

GROUP EXHIBIT D2

TITLE: DUE PROCESS — TRIAL LENGTH AND IMBALANCE OF RESOURCES

DESCRIPTION: This exhibit contains a chronological record of correspondence between the Plaintiff and the Presiding Judge, the Honorable Holly J. Henze, regarding the scheduling and scope of trial proceedings in the underlying state court matter (*IRMO Thomas*, 22-DC-15).

RELEVANCE:

- 1. Trial Scope & Complexity:** Pages 1–2 demonstrate that the Court and all parties anticipated and scheduled a four-day trial to address the complex issues of property disposition, custody, and ADA compliance.
- 2. Summary Deprivation:** The contrast between this anticipated four-day trial and the resulting unrecorded, non-transcribed, two-hour Zoom proceeding on January 24, 2024, evidences a fundamental violation of Due Process and a failure to provide a meaningful opportunity to be heard.
- 3. Systemic Obstruction:** The subsequent correspondence memorializes the Plaintiff's repeated efforts to secure an accurate record, including cost-free transcripts, demonstrating an imbalance of resources and a pattern of administrative obstruction that hindered the Plaintiff's ability to pursue appellate relief.

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Document No.	Date	Description
D2-001	05/03/2023	Email from Judge Holly J. Henze confirming four-day trial scheduling requirements and the court's request to "pare down" issues.
D2-002	05/03/2023	Correspondence from Plaintiff to Judge Henze and counsel regarding trial scope, anticipated complexities, and the logistical challenges of a four-day proceeding.
D2-003	01/08/2024	Docket Snippet re Filing of Motion to Continue
D2-004-007	01/10/2024	Submission of Reports, Child's Medicals, Status on Continuance request for hearing; Judge's Response to Zoom instead because "case needs resolved"

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D2-008-016	01/10/2024	Status on Continuance; Weather Reports; Impossibility to Conduct via Zoom; Request to have Motion to Continue heard on the Record
D2-017	01/10/2024	Correspondence from Plaintiff to Court with PTO Summaries from Mayo (absences and time-off due to unanticipated move of minor and time needed to help him)
D2-018-023	01/11/2024	Correspondences to/from Judge and Parties regarding "Technical Difficulties"; Zoom trial changed from Adams County to Cass County and "TJ Wessel's Private Meeting Room". Illustrates the complexities involved.
D024-029	01/16/2024-01/17/2024	Correspondence from Plaintiff inquiring about status of written judgment due to emergency medical and financial needs; transportation. Request for hearing on Emergency Motion.
D2-030-	01/18/2024	Judge Henze denies request for hearing date, instructs Plaintiff time better spent filing appeal.
D2-031-038	01/18/2024-01/21/2024	Correspondence regarding need for Transcripts; Def. Thomas's objection to Court providing transcripts free of charge ; Transmission of Application

My apologies...August 25 is not available for a setting. I have felony pretrials here in Adams County.

HJH

From: Holly Henze

Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 10:02 AM

To: Luke Thomas <thomaslitigation2022@gmail.com>; gwentthomaslaw@gmail.com; Alison Vawter <alison@alisonvawterlaw.com>

Subject: IRMO Thomas

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Thursday and Friday, August 17 and 18
Thursday and Friday, August 24 and 25
Thursday and Friday, August 31 and September 1
Thursday and Friday, September 7 and 8

I will look forward to hearing from you so that dates can be chosen, and a Hearing Scheduling Order can be entered.

Thank you for your cooperation. HJH

Hon. Holly J. Henze

521 Vermont Street

Quincy, IL 62301

217-277-2032

hhenze@adamscountyil.gov



Re: IRMO Thomas

From Luke Thomas <thomaslitigation2022@gmail.com>

Date Wed 5/3/2023 2:14 PM

To Holly Henze <hhenze@adamscountyil.gov>

Judge,

August 10-11 or the following week would be best for me. This would allow resolution prior to the first day of school.

Thank you for the flexibility in selecting dates.

