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Re: Ben Hansen v. State of Michigan Department of Community Health

Lower Court Case No. 06-1033 CZ

COA Case No. 278074

Dear Mr. Quasarano,

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Very truly yours,

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Legal Assistant to Alan Kellman

Encl.

cc: Ben Hansen

#### **Michigan Court of Appeals**

#### **DOCKETING STATEMENT**

Case No:
Circuit: 06-1033 CZ
Court of Appeals: 278074

#### Please read before completing form.

- MCR 7.204(H) and 7.205(D)(3) require an **appellant** in a civil action to complete and file a docketing statement within 28 days after the claim of appeal is filed or the application for leave to appeal is granted. Failure to timely file this document may lead to dismissal of the appeal. An appellee may respond by filing a separate docketing statement.
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7. Briefly describe the nature of the of the action and the result in the trial court.

Conclusory statements such as "the judgment of the trial court is not supported by law" are unacceptable. Attach additional pages as needed.

Plaintiff filed a civil action under the Freedom of Information Act, M.C.L. 15.231 et seq., seeking records from the Michigan Department of Community Health pertaining to a program funded by Eli Lilly. (Millions of medicaid dollars are spent each year on psychiatric drugs. Information regarding this program and the distribution of the drugs were and are the subject of the FOIA requests and action.) Defendant moved for dismissal pursuant to M.C.R. 2.116 (C)(7)(8)(10). At a hearing on November 1, 2006, the parties agreed that certain documents would be made available and other documents would be made available for an "in camera" inspection by Plaintiff's counsel. The Court entered an order ("Order for Private Review of Records") on November 6, 2006 providing for the documents to be turned over and the "in camera" inspection. (Roughly 500 pages of documents were turned over.) Following this review the dispute was narrowed to two categories of records: (1) Michigan Under 5 Detail Drugs and Quality Indicator; and (2) Patients On 5 or More Concurrent Behavioral Drugs. (In simple terms, Plaintiff was and is seeking information [not personal data or information] or statistics on psychiatric drugs being administered to children under 5 years of age and information/statistics (again not personal information) on people being given multiple psychiatric drugs). The hearing on the motion was summary disposition was reconvened on March 21, 2007. The Court issued its opinion and order which was entered on May 1, 2007 dismissing the case and awarding attorneys' fees in the nature of sanctions.

- 8. Briefly state the issues to be raised in this appeal. Attach additional pages as needed.
  - 1. Whether the Court erred in granting Defendant's Motion to Dismiss?
  - 2. Whether the Court erred in finding that Plaintiff failed to state a claim upon which relief can be granted and that there were no genuine issues of material fact per M.C.R. 2.116 (C)(10)?
  - 3. Whether the Court erred in failing to conduct a de novo review (as opposed to relying on the Defendant's review and position) and failing to place the burden on the public body to sustain its burden, as provided by M.C.L.A. § 1540 (4)?
  - 4. Whether the Court erred in awarding costs, expenses and attorney fees pursuant to M.C.R. 2.114 (E)(F) and M.C.L. 600.2591 in the sum of \$3,500?
- 9. The amount and terms of the judgment appealed are:

The judgment is not a monetary judgment except for the \$3,500 award of attorneys' fees. The terms of the judgment are that Plaintiff is not entitled to the documents which fall within the categories of 1) Michigan Under 5 Detail Drugs and Quality Indicator; and (2) Patients On 5 or More Concurrent Behavioral Drugs.

# CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF MICHIGAN INGHAM COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

BEN HANSEN,

Plaintiff

Case No. 06-1033 CZ

COA No. 278074

v.

Hon. Beverley Nettles-Nickerson

STATE OF MICHIGAN, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

Freedom of Information Act

Complaint

Defendant.

AG#2006021202

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Krystle Melquiades, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that on the 12th day of June, 2007, she served *Michigan Court of Appeals Docketing Statement* and this *Certificate of Service* in the above matter by regular mail, by placing same in an envelope with adequate postage thereupon and depositing in the United States Post Office box at Detroit, Michigan::

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Subscribed and sworn to me this \\\ \alpha\ \ day of June, 2007

KRYSTLE MELQUIADES

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