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Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 20 An act concerning civil procedure; relating to docket fees and costs; poverty affidavit; amending K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 60-2001 and repealing the existing section.

Presented to the House Judiciary Committee By Assistant Attorney General Steve Phillips

March 6, 2013

Chairman Kinzer and Members of the Committee:

I am Steve Phillips, a long time employee of the Kansas Attorney General's office. On behalf of the Office of Attorney General Derek Schmidt, I offer the following written testimony in favor of Senate Bill 20. I am appearing here today on behalf of A.G. Schmidt, not on behalf of any of the office's clients.

Senate Bill 20 reforms Kansas' statutes for persons bringing civil actions in court who cannot pay a filing fee—proceeding *in forma pauperis* (*IFP*). The right to bring an action in court cannot and should not be denied persons who cannot afford the filing fee. But that right is subject to reasonable restriction and regulation to prevent abuse of the right, restriction and regulation which is not present in current law.

Currently, K.S.A. 60-2001 allows anyone to proceed in court without paying the filing fee if that person simply files an affidavit testifying generally to indigency. There is no requirement in the statute for the person to document the extent of his/her indigency. One of the proposed changes is to require judges to request more financial information and give judges discretion to order the payment of a partial filing fee.

As a practical matter, many suits filed *IFP* are frivolous. Often persons filing such suits are judgment proof, so the threat of monetary sanctions for filing a frivolous action is meaningless. The second proposed change to K.S.A. 60-2001 is to require judges to do some basic screening of cases filed *IFP* and to dismiss ones that are frivolous on their face. This change is patterned after a federal statute requiring similar screening in federal court, 29 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2).

Attached to this testimony as Exhibit 1 and 2 are the docket sheet and petition of a recently filed case here in Shawnee County that is exactly the type of *IFP* case that should be screened and at least some defendants should be dismissed. The Plaintiff, Joseph Lee Jones, had been subject to

filing restrictions imposed by the late Judge Andrews which precluded Jones from filing further cases *in forma pauperis*—in other words Jones had to pay the filing fee because he had abused the privilege of filing *IFP* so many times. Jones filed no cases for which he paid a filing fee during that time. He filed one habeas corpus type case for which no filing fee was required. He submitted to the clerk four other sets of documents which the clerk took to the judge now in charge of the civil department, who directed the clerk not to file them.

The judge who is now in charge of the civil department of Shawnee County district court, recently lifted the filing restrictions against Jones. Jones, who had recently been convicted of theft in one case and who is facing another theft charge in another, immediately responded by filing the attached petition, naming as defendants two judges, the court clerk, two Assistant District Attorneys, his criminal defense counsel, and numerous Shawnee County officials—14 defendants in all. To the extent that Jones' allegations can be understood, against the judges he seems to want money damages for rulings they made in the criminal case. Judges, however, are absolutely immune from such suits. Jones' remedy for a conviction he believes improper is an appeal, not a civil suit against the judge. Against the clerk, he complains that while he was under filing restrictions, she did not file several cases he submitted. The court clerk, acting on a judge's instructions, is also entitled to absolute judicial immunity. Against the Assistant District Attorneys, Jones seems to complain about actions they took in prosecuting him in a criminal case? Again, Jones' proper remedy is an appeal of his criminal case, not a civil suit against the prosecutors. The prosecutors are entitled to absolute prosecutorial immunity.

In our opinion, Jones' suit is a blatent example of the type of an *IFP* lawsuit that is utterly frivolous and presents no justiciable legal issues as to the defendants we represent. Allowing Jones to proceed against these defendants does not further justice. Note that in addition to this case, Jones filed four other *IFP* cases in Shawnee County after the restrictions against him were lifted.

Judges are there to manage cases. Courts need to protect litigants from other, abusive litigants if the judicial process is going to have meaning. That did not happen in this case.

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Case Number: 13C 000146

Plaintiff: JONES, JOSEPH, LEE, Attorney: JONES, JOSEPH, LEE, PRO SE,

Defendant: SHAWNEE COUNTY,,, Attorney: ECKERT, RICHARD, V,

Division: 99

Next Activity: None

Nature of Case: Petition for Violation of Civil Rights - HON JOHN E SANDERS

02/01/2013-Petition filed on 02/01/13

02/01/2013-LETTER FROM JOSEPH LEE JONES PRO SE TO CLERK DATED 01/30/13.

02/01/2013-Praecipe for Summons filed by JOSEPH LEE JONES PRO SE.

02/01/2013-Poverty Affidavit filed by Joseph Lee Jones Pro Se

02/04/2013-Summons issued personal service as to SHAWNEE COUNTY to the Sheriff of SHAWNEE County, KS.

02/07/2013-LETTER FROM JOSEPH LEE JONES PRO SE TO CLERK DATED 02/04/13.