Luke Thomas

On Wed, May 3, 2023, 10:01 AM Holly Henze <hhenze@adamscountyil.gov> wrote:

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01/08/2024	Motion For Judicial Notice #5 & Motion in Limine to Exclude Petitioner's Evidence (Appraisal) filed by THOMAS, LUKE.	UNASSIGNED		
01/08/2024	Motion To Continue filed by THOMAS, LUKE. Motion To Continue (Attachment) filed by THOMAS, LUKE. Motion To Continue (Attachment) filed by THOMAS, LUKE. Motion To Continue (Attachment) filed by THOMAS, LUKE. Motion To Continue (Attachment) filed by THOMAS, LUKE. Motion To Continue (Attachment) filed by THOMAS, LUKE. Motion To Continue (Attachment) filed by THOMAS, LUKE. Motion To Continue (Attachment) filed by THOMAS, LUKE. Motion To Continue (Attachment) filed by THOMAS, LUKE. Motion To Continue (Attachment) filed by THOMAS, LUKE. Motion To Continue (Attachment) filed by THOMAS, LUKE.	UNASSIGNED		



IRMO Thomas 2022-DC-15 Supplemental Report--Education Only

From Luke Thomas <thomaslitigation2022@gmail.com>

Date Tue 1/9/2024 1:42 PM

To Holly Henze <hhenze@adamscountyil.gov>

Cc Gwendolyn Thomas <gwenthomaslaw@gmail.com>; Alison Vawter <alison@alisonvawterlaw.com>

 4 attachments (1,024 KB)

IRMO Thomas Supplemental Report Education Only 01-09-2024.pdf; Education Summary 1-9-2024 Attach 1.pdf; RPS Online Enrollment.pdf; Enrollment and Start date at Mayo High School 1-9-2024.pdf;

Judge,

Similar to my filing earlier today, I have submitted a supplemental report regarding developments in Grant's education plan. I have attached what was submitted to the Circuit Clerk for filing. Again, I will make every attempt to address the remaining issues in a final supplemental report after I return home from work.

I have copied Gwen and Alison on this email (both are listed for e-service in Tyler/Odyssey).

Thank you.

Luke Thomas



IRMO Thomas 2022-DC-15 Respondent's Supplemental Report-Medical Only

From Luke Thomas <thomaslitigation2022@gmail.com>

Date Tue 1/9/2024 10:00 AM

To Holly Henze <hhenze@adamscountyil.gov>

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7 attachments (3 MB)

Supp Report IRMO Thomas 1-8-2024.pdf; Medical Summary p 1 of 2 1-7-2024.pdf; Medical Summary p 2 of 2 1-7-2024.pdf; Cushing syndrome - Symptoms and causes - Mayo Clinic.pdf; Cortisol Testing Pic.pdf; Supplies pic.pdf; SUPplies 2.pdf;

Dear Judge,

In order expediting submission of my supplemental report, I have submitted a supplemental report for filing with the Cass County Circuit Clerk's office this morning which only covers medical updates. I hope to finalize the supplemental report in regard to Grant's enrollment in Rochester Public School, social/housing/financial, and family section this evening after work.

I have copied Gwen and Alison on this email and attachments (they are also listed as service contacts with the submission) and will also copy them on any additional submissions.

I'll reach out once the aforementioned supplemental reports are submitted.

Thank you.

Luke Thomas

P.S. Given the sensitive nature of Grant's personal health information, I have submitted the filing and attachments as 'confidential'.



Outlook

RE: IRMO Thomas 2022-DC-15 Financial/Emergency Motion

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From: Luke Thomas <thomaslitigation2022@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2024 7:12 AM

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8 attachments (2 MB)

Dec 12 pay date stubs.pdf; Dec 26 pay date stub.pdf; IRMO Thomas 2022-DC-15 Emergency Motion Jan 2024.pdf; Jan 9 Pay Date stub.pdf; Nov 28 pay date stub.pdf; Cover Summary.pdf; Hotel Lodging 31 day summary MN Benefits Application.pdf; Summary of Monthly Finances Nov 2-Jan 9 Attachment.pdf;

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IRMO Thomas 2022-DC-15 Motion to Bar Evidence and Cons. of Issue--Dissipation

From Luke Thomas <thomaslitigation2022@gmail.com>

Date Wed 1/10/2024 3:11 PM

To Holly Henze <hhenze@adamscountyil.gov>; Gwendolyn Thomas <gwenthomaslaw@gmail.com>; Alison Vawter <alison@alisonvawterlaw.com>

1 attachment (177 KB)

IRMO THomas Motion to Bar Evidence and Consideration of Issue--Dissipation 1-11-2024.pdf;

Dear Judge,

I have attached a courtesy copy of a Motion to Bar Evidence and Consideration of Issue—Dissipation submitted for filing with the Cass County Circuit Clerk. I have copied Gwen and Alison on this email and the attachments.

Thank you.

