mason Respondent Pro Se Case 2016 D 9534

December 8, 2022

The Honorable Judge Timothy Evans Chief Judge The Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois 50 West Washington Street, Room 2600 Richard J. Daley Center Chicago, IL 60602

The Executive Committee of The Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois:

Honorable Daniel B. Malone, Presiding Judge Probate Division; Honorable David Navarro, Acting Presiding Judge, Pretrial Division; Honorable James P. Flannery, Jr., Presiding Judge Law Division; Honorable Sophia H. Hall, Presiding Judge Juvenile Justice and Child Protection Resource Section; Honorable Michael P. Toomin, Presiding Judge Juvenile Justice Division; Honorable Judith C. Rice, Acting Presiding Judge Domestic Violence Division; Honorable Regina Scannicchio, Acting Presiding Judge Domestic Relations Division; Honorable E. Kenneth Wright, Jr., Presiding Judge, First Municipal District; Honorable Shelley Sutker-Dermer, Presiding Judge, Second Municipal District; Honorable Jill C. Marisie, Presiding Judge, Third Municipal District; Honorable Ramon Ocasio III, Acting Presiding Judge, Fourth Municipal District; Honorable Kerry M. Kennedy, Acting Presiding Judge, Fifth District; Honorable Tommy Brewer, Presiding Judge, Sixth Municipal District

RE: URGENT ACTION REQUIRED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY TO STOP CRIMINAL ACTIVITY BY EMPLOYEES AND APPOINTEES UNDER YOUR ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY

To Judge Timothy Evans and The Executive Committee of The Circuit Court of Cook County:

My name is Megan Mason. I am writing to ask that this committee exercise its administrative authority to investigate misconduct by the following employees and appointees of The Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois: Judge Robert W. Johnson, Kaye Mason, Michael Bender and Jonathan Palen. I am a mother and citizen of Illinois who has experienced abusive practices, conducted by these parties personally under the color of state law against myself and against my minor children. I am seeking this committee's help and protection by simply removing me and my children from contact or relationship with these parties.

I am seeking that this committee make a thorough investigation of my claims and suspend these parties from active duties in and on behalf of the court until such time as such an investigation can be made into my allegations and concerns. I believe this committee is obligated to exercise executive authority in

particular over the parties' use of computer software and devices owned by Cook County or The State of Illinois, over these parties actions where there is an obvious indication of criminal intent, which is inherently personal by nature and thus not subject to any form of judicial immunity, and where parties' behaviors expose the taxpayers of Illinois to potential litigation costs. As an executive body I appeal on this committee to consider my claims from a fiduciary perspective, asking, "Is this something the people of Illinois should pay for?".

In support of my request I ask that this committee specifically review the recently filed *December 8, 2022 Emergency Petition to Substitute Judge Robert Johnson For Cause.* Again, I ask that this committee consider this petition as evidence of a need for executive oversight of employees and appointees conducting administrative and supervisory duties not subject to judicial immunity. This appeal is separate from the Petition for Substitution of Judge itself which I trust will be heard and ruled upon according to the law of Illinois and local court rules.

Between June, 2021 and now I have made multiple reports of criminal activity involving Judge Robert Johnson, Kaye Mason, Michael Bender and Jonathan Palen to The FBI and to other federal investigative bodies. I filed a federal whistleblower complaint to The IRS in October, 2021 which documented ongoing tax evasion, money laundering, and financial fraud by my ex husband, Peter Matt. These individuals were all also named, individually and personally, and I provided voluminous information presented under affidavit describing their criminal acts.

I received two whistleblower numbers around December, 2021 and understand these criminal investigations to be ongoing. I have every reason to believe that I am a witness and victim of federal crimes in which Robert Johnson, Kaye Mason, Michael Bender and Jonathan Palen are all individually and personally named as targets.

I ask for a thorough review of case 2016 D 9534 in order to ensure that the people of Illinois are not paying for or protecting ongoing criminal acts. Just one example of the events that disturbs me and which makes me wish for this committee to intervene to exercise oversight of court employees and appointees, is a suspected solicitation of bribe I witnessed between Cook County Circuit Court approved Parenting Coordinator and Custody Evaluator Jonathan Palen and Court employee Kaye Mason, scheduler for Judge Robert Johnson, and court Guardian Ad Litem Michael Bender, on December 5, 2020.

Dr. Palen, using his professional email, wrote to Ms. Mason, on the email server for cookcountil.gov, and to Mr. Bender at his professional email address: "I want to be paid it is as simple as that." This note was part of an ongoing ex parte thread between my ex husband via his attorney Christopher Wehrman, Dr. Palen, Mr. Bender, and Judge Johnson, via his clerk Kaye Mason. The subject of the email was my married name and case number. Neither I nor anyone representing my beneficial interest was copied. I came across the email because Dr. Palen accidentally added me because I share the same last name as Judge Johnson's clerk.

I have made many efforts to get Judge Johnson and others to disclose the rest of the email thread to me and to explain why Dr. Palen wrote that. On that date Dr. Palen had a positive retainer balance and no motions pending for fees. There was no controversy regarding fees to my knowledge. I have requested the parties to disclose the emails. I have attempted to subpoena Kaye Mason and all other parties, to subpoena The Circuit Court of Cook County via attorney Brianna Steger.

