

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

Tyler Aldridge and Kriston Plantz,
Plaintiffs-Relators,

v.

Nathaniel Tussing,
Defendant-Adverse Party.

Columbia County Circuit Court
24CV53848

S072780

ORDER STRIKING PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS, STRIKING RESPONSE TO SHOW CAUSE ORDER, DISMISSING PROCEEDING, AND DISMISSING AS MOOT RELATORS' MOTION FOR EMERGENCY STAY, MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE A SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM, AND MOTION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE INTERVENTION

Upon consideration by the court.

This matter is before the court on relators' petition for a writ of mandamus, first filed, along with supporting documents, on March 17, 2026, and amended on March 18, 2026. The operative petition was accompanied by a motion for a stay. On April 1, 2026, adverse party filed a memorandum in opposition to relators' petition.

Upon discovering that relators' supporting memoranda appeared to include citations to cases that do not exist and to quotations in cases that are not found in the cited case, on April 15, 2026, this court issued a show cause order directing relators to confirm, under penalty of perjury, each of the citations in their pleadings, to explain how any erroneous citations came to be included in their pleadings, and to show cause why the court should not strike their petition or impose other sanctions.

On April 16, 2026, relators filed a response in which they acknowledged that several fabricated authorities were included in their supporting memoranda and acknowledged the strain that pleadings relying on fabricated authorities place on the judicial system. They asserted that the errors were the result of reliance on a generative AI service called "LegalAI." Rather than taking the time necessary to ensure that they did not

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compound the burdens on the court, however, less than 12 hours after receiving the show cause order, relators filed a declaration that included citations to at least four cases that do not exist in the Oregon Appellate Reports or the Oregon Reports: *E.E. Cohen v. Spinney*, 91 Or App 635 (1988); *Cejas Commercial Interiors, Inc. v. Torres Heredia*, 195 Or App 545 (2004); *State ex rel. Kathleen v. Phipps*, 308 Or 370, 377 (1989); and *Suwol v. Dept. of Commerce*, 304 Or 595 (1988). Relators' declaration asserts that they relied, at least in part, on Google Scholar.

Relators took this action despite the declaration having been filed under penalty of perjury and the court having alerted relators in the show cause order that it was considering the imposition of sanctions. The injection of false precedent undermines the integrity of the proceedings. Doing it repeatedly, and in response to a show cause order, warrants imposition of a meaningful sanction.

Considering the foregoing, the court takes the following actions:

The court strikes relators' amended petition for writ of mandamus and supporting documents (Docket Entry No. 5) and relators' response to the order to show cause (Docket Entry 17).

The court dismisses the proceeding.

The court dismisses as moot relators' motion for leave to file a supplemental memorandum in support of their petition for a writ of mandamus, their motion for a stay, and their motion for administrative intervention.



Meagan A Flynn
Chief Justice, Supreme Court
06-04-2026

DeHoog and James, JJ., did not participate in decision to dismiss the motion for administrative intervention.

DESIGNATION OF PREVAILING PARTY AND AWARD OF COSTS

Prevailing party: Adverse Party.

No costs allowed.

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