Luke Thomas



IRMO Thomas 2022-DC-15 Supplement #2 to Motion to Continue

From Luke Thomas <thomaslitigation2022@gmail.com>

Date Wed 1/10/2024 4:41 PM

To Holly Henze <hhenze@adamscountyil.gov>

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 2 attachments (272 KB)

NWS Rochester MN 1-10-2024 425 p.m..pdf; IRMO THomas Supplement #2 to Motion to Continue 1-10-2024.pdf;

Judge,

A courtesy copy of the above-referenced filing is attached. In essence, it is an updated weather report issued by the NWS for Rochester, MN.

Gwen and Alison are copied on this email and the attachment.

Thank you.

Luke Thomas



IRMO Thomas 2022-DC-15 Supplement to Motion to Continue--Sick Tlme

From Luke Thomas <thomaslitigation2022@gmail.com>

Date Wed 1/10/2024 11:58 AM

To Holly Henze <hhenze@adamscountyil.gov>

Cc Gwendolyn Thomas <gwenthomaslaw@gmail.com>; Alison Vawter <alison@alisonvawterlaw.com>

2 attachments (192 KB)

Sick Time 1-10-2024.pdf; Supplement to Motion to Continue 01-10-2024.pdf;

Judge,

I apologize for the multiple filings. I have attached a supplemental filing made with the Cass County Circuit Clerk's in regard to my Motion to Continue and request to set the same. I would like to advise my employer that I will need to use "sick" time to present the motions which I am required to do under my policy of employment.

Thank you.

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Notice of Hearing for 1-11-2024 w COS.pdf;

Judge,

For the sake of keeping the record clean, I have attached a courtesy copy of the Notice of Hearing submitted for electronic filing regarding my request that the motion to continue and emergency motion be heard.

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Judge,

I cannot attend in person due to the weather, finances, and such short notice to my employer. Considering the weather conditions and known circumstances, I didn't fathom the motion be opposed or denied.. It was never contemplated that the trial would be conducted by Zoom or to know what exhibits were previously filed and are being considered. Some exhibits have not been scanned and are not capable of being scanned or submitted in a proper manner. There is a need for emergency relief.

I understand the Court's position. I ask the Court take up the Motion to Continue and Emergency Motion for Temporary Relief as the first two matters addressed on the record. I cannot be absent from work all day on Thursday and Friday and therefore would ask to be heard on the record regarding the motions as the first matters before the Court. If denied, the matters could then proceed without me, as it simply is impossible. I am willing to attend by Zoom for this limited and relatively uncomplicated issues, but for a trial affecting so many aspects of me and my family, I simply cannot acquiesce under the circumstances. I hope you understand.

Respectfully,

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IRMO Thomas 2022-DC-15 Additional attachments

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 3 attachments (46 KB)

PTO Dec 31 23.pdf; PTO Nov 1 2023.pdf; PTO Jan 9.pdf;

Judge,

Upon review, I neglected to attach my PTO summaries to the email sent earlier this morning. I have attached the same and copied both Alison and Gwen on this email and attachments. I apologize for the oversight.

Thank you.

Luke Thomas



Re: Zoom Courtroom?

From Holly Henze <hhenze@adamscountyiil.gov>

Date Thu 1/11/2024 9:00 AM

To Alison Vawter <alison@alisonvawterlaw.com>

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From: Holly Henze <hhenze@adamscountyiil.gov>

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Subject: Re: Zoom Courtroom?

My Zoom info.

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From: Alison Vawter <alison@alisonvawterlaw.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2024 8:26:42 AM

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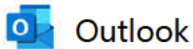
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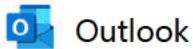
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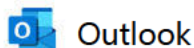
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Re: Upcoming Order

From Gwendolyn Thomas <gwenthomaslaw@gmail.com>**Date** Wed 1/17/2024 5:15 PM**To** Luke Thomas <thomaslitigation2022@gmail.com>**Cc** Alison Vawter <alison@alisonvawterlaw.com>; Holly Henze <hhenze@adamscountyil.gov>

Luke,

No. My financial position hasn't changed since Sunday. I have no money to give you. You literally broke us.

Had you participated in the trial, you would've had an opportunity to testify regarding your finances and be subject to cross-examination. You elected not to do so. Sending your request to the court, after you opted not to participate at trial, is inappropriate.

These woeful emails requesting money for a hotel stay demonstrates your inability and unwillingness to provide for Grant's basic needs. Get a better paying job, Luke. Grow up.

I am caring for 3 kids and 3 dogs. Where is my support from you? Prior to the latter part of October, I was supporting all 4 kids. I haven't received a dime from you.