In response to my attempt to subpoena documents from Kaye Mason, Judge Johnson ordered me to appear in his courtroom. He told me, "I called you here because you subpoenaed my clerk. You can't subpoena my clerk. I've looked at the emails. They're fine. You don't need to see them". So there are emails on the server owned by Cook County, ex parte emails, that I am privy to. And there remains my question, "Was Dr. Palen soliciting a bribe?" The phrase "I want to be paid" infers compensation. The phrase, "It is as simple as that", suggests that getting paid is all he cares about, which implies a solicitation of a bribe or kickback.

Dr. Palen has had countless opportunities to explain. I want an explanation. I've attached the email here. I do not believe Dr. Palen deserves to have authority over women and children in Illinois until he explains why he wrote that and the committee determines it is appropriate for someone in so sensitive and powerful position over families. I'm a mother of two vulnerable children and this was a man I was ordered to obey by Judge Robert Johnson. It's not acceptable to have any doubt as to the character of a man given such profound authority.

If this committee doubts my claims are serious I would also like it to consider another event involving Dr. Palen. I was ordered by Judge Robert Johnson to consult with Dr. Palen on all parenting decisions when he was appointed parenting coordinator. I was also required to and ordered to meet with Dr. Palen and my ex husband, Peter Matt, whenever my ex husband wished, at considerable expense.

In April, 2021 Mr. Matt requested a meeting with Dr. Palen so that Dr. Palen could help him to "make sure Megan doesn't interfere with my business idea". During the Zoom meeting, Mr. Matt told us that he wants to make our fourteen year old son, who does not consistently count to ten, CEO of his business. Mr. Matt explained that the purpose was to get his business certified as being owned by a person with a disability in order to get contracts for minority owned businesses.

I opposed Mr. Matt's scheme and specifically pointed out that it is fraud to pretend your company is owned by disabled people. I also said I was concerned this would impact my son's future disability benefits. Dr. Palen thought it sounded like a great idea. He told Mr. Matt to write a business plan, which he did. I've attached it here. In addition to describing the fraud, Mr. Matt, under the literal authority of the court, wrote that when our son is eighteen, or if his father ever thinks it's appropriate, his company ownership shares will "revert" (be stolen) by his father.

Since attempting to stop his abusive practices and since disclosing my whistleblower status, Judge Johnson has increasingly escalated his abusive practices and has revoked my parenting rights through a retaliatory action, five years after I entered into a parenting plan in this court. There was no evidence presented in support of his action. He has also in recent months imposed nearly \$100,000 in retaliatory sanctions, specifically referencing my public testimony against him in his actions, and, as I write, there is a motion pending from Michael Bender to have me incarcerated.

It is your duty as a committee to protect the families under the profound authority of The Circuit Court of Cook County. I ask you to please take my claims seriously, review the case activity in consideration of my concern about my safety as a federal witness and my children's safety from exploitation. Please intervene to stop obvious, unconscionable crime at the expense of the people of Illinois.

Sincerely,

Megan Mason



IRMO Matt; 2016 D 9534; COURT ORDER

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Sat. Dec 5, 2020 at 1:53 PM

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Goedecke and Associates, Inc.

Identity

Goedecke offers high-quality, fast and reliable procurement service of IT, banking and POS spare parts. With Angus as the new owner and decision maker Goedecke will become a diversified supplier certified by DisabilityIN. Angus will learn valuable life skills.

Problem

Large, publicly listed maintenance and repair organizations are looking for high-quality spare parts and their fast delivery. As part of their social responsibility commitments to their shareholders these companies are looking to do business with companies that have a Supplier Diversity Certification.

Our solution

Our decades old organization acquired a large database of vendors that enables us to offer new and end-of-life parts to our customers. We can procure high quality parts quickly for a good price due to our long standing relationships, while being supplier diversity certified.

Target market

Large and global maintenance and repair organizations that are looking to outsource parts of their purchasing and supply chain processes in a social responsible way.

The competition

We are specialized in hard-to-find and end-of-life spare parts since many years and have built deep relationships with our business partners. Other companies that can offer such customized service are similar small and flexible companies like TeamOne, Redsis, RMC International.

Revenue streams

Goedecke sells directly to customers by responding to their daily RFQs. Applies salary, as well as any distributions should remain with Peter. Megan should have no claim to any of the money or shares even in case of the death of Applies Megan shall not impact the business in any way.

Marketing activities

Goedecke will search the internet for other public opportunities to respond to those RFQs inviations.

Expenses

- Labor to search parts and offer them to the customers after applying a margin
- Shipping and packing material cost
- Space for inventory, test and repacking the products

Team and key roles

Currently, the team members are:

- Peter Matt, the current 100% owner, 12 years tenure
- Leo Matt and family in Germany
- Hemendra (8 years), Pratik (8 years),
 Shashikant (6 years) and Jalpa (5 years) in India

Milestones

As the business matures, Goedecke will improve its on-time-shipment performance, will get invited to more RFQ opportunities due to its diversified status and will on-board new clients.

Once A becomes eligible for SSDI and/or in case his ownership is no longer beneficial as been decided by Peter, his shares and title should fall back to Peter.

is familiar with all the team members.