

CAUSE NO. 2016-17400

DEMETRIA SMITH

Plaintiff

VS.

HARRIS COUNTY DEMOCRAT
PARTY, ET AL.

Defendants

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT

HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

125TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

FINAL JUDGMENT

On June 6, 2016, this Court heard Defendants Sonya Aston and Harris County Clerk Stan Stanart's (collectively, "County Defendants") Plea to the Jurisdiction and Motion to Dismiss and for Sanctions and orally ruled from the bench that the County Defendants were entitled to a dismissal of all Plaintiff's claims and sanctions in the amount of \$52,350.00 against the Plaintiff based on the pleadings, evidence and arguments of the parties. The Court further ruled that the County Defendants shall recover sanctions against the Plaintiff because Plaintiff failed to exercise due diligence before filing suit and her suit against Defendants was frivolous, groundless, and brought in bad faith and for the purposes of harassment.

On July 25, 2016, this Court heard the County Defendants' Motion for Entry of Final Judgment and further finds that judgment shall be rendered in the County Defendants' favor as previously ruled by the Court.

FILED

Chris Daniel
District Clerk

JUL 25 2016

Time: _____
Harris County, Texas

By _____
Deputy

On July 25, 2016, this Court also heard Defendant Hubert Vo's Motion to Dismiss. Based on the pleadings, evidence and arguments of the parties, the Court finds Hubert Vo is entitled to a dismissal. It is therefore

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that County Defendants' Plea to the Jurisdiction and Motion to Dismiss and for Sanctions and Motion for Entry of Judgment is GRANTED and Plaintiff's claims against Sonya Aston and Harris County Clerk Stan Stanart are hereby DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE. It is further

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the County Defendants shall recover sanctions in the amount of \$52,350.00 for their expenses, costs and attorney's fees incurred in the defense of this lawsuit. It is further

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Plaintiff shall not be allowed to file any affirmative pleadings in this lawsuit until she has paid the \$52,350.00 sanctions in full. It is further

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Defendant Hubert Vo's Motion to Dismiss is GRANTED and Plaintiff's claims against him are hereby DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE. It is further

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that all relief not expressly granted herein is denied. This is a final judgment and is appealable.

Signed this 25 day of July, 2016.



HONORABLE ROBERT KERN
PRESIDING JUDGE

APPROVED AND ENTRY REQUESTED:

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