██████ would be better off if I just drove up there to get him and brought him home. There is stability here and he wouldn't have to worry where he was going to rest his head each night.

I live paycheck to paycheck and still dedicate all my non-working time to the kids. That's what parents are supposed to do — provide for their children.

Gwen

On Wed, Jan 17, 2024 at 1:26 PM Luke Thomas <thomaslitigation2022@gmail.com> wrote:

Gwen,

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I would ask you to please provide an egift card for hotels.com

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<https://hotels.cashstar.com/store/recipient?locale=en-us>

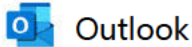
Thanks,

Luke

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To Alison Vawter <alison@alisonvawterlaw.com>; gwentthomaslaw@gmail.com <gwentthomaslaw@gmail.com>; Luke Thomas <thomaslitigation2022@gmail.com>

In order to comply with the reporting requirements of any ex parte communication, I am forwarding this email to all parties.

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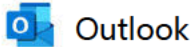
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Upcoming Order

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Also, I would ask that you do not include me in your direct communications with Mrs. Thomas regarding your requests for support and/or other parenting issues and disputes. I am neither your or Mrs. Thomas' attorney, nor is it my duty to mediate your ongoing disputes.

Sincerely,

Hon. Holly J. Henze

521 Vermont Street

Quincy, IL 62301

217-277-2032

hhenze@adamscountyil.gov

From: Luke Thomas <thomaslitigation2022@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2024 10:10 AM

To: Holly Henze <hhenze@adamscountyil.gov>

Cc: Gwendolyn Thomas <gwenthomaslaw@gmail.com>; Alison Vawter <alison@alisonvawterlaw.com>

Subject: Hearing

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Luke Thomas



Re: Hearing

From Luke Thomas <thomaslitigation2022@gmail.com>

Date Thu 1/18/2024 5:56 PM

To Holly Henze <hhenze@adamscountyil.gov>

Cc Gwendolyn Thomas <gwenthomaslaw@gmail.com>; Alison Vawter <alison@alisonvawterlaw.com>

Judge,

Thank you for the response. I have noted your instruction on communication and will abide by the same.

Luke Thomas

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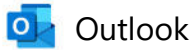
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Hearing

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Hearing

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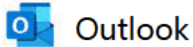
Date Fri 1/19/2024 11:34 AM

To Holly Henze <hhenze@adamscountyil.gov>; Denise Barr <barrd@ticebarr.com>

Just wanted to confirm the Zoom meeting credentials. I have logged on using the credentials on the order and the Cass credentials provided in the divorce case.

Thanks

Luke



Re: IRMO Thomas 2022-DC-15

From Gwendolyn Thomas <gwenthomaslaw@gmail.com>

Date Sun 1/21/2024 7:59 AM

To Luke Thomas <thomaslitigation2022@gmail.com>

Cc Holly Henze <hhenze@adamscountyl.gov>

Judge,

I object. Luke is no longer indigent. He is employed. A finding was made he was voluntarily underemployed.

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Child support is currently reserved. He's receiving a financial benefit by not having to provide for his daughters. Any court costs associated with an appeal or any other cases/pleadings should be borne by Luke.

Thank you for your consideration.

Gwen

On Sun, Jan 21, 2024 at 4:14 AM Luke Thomas <thomaslitigation2022@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Judge,

I have attached a courtesy copy of my Illinois Supreme Court Rule 298 Application for Waiver of Court Fees, Costs, and Charges in form and content as prescribed under Rule 298(a)(1) and as approved by the Illinois Supreme Court and the Supreme Court Commission on Access to Justice.

Once you have entered the order, I ask that you please provide me with a courtesy copy of the same when transmitting it to the Clerk or otherwise request the Clerk to provide the same without delay or additional request from me.

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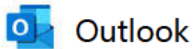
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To Gwendolyn Thomas <gwenthomaslaw@gmail.com>
Cc Holly Henze <hhenze@adamscountyil.gov>

Judge,

I apologize transmitting a courtesy copy of the filing has elicited another contested email exchange. I will avoid responding to Gwen's allegations out of respect for your recent directive we do not do so.

I am at a loss why this occurred. Gwen does not have standing to raise any objection under Rule 298. As an officer of the court, I don't know why Gwen would think a legal strategy to prevent a party from access to the justice system, appeal or otherwise, is proper, especially when there is no prejudice to her and many of the transcripts have been previously prepared at no charge.

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