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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF BONNER

MARY E. PANDREA, a single woman,

Plaintiff,

vs.

KENNETH J. AND DEANNA BARRETT,
Individually and as husband and wife,

Defendants.

) CASE NO. CV 2015-1066
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) AMENDED FINDINGS AND
) ORDER DESIGNATING MAR
) E. PANDREA A VEXATIOUS
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The court finds sufficient facts in the record to conclude Ms. Pandrea has repeatedly filed unmeritorious motions and other papers, and has engaged in other tactics that are frivolous or solely intended to cause unnecessary delay. As such, the Court finds that Ms. Pandrea is a vexatious litigant pursuant to I.C.A.R. 59(d)(3). The facts supporting this finding are laid out below.

I. Standard

I.C.A.R. 59 governs the designation of vexatious litigants and states in relevant part:

(d) An administrative judge may find a person to be a vexatious litigant based on a finding that a person has done any of the following:

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(3) In any litigation while acting pro se, repeatedly files unmeritorious motions, pleadings, or other papers, conducts unnecessary discovery, or engages in other tactics that are frivolous or solely intended to cause unnecessary delay.

II. Bonner Co. Case No. 13-835 – *Pandrea v. Clark*; the partition action

Ms. Pandrea and her sister Clark were tenants in common in land they owned in the Pack River Valley. Ms. Pandrea filed an action to partition the property. After a two-day court trial, the Court issued its decision and directed Ms. Pandrea to submit a final judgment including a legal description of the property and the location of an easement across Ms. Pandrea's parcel to Clark's parcel.

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decision. The Court denied Ms. Pandrea's motion to reconsider. The Court issued its decision on Ms. Pandrea's motion to amend the complaint. The Court stated:

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The Court entered its revised judgment and order of partition. Ms. Pandrea filed a motion for reconsideration of the final judgment. The Court denied that motion for reconsideration and stated that Ms. Pandrea:

has been dissatisfied by the determination by the Court that Clark was granted an easement for ingress and egress across the Ms. Pandrea parcel. The Court is sympathetic to Ms. Pandrea's concerns regarding the impact of a servant restriction on her property; however, these considerations have been taken up by the Court, considered and decided in earlier rulings.

Ms. Pandrea appealed and the appeal is pending.

A. Findings related to *Pandrea v. Clark*

Ms. Pandrea's motion to amend the complaint was meritless, frivolous, and/or appears to be intended solely to cause unnecessary delay. Ms. Pandrea's motion to amend the complaint was filed more than a year after the court had decided the case after a bench trial. That motion sought to add claims Ms. Pandrea could have added before the trial. Ms. Pandrea filed this frivolous motion to amend because she was unhappy that Clark was awarded an easement across

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Ms. Pandrea alleges in one of these current cases against Barretts (Bonner Co. CV-2015-1066) that the judgment in *Thornton v. Pandrea and Clark* is "invalid based on the res judicata affect [sic] of the prior judgment" in *Pandrea v. Clark* (the partition case, which is currently pending on appeal), is also "invalid as a result of fraud/fraud on the Court" (Clark's counterclaim against Thornton may contain some misstatements, but none of them are material to the *Thornton v. Pandrea and Clark* judgment because the reserved easement across Thornton's property benefitting Clark and Ms. Pandrea is extremely clear and the alleged misstatements seem to concern the easement across Ms. Pandrea's property, not the easements across Thornton's Property at issue in *Thornton v. Pandrea and Clark*), that Ms. Pandrea was adversely

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Dated Feb. 19, 2016.

Lansing L. Haynes
ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT JUDGE
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Ms. Pandrea's property. The motion to amend the complaint was a meritless and frivolous motion filed in an attempt to either relitigate the issues or to delay entry of the judgment.

Ms. Pandrea's motion for reconsideration of the final judgment was likewise meritless, frivolous, and/or appears intended solely to cause unnecessary delay. As the Court stated when denying her motion, this was another attempt to re-litigate the issue of Clark's easement, and Ms. Pandrea's "considerations have been taken up by the Court, considered and decided in earlier rulings."

