UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

In the Matter of	)	
	)	Civil Action No.
Fernando Fontanez	)	07 C 0224
Plaintiff, *pro se*	)	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ORDER

On January 18, 2007, the Executive Committee issued an order restricting new civil filings by pro se litigant Fernando Fontanez. Prior to the entry of that order, Fernando Fontanez filed thirteen cases in the Eastern Division, most of which were dismissed as frivolous or for failure to state a claim for which relief may be granted under federal law.

On September 20, 2007, an Executive Committee Order was entered, lifting filing restrictions previously imposed upon pro se litigant Fernando Fontanez. Since that time, Mr. Fontanez has filed four cases. Three include defendants from cases vacated by Executive Committee order of February 12, 2007; the fourth is a previously-filed case that was removed from Cook County and dismissed by the presiding judge.

It is the judgment of the Executive Committee that reasonable and necessary restraints must be imposed upon Mr. Fontanez's ability to file new civil cases in this District *pro se*. 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 the clerk is directed to return unfiled any papers submitted either directly or indirectly by or on behalf of Fernando Fontanez. A copy of this order shall be included with the returned documents, and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That Fernando Fontanez is authorized to submit to this court, no earlier than twelve months from the date of this order, a motion to modify or rescind this order, and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That nothing in this order shall be construed -----

a) to affect Mr. Fontanez's ability to defend himself in any criminal action,

b) to deny Mr. Fontanez 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. Fontanez access to the United States Court of Appeals or the United States Supreme Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That the Clerk shall cause a copy of this order to be mailed to Mr. Fontanez at P.O. Box 578941, Chicago, Illinois 60657 the address given by Mr. Fontanez in documents filed on November 20, 2007. Such mailing shall be by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested.

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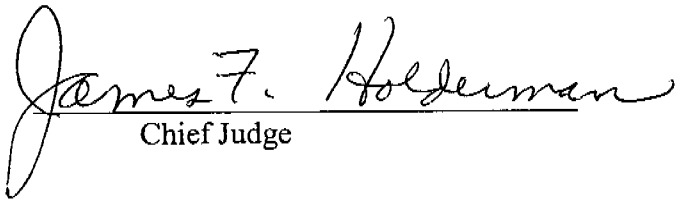
FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 13th day of December, 2007