

United States Court of Appeals
For the Seventh Circuit
Chicago, Illinois 60604

January 3, 2023

Before

FRANK H. EASTERBROOK, *Circuit Judge*

DAVID F. HAMILTON, *Circuit Judge*

THOMAS L. KIRSCH II, *Circuit Judge*

No. 22-1771

JEAN MONTGOMERY,
Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

SCIALLA ASSOCIATES, INC., *et al.*,
Defendants-Appellees.

Appeal from the United States
District Court for the Northern
District of Illinois, Eastern
Division.

No. 15-cv-10840
Robert M. Dow, Jr., *Judge.*

Order

Our decision in this appeal, issued on November 18, 2022, gave Montgomery 14 days to show cause why the court should not impose a penalty under Fed. R. App. P. 38 in response to a series of frivolous suits, plus a frivolous appeal in this particular case.

Montgomery did not respond or ask for additional time to do so. The time for response has lapsed.

For the reasons given in our order of November 18, we fine Montgomery \$2,000 for engaging in frivolous litigation. The fine, payable to the Clerk of Court, is due immediately. Until the fine has been paid, Montgomery is forbidden from engaging in further litigation in the courts of this circuit (both district courts and the court of appeals). This order does not apply to criminal litigation (including collateral attacks on criminal judgments). See *Support Systems International, Inc. v. Mack*, 45 F.3d 185 (7th Cir. 1995). If, despite good faith efforts, Montgomery is unable to pay this fine, she may seek relief once two years have passed. Any application for relief must show in detail why the fine has not been fully paid.