III. Bonner Co. Case No. 13-1334 – Thornton v. Pandrea and Clark

Ms. Pandrea and Clark have easement rights across a neighboring landowner's (Thornton's) property created by a common reservation in a warranty deed¹ to Thornton. Thornton filed a quiet title action against Clark and Ms. Pandrea for a small piece of property where their well was located after having a survey completed. Clark filed a counterclaim alleging that Thornton had restricted her use of the easement across his land. Ms. Pandrea filed a motion to dismiss where she claimed she was not a proper defendant. Ms. Pandrea later filed a supplemental memorandum in support of motion to dismiss where she alleged that she has an easement across Thornton's property. Clark filed a motion for partial summary judgment against Thornton which pertained only to Thornton's claim against Clark and some elements of Clark's counterclaim against Thornton. Thornton filed a response. Ms. Pandrea filed a memorandum in

¹ Per the Court's Memorandum Decision and Order Granting Clark's Motions for Summary Judgment, the easement was reserved "in favor of: Mary E. Ms. Pandrea Wiltse, a married woman dealing in her sole and separate property; and Karl A. Clark, a single woman." It was plainly written on the deed to Thornton that the conveyance reserved an easement benefitting both Clark and Ms. Pandrea.

support of Thornton's response directed against her sister, Clark. Ms. Pandrea filed this memorandum against Clark, even though she and Clark had easement rights over Thornton's property created by the warranty deed from the same conveyance. Clark filed a motion to strike Ms. Pandrea's memorandum in support of Thornton's response, which was granted. Ms. Pandrea filed a motion to reconsider.

The Court granted Clark's motion for partial summary judgment against Thornton, denying Thornton's claims and granting partial summary judgment on Clark's claim for interference with her easement. Thornton and Clark stipulated to dismissing the remaining damage element of Clark's claim against Thornton.

Ms. Pandrea filed a motion to amend the judgment/motion to reconsider the order granting Clark's motion to strike, motion to reconsider denying Ms. Pandrea a hearing, and motion to reconsider granting summary judgment in favor of Clark (although, again, Ms. Pandrea was not involved in the motion for partial summary judgment between Clark and Thornton). Thornton voluntarily stipulated to dismiss his claims against Ms. Pandrea. Ms. Pandrea was dismissed from the suit. Ms. Pandrea nevertheless filed a motion to void the judgment related to the claims between Thornton and Clark. The Court denied Ms. Pandrea's motion to void the judgment.

Clark sold the property to Barretts. Ms. Pandrea appealed although the judgment between Clark and Thornton although it had nothing to do with her and she was previously dismissed from the suit when Thornton stipulated to dismissing all claims against her. Barretts filed a motion to dismiss Ms. Pandrea's appeal, which was denied. The case was instead

remanded to the District Court for a final judgment. The District Court entered a final judgment in Ms. Pandrea's favor.

Ms. Pandrea filed a motion to stay pending appeal of the partial summary judgment granted in Clark's favor. Barretts again filed a motion to dismiss Ms. Pandrea's appeal. The Court granted Barretts' motion to dismiss because Ms. Pandrea had no standing to appeal the judgment in her sister's favor against a third party.

B. Findings related to *Thornton v. Pandrea and Clark*

Ms. Pandrea's participation in this suit against Clark was frivolous, meritless, and/or intended solely to cause unnecessary delay. Specifically, it appears Ms. Pandrea participated in this suit solely because she wished to deny Clark use of the easement across Ms. Pandrea's property by litigating Clark's easement across Thornton's property, which ultimately connected Clark's easement to the public road. This participation was frivolous and meritless because both Clark's and Ms. Pandrea's easement across Thornton's property was unambiguously reserved by Thornton's warranty deed. Ms. Pandrea's filings in this case were primarily directed at denying Clark the use of the easement at issue in *Pandrea v. Clark*, the partition case.

For these reasons, the following filings were meritless, frivolous, and/or intended solely to cause unnecessary delay:

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