02/07/2013-#1 Request for Case Management Conference filed by Joseph Lee Jones Pro Se

02/07/2013-#2 Request for Injunctive Relief, Order for Return of Seized Mail filed by Joseph Lee Jones Pro Se

02/07/2013-Part One of Supplement to Petition for Civil Rights Violation filed by Joseph Lee Jones Pro Se

02/07/2013-Praecipe for Summons filed by JOSEPH LEE JONES PRO SE.

02/08/2013-Summons returned, residence service, left with Agent/Officer - as to SHAWNEE COUNTY 02/06/13 . Entered by 1128.

02/08/2013-Summons issued personal service as to RICH ECKHART to the Sheriff of SHAWNEE County, KS.

02/08/2013-Summons issued personal service as to JUDGE WILSON to the Sheriff of SHAWNEE County, KS.

02/08/2013-Summons issued personal service as to JUDGE MARK BRAUN to the Sheriff of SHAWNEE County, KS.

02/08/2013-Summons issued personal service as to SHAWNEE COUNTY COURT CLERK to the Sheriff of SHAWNEE County, KS.

02/08/2013-Summons issued personal service as to JESSICA DOME ASSISTANT DA to the Sheriff of SHAWNEE County, KS.

02/08/2013-Summons issued personal service as to EMILY YESSEN ASSISTANT DA to the Sheriff of SHAWNEE County, KS.

- **02/08/2013-**Summons issued personal service as to BRIAN COLE to the Sheriff of SHAWNEE County, KS.
- **02/08/2013**-Summons issued personal service as to MS SIPP to the Sheriff of SHAWNEE County, KS.
- **02/08/2013-**Summons issued personal service as to ANGIE ROSS to the Sheriff of SHAWNEE County, KS.
- **02/08/2013-**Summons issued personal service as to INVESTIGATOR BILTOFF to the Sheriff of SHAWNEE County, KS.
- **02/08/2013-**Summons issued personal service as to HEARING OFFICER CHUCK to the Sheriff of SHAWNEE County, KS.
- **02/08/2013**-Summons issued personal service as to TIM PHELPS OFFICER to the Sheriff of SHAWNEE County, KS.
- **02/08/2013**-Summons issued personal service as to JAMES CHAPPAS to the Sheriff of SHAWNEE County, KS.
- 02/08/2013-**Unable to Issue Richard Lake Court Appointed Attorney No Address Provided**
- **02/11/2013-**#3 REQUEST FOR COURT ORDERED RELIEF AND AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF PETITION FOR CIVIL RIGHTS FILED BY JOSEPH LEE JONES PRO SE.
- **02/13/2013**-#4 Motion filed and entered by JOSEPH LEE JONES PRO SE for JOSEPH LEE JONES. MOTION FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT
- **02/14/2013**-Summons returned, residence service, left with Agent/Officer as to RICH ECKHART 02/12/13 . Entered by 0869.
- 02/14/2013-Summons returned, personal service as to JUDGE WILSON 02/12/13 . Entered by 0869.
- **02/14/2013**-Summons returned, personal service as to JUDGE MARK BRAUN 02/12/13 . Entered by 0869.
- **02/14/2013**-Summons returned, residence service, left with Agent/Officer as to SHAWNEE COUNTY COURT CLERK 02/12/13. Entered by 0869.
- **02/14/2013**-Summons returned, residence service, left with Agent/Officer as to JESSICA DOME ASSISTANT DA 02/12/13 . Entered by 0869.
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- **02/14/2013**-Summons returned, personal service as to TIM PHELPS OFFICER 02/12/13 . Entered by 0869.
- 02/14/2013-LETTER FROM JOSEPH LEE JONES PRO SE TO JUDGE HENDRICKS.
- **02/14/2013-**SUPPLEMENT TO PLEADINGS ON OUT-GOING MAIL AND LEGAL MAIL AND SEIZURE FILED BY JOSPEH LEE JONES.

