

CAUSE NO. 231-686108-20

IN THE INTEREST OF

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MINOR CHILDREN

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT

231ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

ORDER DECLARING KATHRYN COPELAND A VEXATIOUS LITIGANT

On December 10 and 13, 2024, the Court heard Christopher Copeland's Motion to Declare Kathryn Copeland a Vexatious Litigant. Due and proper notice of the hearing was given and received as required by the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure and Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code chapter 11. Based on the pleadings on file, testimony and evidence admitted, and arguments of counsel and parties, the Court FINDS as follows:

1. Petitioner Kathryn Copeland meets the criteria to be declared a vexatious litigant under Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code Chapter 11.
2. There is no reasonable probability that Petitioner will prevail in the litigation filed against Mr. Christopher Copeland.
3. Petitioner has commenced, prosecuted, and/or maintained as a pro se litigant, at least five litigations that were finally determined adversely to her, were nonsuited by her, or that were permitted to remain pending for at least two years without being brought to trial or hearing.
4. Petitioner has also relitigated or attempted to relitigate the same claim, controversy, or issue as to Mr. Copeland after that claim, controversy or issue has been finally determined against Petitioner.

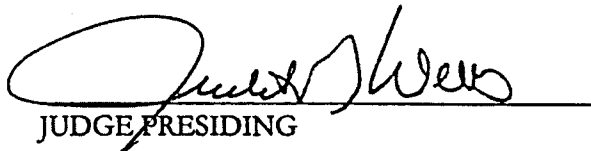
Therefore, the Court GRANTS the motion and ORDERS as follows:

1. Kathryn Copeland is declared a vexatious litigant for all purposes.
2. Kathryn Copeland is hereby ORDERED to furnish security in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) by January 31, 2025, to proceed with this case. The purpose of this security is to assure payment of Mr. Christopher Copeland's reasonable expenses incurred in or in connection with the litigation commenced by Ms. Kathryn Copeland, including costs and attorneys' fees. Failure to furnish security as ordered shall result in the dismissal of this case.


3. Kathryn Copeland is prohibited from filing, pro se, any new litigation in any court in this State without the written permission of the appropriate local administrative judge in the jurisdiction where Ms. Copeland attempts to file such litigation. The local administrative judge may condition permission upon Ms. Copeland furnishing additional security for the benefit of the defendant(s) or any other condition as provided under Chapter 11 of the Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code.
4. If Kathryn Copeland violates this prefiling order, she will be subject to contempt of court in addition to the other remedies afforded under Chapter 11 of the Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code.
5. The Clerk of the Court is directed to notify the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System ("OCA") of this Court's declaration of Kathryn Copeland as a vexatious litigant by delivering a copy of this order to the OCA at the following address:

Office of Court Administration  
Attention: Judicial Information  
P.O. Box 12066 Austin, TX 78711-2066  
[JudInfo@txcourts.gov](mailto:JudInfo@txcourts.gov)

Signed: January 21, 2025

  
JUDGE PRESIDING

Approved as to form:

By:   
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