

IN THE CHANCERY COURT, STATE OF WYOMING

2024 WYCH 2

Kent-Nicholas: Stark,

Plaintiff,

v.

IDE-OHIO, LLC, Bob Ide, and Clint
Ide,

Defendants.

Case No. CH-2024-0000002

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Order of Dismissal

[¶ 1] The chancery court previously entered a notice of intent to dismiss, giving plaintiff 20 days to show why this case should not be dismissed for improper removal. (FSX No. 72006776). Plaintiff never responded. Accordingly, this case is dismissed for the reasons stated in the notice and repeated below.

[¶ 2] The chancery court is a specialized court of limited jurisdiction designed for the expedited resolution of business, commercial, and trust litigation. Wyo. Stat. § 5-13-115.

[¶ 3] Cases make it to chancery court in one of two ways.

- First, a party may initiate an action directly in chancery court. W.R.C.P.Ch.C. 3(a).
- Second, parties in a district court action may jointly remove a case from district to chancery court within 20 days of service on the last defendant. W.R.C.P.Ch.C. 3(b). To do so, the parties must eFile a notice of removal with the chancery court and file a copy of the notice with the district court. W.R.C.P.Ch.C. 3(d)(1), W.R.C.P. 3.2(c). Within three days of this notice, the chancery court will enter an order of removal, and within 14 days of that order, the removing party must eFile a copy of the entire district court record with the chancery court. W.R.C.P.Ch.C. 3(d)(1)-(3).

[¶ 4] There is no third way to get a case before the chancery court. The rules do not allow removal from circuit court to chancery court. Yet, that is exactly what plaintiff seeks to do here. Plaintiff's *Civil Cover Sheet* (FSX No.71905241) identifies the case as CV-2024-0013 removed from circuit court (Natrona County) to chancery

court, and the *Notice to Circuit Court* (FSX No.71905816) purports to notify the circuit court of removal.

[¶ 5] Improper removal alone is reason for dismissal. Additionally, though, this case is subject to dismissal because defendants filed a timely objection to proceeding in chancery court under Rule 3(a). (FSX No. 72060664). Under this rule, if any party objects to proceeding in chancery court before the date its initial pleading is due, the chancery court must dismiss the case. W.R.C.P.Ch.C.3(a).

[¶ 6] For the foregoing reasons, this case is **DISMISSED**.

DATED: 3/1/2024

/s/ Steven K. Sharpe
CHANCERY COURT JUDGE