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IN THE CHANCERY COURT, STATE OF WYOMING

2025 WYCH 9

Angela and Theodore Chagnon, individually and as shareholders, and Total Warrior Combat, LLC, derivatively,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Holly Nelson, an individual,

Defendant.

Case No. CH-2025-0000002

Order Striking Motion to Dismiss and Supporting Memorandum of Law

[¶1] This order follows the Order to Show Cause issued July 2, 2025 (FSX No. 76580487) concerning defendant Holly Nelson’s Motion to Dismiss and Supporting Memorandum of Law filed on May 30, 2025 (FSX No. 76373872). In its previous order, the court required that Ms. Nelson, by July 9, 2025, explain why filing a motion with precedent hallucinated by artificial intelligence and several points of law unsupported by any authority does not violate Rule 11. The court advised Ms. Nelson of its intent to strike her motion if she were unable to do so and also gave her the option of withdrawing the motion and filing an answer before July 9.

[¶2] Ms. Nelson did not respond or otherwise file in this case by that deadline. The court therefore **STRIKES** the motion and memorandum on three grounds.

[¶3] First, as explained in the Order to Show Cause, the motion includes improper and unsupported legal contentions in violation of W.R.C.P.Ch.C. 11(b)(2). *Chan v. Khhermani LLC*, 2024 WYCH 11 (Wyo. Ch. C. 2024) (hallucinated law violates Rule 11(b)(2)).

[¶4] Second, Ms. Nelson failed to comply with the court’s Order to Show Cause, despite having received “actual notice of the requirement” to respond and the consequences of failing to either show good cause or withdraw the motion and file an

answer. Accordingly, striking the filing is authorized under U.R.Ch.C. 901(4), as applied through W.R.C.P.Ch.C. 83(b) (permitting a judge to sanction “in any manner consistent with” the uniform rules for noncompliance with a court directive after actual notice).

[¶5] Third, the court finds further support for striking the motion in its inherent authority to administer justice efficiently, fairly, and economically while upholding the court’s dignity and functions. *See Wearmouth v. Four Thirteen, LLC*, 2024 WY 116, ¶ 24, 558 P.3d 935, 943 (Wyo. 2024) (recognizing a trial court’s inherent authority to sanction). *Cf. Dollarhide v. Bancroft*, 2010 WY 126, ¶ 21, 239 P.3d 1168, 1175 (Wyo. 2010) (recognizing a trial court’s inherent authority to strike pleadings as a sanction).

[¶6] Therefore, the Clerk of Court is directed to strike Ms. Nelson’s *Motion to Dismiss and Supporting Memorandum of Law* (FSX No. 76373872) from the record and enter a docket entry that includes the stricken document’s Transaction ID and reads: “Disregard. Filing stricken by court order.”

SO ORDERED

Dated: July 11, 2025

/s/ Benjamin M. Burningham
CHANCERY COURT JUDGE