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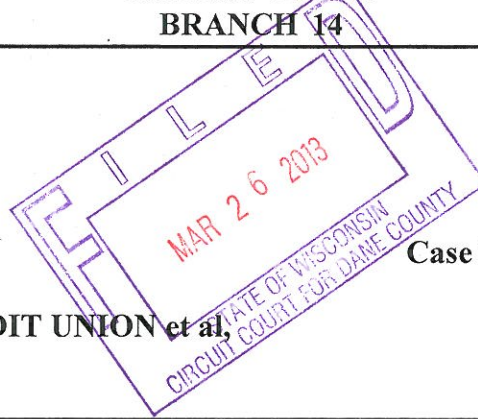
DANE COUNTY

RODNEY RIGSBY and
CATHERINE CONRAD
Plaintiffs,

v.

AM COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION et al,
Defendants,

Case No. 11 CV 4650



ORDER REGARDING TRANSCRIPT FEES

Catherine Conrad filed a Notice of Appeal in this case on January 22, 2013. That same day Judge Berz, who has nothing to do with this case, granted a waiver of fees for the appeal transmittal.

Conrad has apparently contacted the court reporters who reported hearings on December 20, 2011, June 19, 2012, and December 7, 2012. Conrad claims that she is unable to afford the costs quoted by the reporters. She asks me to order the State or the defendants to pay for the transcripts.

Wis. Stat. 814.29 provides, in part,

(1)(a) Except as provided in sub. (1m), any person may commence, prosecute or defend any action or special proceeding in any court, or any writ of error or appeal therein, without being required to give security for costs or to pay any service or fee, upon order of the court based on a finding that because of poverty the person is unable to pay the costs of the action or special proceeding, or any writ of error or appeal therein, or to give security for those costs.

(b) A person seeking an order under par. (a) shall file in the court an affidavit in the form prescribed by the judicial conference, setting forth briefly the nature of the cause, defense or appeal and facts demonstrating his or her poverty.

(c) The finding and order of the court under par. (a) shall be in the form prescribed by the judicial conference. **The court may deny the request for an order if the court finds that the affidavit states no claim, defense or appeal upon which the court may grant relief.**

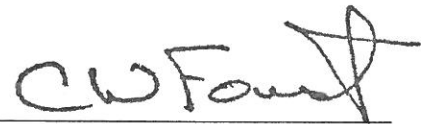
Wis. Stat. 814.29 (emphasis added).

After Ms. Conrad delivered a "Happy Birthday" message while dressed like a banana, someone in attendance apparently posted an image of the event in some social media. Ms. Conrad protested and one of the attendees responded to her protest by sending her an e-mail essentially saying he would certainly never seek out her services. Conrad responded to that with a defamation claim against him and his employer. The action then morphed into multiple claims against eight defendants, including CUNA and the UW Board of Regents.

On December 19, 2012, I granted motions to dismiss as to all the defendants. Conrad appeals. This lawsuit is just about the biggest waste of judicial time I have ever encountered. It is devoid of merit. <http://www.bananalady.com/> indicates that Ms. Conrad is going to Las Vegas in June for the International Licensing Expo. She can pay for her own transcripts. I will not order the citizens of Dane County to pay a penny for this nonsense.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the request that I order the State or the defendants to pay the transcript fees is denied..

Dated this 26th day of March, 2013.



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