

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

In the Matter of)	
)	Civil Action No.
Innocent Obi)	13 C 6643
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ORDER

IT APPEARING THAT Innocent Obi has been a pro se plaintiff in 19 cases filed since May 2010, and an intervenor in one case (13 C 37 Phongsa v. Fifth Third Mortgage Co.).

IT FURTHER APPEARING THAT It is the Executive Committee's concern that Mr. Obi may be engaged in the practice of law without a license.

IT FURTHER APPEARING THAT The Executive Committee has forwarded its concern to the Attorney Registration & Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Illinois (ARDC) for possible investigation into the actions of Mr. Obi.

IT FURTHER APPEARING THAT it is the judgment of the Executive Committee that reasonable and necessary restraints must be imposed upon Mr. Obi's ability to file new civil cases in this District *pro se* pending the outcome of an investigation by the ARDC. Cases in existence prior to the entry of this order are not affected by this order and shall proceed as usual.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE in its capacity as the supervisor of the assignment of cases, that -----

- 1) Pending the outcome of an investigation by the ARDC, Innocent Obi, or anyone acting on his behalf, is enjoined from filing any new civil action or proceeding in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois without first obtaining leave by way of the following procedures:
 - a) Any materials Mr. Obi, or anyone acting on his behalf, wishes to submit for filing shall be delivered to Room 2050, Office of the Clerk at the Courthouse in Chicago. Only the Clerk or deputies specifically designated by the Clerk may accept such documents.
 - b) Where the document submitted is a complaint, it shall be accompanied by a motion captioned "Motion Seeking Leave to File Pursuant to Order of Executive Committee." That motion shall, in addition to requesting leave to file the complaint, include a sworn statement certifying that the claims raised

by or on behalf of Mr. Obi in the complaint are new claims never before raised in any federal court.

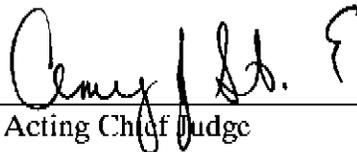
- c) Whenever Mr. Obi submits a document for filing, the clerk or designated deputy shall accept the papers, stamp them received, docket them, and forward them to the Executive Committee.
- 2) The Executive Committee will examine any complaints submitted by or on behalf of Mr. Obi to determine whether they should be filed.
- 3) If Mr. Obi seeks leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*, the Committee will also determine if such leave should be granted. The Committee will deny leave to file any complaints if they are legally frivolous or are merely duplicative of matters already litigated. The Committee may deny leave to file any complaints not filed in conformity with this order.
- 4) If the Executive Committee enters an order denying leave to file the materials, the clerk shall retain the order in the miscellaneous file and cause a copy of the order to be mailed to Mr. Obi. The submitted documents shall be returned to Mr. Obi.
- 5) If the Executive Committee enters an order granting leave to file the materials, the clerk will cause the materials to be stamped filed as of the date received and shall cause the case to be assigned to a judge in accordance with the rules. The clerk shall also cause a copy of the order to be mailed to Mr. Obi.
- 6) Mr. Obi's failure to comply with this order may, within the discretion of the Executive Committee, result in him being held in contempt of court and punished accordingly.
- 7) Nothing in this order shall be construed -----
 - a) to affect Mr. Obi's ability to defend himself in any criminal action,
 - b) to deny Mr. Obi access to the federal courts through the filing of a petition for a writ of habeas corpus or other extraordinary writ, or
 - c) to deny Mr. Obi access to the United States Court of Appeals or the United States Supreme Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That any password issued to Innocent Obi for access to the electronic filing system shall be disabled.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk shall cause to be created and maintained a miscellaneous file with the title "In the matter of Innocent Obi " and case number 13 C. 6643 The miscellaneous file shall serve as the repository of this order and any order or minute order entered pursuant to this order. The Clerk will also maintain a miscellaneous docket associated with the file. All orders retained in the file will be entered on that docket following standard docketing procedures. A brief entry will be made on the docket indicating the receipt of any materials from Mr. Obi, and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk shall cause a copy of this order to be mailed to Mr. Obi at [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois 60649, the address given by Mr. Obi in documents received on August 5, 2013. Such mailing shall be by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested.

**ENTER:
FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**



Acting Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 17 day of September, 2013.