

June 1, 2026

Attorney Grievance Commission  
PNC Center  
755 W. Big Beaver Rd., Suite 2100  
Troy, Michigan 48084

**Re:** Request for Immediate Help, Intake Guidance, Preservation, and Referral Regarding Attorney Misconduct, Court-Fraud Reporting, Retaliation Concerns, Related Judicial Misconduct, and Potential Malpractice Issues Affecting Pending Sixth Circuit Appeal No. 25-5592

To the Attorney Grievance Commission:

My name is Jeffrey Ryan Fenton. I am a disabled pro se litigant and the appellant in Sixth Circuit Appeal No. 25-5592. That appeal arises from Fenton v. Story et al., originally filed in the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan as Case No. 1:23-cv-01097 and later transferred to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee as Case No. 3:24-cv-01282.

I am writing now because I need help, guidance, preservation, and referral regarding serious attorney-misconduct concerns, related judicial-misconduct concerns, protected-reporting retaliation concerns, disability-access issues, and possible limitation-period issues. I am not able, while simultaneously preparing an emergency Sixth Circuit filing, to fully document every individual count of misconduct by every attorney, law firm, court actor, and related participant involved in this matter. I do not want my current inability to submit a perfect, actor-by-actor grievance packet to be misunderstood as delay, waiver, lack of diligence, or an indication that I have this under control without assistance.

I respectfully request that this notice be preserved and that the Commission advise me whether and how to submit one or more Requests for Investigation concerning Michigan-connected attorney conduct, federal filings in the Western District of Michigan, and related attorney misconduct that affected my ability to fairly litigate this case. I also request referral information for any Michigan public, pro bono, modest-means, disability-access, lawyer-referral, malpractice-screening, or other resource that may help me identify, preserve, and timely present potential attorney-misconduct or malpractice claims before any statute of limitations expires.

This notice concerns attorney misconduct first, but the attorney misconduct cannot be understood in isolation. The record reflects a mutually reinforcing pattern involving attorneys, government-connected counsel, court actors, and judicial rulings in which false or misleading narratives were advanced, left uncorrected, and then relied upon against me. I understand that the Attorney Grievance Commission may not have authority to discipline judges or federal court personnel. I therefore ask the Commission to review the attorney conduct within its authority, preserve this notice, and refer or identify the proper oversight channels for any connected judicial misconduct, court-access obstruction, disability-access retaliation, or federal/state court-actor misconduct outside the Commission's direct jurisdiction.

I also ask the Commission not to treat the involvement of courts or judges as a reason to defer attorney accountability. Attorneys remain responsible for candor, fairness, truthful filings, and professional conduct even when judicial officers accept, ignore, or repeat the misconduct. My concern is that multiple attorneys and government-connected counsel used technical filings, false narratives, and procedural pressure to defeat a disabled pro se litigant's access to the merits while the courts failed to correct the misconduct after repeated notice.

## **Protected Reporting Activity / Court Fraud Whistleblower Notice**

I have previously described myself as a Predatory Litigation and Court Corruption Whistleblower, by necessity rather than desire, because it is the only path I know by which justice might still be within my reach. More precisely for this notice, I have acted as a protected reporter of court fraud, fraud on the court by officers of the court, ADA/disability-access violations, retaliatory litigation conduct, bankruptcy/property fraud concerns, false court-record narratives, attorney misconduct, judicial misconduct, and obstruction of justice.

By that, I mean that I have been reporting what I contend is a recurring pattern of bar actors, government-connected counsel, court actors, and judicial officers working in bad faith and in mutually reinforcing ways to carry false narratives from one proceeding into another, protect those narratives from correction, and use litigation procedure itself for obstructive and predatory purposes against a disabled pro se litigant before the merits can be honestly heard.

I do not use this description as a substitute for specific proof. I use it to identify the reporting capacity in which I have repeatedly acted: reporting fraud on the court, opposing false court records, seeking correction of misconduct by officers of the court, requesting disability-access protection, preserving public access to evidence, and asking oversight authorities to investigate whether state and federal proceedings were improperly used in conjunction with each other to defeat justice.

