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NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT
COURT APPEALS

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEBRASKA

IN RE HOPE NPIMNEE

) 26-0215, 217, 218, 219
) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
)

Since August 2023, Hope Npimnee has filed 34 appeals directed to the Nebraska Court of Appeals. In each case, Npimnee has sought leave to proceed in forma pauperis (IFP). Ten of Npimnee's appeals have been dismissed for lack of jurisdiction. See cases Nos. A-23-599, A-24-209, A-24-245, A-24-246, A-25-016, A-25-088, A-25-374, A-26-061, A-26-062, and A-26-216. In six cases, Npimnee's appeals were dismissed at his request. See cases Nos. A-25-303, A-25-711, A-25-715, A-25-716, A-25-717, and A-25-740. Seven appeals have been disposed of summarily. See cases Nos. A-24-983, A-25-472, A-25-554, A-26-215, A-26-217, A-26-218, and A-26-219. And three appeals have resulted in a memorandum opinion that affirmed the district court's denial of IFP status because Npimnee's complaint was frivolous. See cases Nos. A-24-461, A-25-712, and A-25-714. Thus far, Npimnee has filed a petition for further review to this court in seven cases. See cases Nos. A-24-461, A-25-199, A-25-374, A-26-215, A-26-217, A-26-218, and A-26-219.

Each year, hundreds of thousands of cases are filed in Nebraska state courts. Litigants turn to the Nebraska judiciary to resolve real issues. But our courts do not have unlimited resources. "The goal of fairly dispensing justice . . . is compromised when the Court is forced to devote its limited resources to the processing of repetitious and frivolous requests." *In re Sindram*, 498 U.S. 177, 179-80, 111 S. Ct. 596, 112 L. Ed. 2d 599 (1991).

This court recognizes the constitutional right of access to all courts in Nebraska. However, that access guaranteed to all citizens is threatened where an individual abuses the judicial system with frivolous or malicious litigation. The U.S. Supreme Court explained that self-represented litigants "have a greater capacity than most to disrupt the fair allocation of judicial resources because they are not subject to the financial considerations--filing fees and attorney's fees--that deter other litigants from filing frivolous petitions." *Id.*, 498 U.S. at 180.

It is this court's duty to prevent frivolous proceedings in the administration of justice. Thus, the U.S. Supreme Court has stated that because frequent and frivolous suits unsettle the fair administration of justice, it "had a duty to deny in forma pauperis status to those individuals who have abused the



system.” *Id.* Further, if a court filing is abusive or contains offensive language, it may be stricken sua sponte under the court’s inherent powers. See, *Garrett v. Selby Connor Maddux & Janer*, 425 F.3d 836 (10th Cir. 2005); *Phillips v. Carey*, 638 F.2d 207 (10th Cir. 1981).

In order to carry out our constitutional duty to exercise general administrative authority over all courts in this state,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Each application or appeal submitted by Hope Npimnee for filing in forma pauperis shall be accompanied by an affidavit in support of leave to proceed in forma pauperis, which shall be supported by a copy of Npimnee’s inmate account statements for the 12 months preceding the submission of the filing, certified by an appropriate official at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services.

2. In each new application or appeal submitted for filing, Npimnee shall set forth therein (a) whether an action had been filed in any other court alleging the same facts or claims, or related facts or claims as those contained in the application or pleadings submitted for filing in this Court, and if so, (b) Npimnee shall submit a copy of the pleadings from such other court as may be applicable, together with a copy of the court’s ruling thereon, if any.

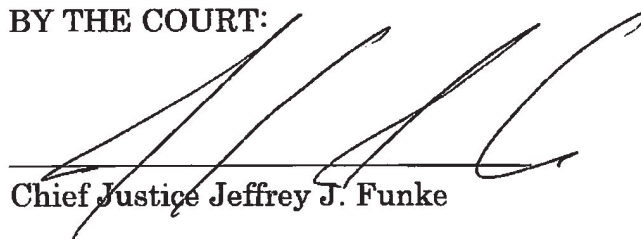
3. All inferior courts may consider gratuitous use of profane and abusive language by Npimnee as direct civil contempt and exercise statutory or inherent authority to strike any pleadings or other filings containing such language.

4. All inferior courts may use any statutory remedy, including Neb. Rev. Stat. § 25-824(1) (Reissue 2016), to prevent filings made in bad faith or other remedies available to ensure proper administration of justice and to guard against the interfering with the orderly administration of justice, including setting reasonable limits on court filings.

5. Nothing in this order shall prohibit Npimnee from proceeding with the representation of any attorney licensed to practice in Nebraska or by paying the required filing fees.

Dated this 26th day of June 2026.

BY THE COURT:



Chief Justice Jeffrey J. Funke