

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE:)
) No. SO-18-04
DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY RE:)
ENJOINING VEXATIOUS LITIGANTS)

STANDING ORDER

The judges of United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee hereby delegate to the chief judge of this Court the authority to enter injunctions limiting filings by individuals who have abused the legal process and adjudicate any matters arising from those injunctions. District judges will refer litigants with a history of repetitive, vexatious, or frivolous litigation to the chief judge to determine whether an injunction is appropriate. If an injunction is entered, the chief judge shall review any new lawsuits or other documents tendered by the litigant after entry of the injunction to determine whether the tendered filing violates the injunction. The chief judge may delegate the review of a proposed filing to a district or magistrate judge. Tendered lawsuits or documents determined to be in violation of the injunction will be not be filed and will be returned to the litigant. This Order does not in any way limit the district judges' inherent authority to enjoin litigants from filing frivolous, harassing, repetitive, or vexatious motions or other documents in a particular case over which the judge presides.

ENTER: August 10, 2018.

s/Thomas A. Varlan
Chief United States District Judge