

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT

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SANCTION ORDER

November 7, 2025

By the Court:

No. 25-2589	<p align="center">RAYMOND E. BUTLER II, Plaintiff - Appellant</p> <p align="center">v.</p> <p align="center">ELI JACKFINN EDDI, et al., Defendants - Appellees</p> <p align="center">and</p> <p align="center">CIBC BANK USA, Appellee</p>
Originating Case Information:	
District Court No: 1:25-cv-04443 Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division District Judge Georgia N. Alexakis	

The following are before the court:

1. **PLAINTIFF-APPELLANT'S MOTION TO DISQUALIFY JUDGE NANCY L. MALDONADO**, filed on September 24, 2025, by Attorney Katherine London.
2. **REPLY IN RESPONSE TO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE UNDER FED. R. APP. P. 46**, filed on October 20, 2025, by Attorney Katherine London.

On September 24, 2025, appellant Raymond Butler—through his counsel, Katherine London—filed a motion to disqualify Judge Maldonado, levying scurrilous and unfounded accusations of judicial misconduct and ideological bias. On October 3, 2025, Judge Maldonado denied the disqualification request, and on October 10, 2025, this court issued an order for Ms. London to show cause why she should not be sanctioned. In her response, Ms. London took no

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responsibility for her actions and continued to present unsupported allegations denigrating Judge Maldonado's conduct and character. Ms. London's lack of respect for members of the court is not isolated to this appeal—she filed a similar motion with similarly egregious allegations against Judge Alexakis in the district court, and she previously accused a panel of this court of engaging in “judicial activism” and “lawfare.”

Under Rule 46 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, we may suspend, disbar, or discipline a member of our bar “for conduct unbecoming a member of the bar.” Fed. R. App. P. 46(b), (c). The Supreme Court has broadly construed the Rule to encompass “conduct contrary to professional standards that shows an unfitness to discharge continuing obligations to clients or the courts[] or conduct inimical to the administration of justice.” *In re Snyder*, 472 U.S. 634, 645 (1985).

Ms. London's conduct—including her unwillingness to take responsibility for her actions—meets that bar. This court's standards of professional conduct require that all attorneys “speak and write civilly and respectfully in all communications with the court” and that they “not knowingly misrepresent, mischaracterize, misquote, or miscite facts ... in any oral or written communication to the court.” Standards for Professional Conduct Within the Seventh Federal Judicial Circuit. Ms. London has repeatedly shown disrespect for members of this court and knowingly misrepresented facts in court filings.

Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that attorney Katherine London shall pay a fine of \$750 to the clerk of court within 30 days of this order. The clerk of court shall forward a copy of this order, which serves as a public reprimand, to the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission of the Illinois Supreme Court for any action it deems appropriate. Further conduct of this nature could result in additional sanctions.