I have repeatedly reported disability-access violations, denial of meaningful participation, retaliation after court-misconduct reporting, bankruptcy/property fraud concerns, attorney misconduct, judicial misconduct, false court-record activity, public-access problems, and obstruction of justice. I do not yet know which exact statutory or administrative whistleblower, retaliation, disability-access, civil-rights, victim/witness, or court-integrity framework applies to each actor and agency. I therefore request that this office treat this filing as notice of protected reporting activity and possible retaliation, and advise whether any specific form, deadline, intake office, or procedural step is required to preserve those protections.

I further preserve that after I reported fraud, misconduct, disability-access failures, and denial of meaningful participation to courts and oversight actors, additional legal burdens and restrictions were pursued or allowed against me, including OP-related restrictions that severely impaired employment access and background-check clearance. I contend this supports review for retaliation after protected reporting activity, among other misconduct theories.

I do not waive, and expressly preserve, any whistleblower, protected-reporting, anti-retaliation, disability-access, victim/witness-protection, civil-rights, due-process, obstruction, or misconduct-reporting protection available under federal or state law.

### **Need for Help**

This matter involves serious disability-related pro se access concerns. I have substantial documented disabilities, limited resources, and no counsel. I am facing an active federal appeal, a very large record, and overlapping misconduct issues in multiple jurisdictions. The volume of misconduct, the number of actors, the number of filings, and the direct attacks on my disability-related limitations have compounded the difficulty of presenting each issue in the perfect form an oversight agency may prefer. I cannot reasonably investigate and present every attorney-misconduct count without help, especially while preparing an emergency appellate filing and attempting to preserve my rights.

### **Public Resource Links and Docket Mirrors**

While I prepare more specific filings, the following public resources provide immediate access to organized materials, docket mirrors, notices, and explanatory pages concerning this matter.

Lawsuit website: <https://fentonvstory.com/>

Digital service package:

<https://fentonvstory.com/digital-service-package-for-lawsuit/>

Defendant notices:

<https://fentonvstory.com/defendant-notices/>

Plaintiff filings since service:

<https://fentonvstory.com/defendant-notices/fenton-filings-since-service/>

Guided learning / court misconduct:

<https://fentonvstory.com/guided-learning/court-misconduct/>

Free docket mirrors:

Western District of Michigan, Case No. 1:23-cv-01097:

<https://rico.fentonvstory.com/1-23-cv-01097/>

Middle District of Tennessee, Case No. 3:24-cv-01282:

<https://rico.fentonvstory.com/3-24-cv-01282/>

Sixth Circuit, Appeal No. 25-5592:

<https://rico.fentonvstory.com/25-5592/>

I am providing these links for immediate access and preservation only. I am not asking the Commission to treat the website as a substitute for a formal grievance or evidence packet. I intend to provide more specific actor-by-actor filings as soon as my emergency appellate filing and related urgent litigation obligations allow me to do so, but I request guidance, preservation, referral, or screening now rather than passive delay until those later filings are complete.

### **Support for Fraud-Upon-the-Court Protective Procedures**

I am also attaching a January 13, 2026, letter from Senator Jim Runestad to the Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Office concerning the need for mandatory procedures when fraud upon the court is alleged. I strongly support the protective framework described in that letter, including an immediate stay, fraud-focused discovery, an evidentiary hearing, findings of fact, and cost-shifting depending on whether the allegations are found meritorious or meritless. Protections like these are not abstract policy preferences to me. Had similar protections existed and been honestly applied during my Tennessee divorce and related court proceedings, they could have preserved nearly a decade of my life, prevented catastrophic financial loss, and avoided well over a million dollars in damages, litigation burden, and life destruction. I respectfully ask Michigan oversight and public officials to treat this as a real-world example of why fraud-upon-the-court allegations require prompt, fair, transparent procedures before courts allow false narratives to significantly impact and control people's lives.