- **02/14/2013-**#5 Motion filed and entered by JOSEPH LEE JONES PRO SE for JOSEPH LEE JONES. MOTION FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT PART ONE.
- **02/14/2013**-#6 Motion filed and entered by JOSEPH LEE JONES PRO SE for JOSEPH LEE JONES MOTION FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT PART TWO.
- **02/15/2013**-Summons returned, personal service as to JAMES CHAPPAS 02/13/13 . Entered by 0869.
- **02/15/2013-**OFFICE OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION ASSIGNMENT NO 22 FILED. HON JOHN E SANDERS, KANSAS SENIOR JUDGE APPOINTED.
- 02/15/2013-Reassigned to division 99 from division 06. OJA reason for transfer 2.
- **02/16/2013-**DEFENDANT JAMES CHAPPAS' CONSOLIDATED RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF'S PETITION, SUPPLEMENT AND PRETRIAL MOTIONS AND MOTION TO JOIN APPLICABLE PLEADINGS OF CO-DEFENDANTS FILED.
- 02/16/2013-Filed by Fax
- 02/19/2013-Praecipe for Alias Summons filed by JOSEPH LEE JONES PRO SE.
- **02/19/2013-**LETTER FROM JEFFREY A CHANAY TO MS MARTHA J COFFMAN DATED 02/15/13.
- **02/19/2013-**REQUEST FOR INEROGATORIES (SIC) PURSUANT TO KSA 60-233 FROM JUDGE MARK BRAUN FILED BY JOSEPH LEE JONES PRO SE.
- **02/19/2013**-REQUEST FOR INTEROGATORIES (SIC) PURSUANT TO KSA 60-233 FROM JAMES CHAPPAS FILED BY JOSEPH LEE JONES PRO SE.
- **02/19/2013**-REQUESTS FOR INTEROGATORIES (SIC) PURSUANT TO KSA 60-233 REGARDING ABOVE CAPTION CASE FROM EMILY YESSEN ADA FILED BY JOSEPH LEE JONES PRO SE.
- **02/19/2013**-REQUEST FOR INTEROGATORIES (SIC) PER KSA 60-233 REGARDING 13C146 FROM EVELYN WILSON FILED BY JOSEPH LEE JONES PRO SE.
- 02/19/2013-LETTER FROM JOSEPH LEE JONES PRO SE TO CLERK DATED 02/13/13.
- **02/20/2013**-Summons issued certified mail as to RICHARD LAKE to the Sheriff of SHAWNEE County, KS.
- **02/25/2013-**LETTER FROM JOSEPH LEE JONES PRO SE TO JUDGE HENDRIX (SIC) DATED 02/15/13.
- 02/25/2013-LETTER FROM JOSEPH LEE JONES PRO SE TO CLERK.
- **02/25/2013-**IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGEMENT FOR JAMES CHAPPS (SIC) FILED BY JOSEPH LEE JONES PRO SE.
- **02/25/2013**-REQUESTS FOR INTEROGATORIES (SIC) PER KSA 60-233 FILED BY JOSEPH LEE JONES PRO SE.
- **02/25/2013-**LETTER FROM JOSEPH LEE JONES PRO SE TO JUDGE HENDRICKS FILED.
- **02/25/2013**-RESPONSE TO DEFENDANTS CONSOLIDATED RESPONSE AND MOTION TO COMPEL DISCOVERY, SPECIFFICALL INTERAGATORIES (SIC) FILED BY JOSEPH LEE JONES PRO SE.
- **02/25/2013-**#7 Motion filed and entered by JOSEPH LEE JONES PRO SE for JOSEPH LEE JONES. MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGEMENT ON JAMES CHAPPAS.
- 02/25/2013-#8 Motion filed and entered by STEVE PHILLIPS for JUDGE
 WILSON, SHAWNEE COUNTY COURT CLERK, JUDGE BRAUN. MOTION
 OF DEFENDANTS COURT CLERK, WILSON AND BRAUN TO DISMISS
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02/27/2013-#9 Motion filed and entered by JONATHAN C BRZON for SHAWNEE COUNTY DEFENDANTS'. SHAWNEE COUNTY DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS.

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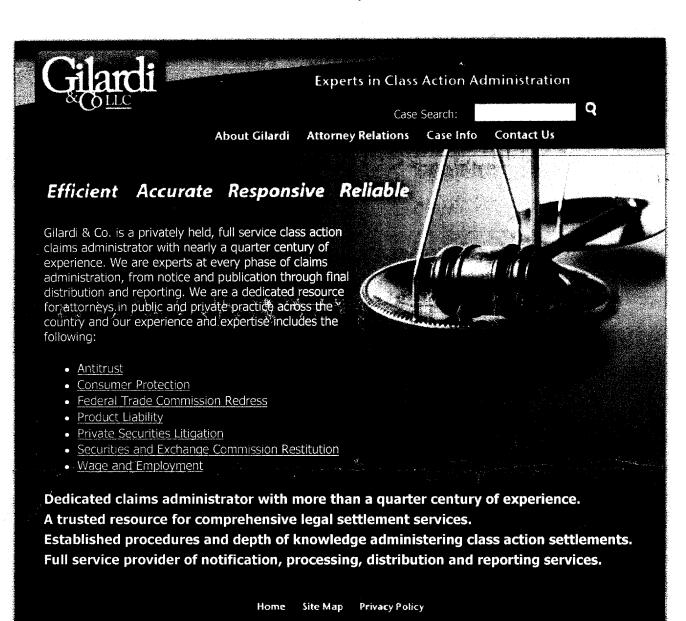
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Exhibit 2

Exhibit, B

U.S. District Court DISTRICT OF KANSAS (Topeka) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 5:12-cv-03229-SAC **Internal Use Only**

Jones v. Kansas, State of et al

Assigned to: District Judge Sam A. Crow

Cause: 42:1983 Prisoner Civil Rights

Date Filed: 10/29/2012 Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 555 Habeas Corpus (Prison Condition)

Plaintiff

Joseph Lee Jones

V.

Defendant

Kansas, State of

Defendant

Shawnee County

Defendant

Topeka Police Departm

Defendant

Shawnee County Jail

Defendant

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