### **Specific Help Requested**

I respectfully request:

1. Confirmation of the proper procedure for submitting one or more Requests for Investigation concerning Michigan-connected attorney misconduct.
2. Guidance on whether one consolidated request or separate actor-by-actor requests are preferred.

3. Identification of any Michigan public, pro bono, modest-means, lawyer-referral, disability-access, malpractice-preservation, or other resource that may help me document and timely preserve potential claims.
4. Guidance on whether the Commission can preserve this notice and initiate or screen issues based on the information provided here and in the public record while I prepare more complete materials.
5. Any referral path for possible legal-malpractice screening involving Michigan-connected actors before limitation periods expire.
6. Guidance on any available protection, referral, or procedure concerning retaliation after protected ADA/disability-access reporting, court-fraud reporting, bankruptcy/property fraud reporting, court-access advocacy, attorney-misconduct reporting, or related judicial/court-actor misconduct reporting.
7. Referral guidance for connected judicial misconduct, court-access obstruction, disability-access retaliation, or federal/state court actor misconduct outside the Commission's direct disciplinary jurisdiction.

I am asking for help now. I do not have the capacity to fully reduce this entire misconduct record into perfect grievance form while also trying to preserve my pending federal appeal. I respectfully request that the Commission not wait passively for me to complete every specific filing before advising me how to protect my rights and bring these issues into the proper oversight channels.

Respectfully,



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Michigan Department of Civil Rights  
Supreme Court Administrative Office  
State Senator Kevin Daley  
State Representative Mike Mueller  
State Senator Jim Runestad  
State Representative Steve Carra  
Office of the Governor of Michigan  
Disability Rights Michigan

The biggest threat to the freedom and prosperity of the American people, are state and federal government employees, who are willing to write **lies** into court and government records, as if the **truth**, while hiding from accountability behind claims of government **immunity**.

—Jeffrey Ryan Fenton



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Supreme Court Administrative Office  
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Dear Members of the Supreme Court Administrative Office,

I urge you to immediately adopt an internal administrative policy to address procedural inadequacies surrounding allegations of fraud upon the court. The current system fails to provide parties with meaningful mechanisms to confront such allegations, fundamentally undermining the integrity of our judicial proceedings and denying litigants their constitutional right to a fair process.

Parties who attempt to raise legitimate fraud allegations often find themselves without recourse, as courts lack standardized procedures to investigate these serious claims. This gap allows potential fraud to go unexamined and leaves honest litigants without protection. When the very foundation of a case may be tainted by fraud, swift and decisive action is essential.

While I plan to pursue legislative policy changes, the SCAO has the authority to implement an immediate solution through an administrative directive. I propose the following procedural framework:

**Mandatory procedures for fraud upon the court allegations.** When allegations of fraud upon the court are raised by a party or its attorneys, the following procedures shall apply:

**1. Immediate stay of proceedings.** All proceedings in the underlying case shall be automatically stayed, except for:

- Mandatory discovery limited to investigating the fraud allegations.
- An evidentiary hearing following discovery for the court to make findings of fact.

**2. Cost assessment**

- Costs shall be assessed against the moving party if fraud claims are determined to be meritless.
- Costs shall be assessed against the nonmoving party if the court finds fraud was perpetrated.

**3. Retroactive application.** These policies shall apply to all pending cases in which fraud allegations have been raised.

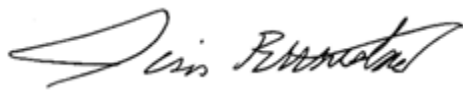
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The integrity of Michigan's courts depends on having clear, enforceable procedures when the fundamental honesty of proceedings is called into question. Litigants, attorneys and the public deserve confidence that fraud allegations will be taken seriously and addressed through a fair, transparent process.

I respectfully request your swift action in adopting these policies or a similar framework to protect the integrity of Michigan's judicial system.

Thank you, and I look forward to your prompt response on this critical matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Runestad". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "R".

State Senator Jim Runestad  
*Proudly serving the 23rd District*