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SUPREME COURT OF KENTUCKY

2019-SC-0625-I

GEOFFREY M. YOUNG APPELLANT

**ON APPEAL FROM COURT OF APPEALS
CASE NO. 2019-CA-1266-MR
FAYETTE CIRCUIT COURT NO. 19-CI-01349
JUDGE JOHN E. REYNOLDS**

**ADAM EDELEN, BEN SELF, APPELLEES
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MORRIS, ANDREA EWEN, CHARLOTTE
FLANARY, KATHY HINKLE, KENTUCKY
DEMOCRATIC PART(Y), FAYETTE COUNTY
DEMOCRATIC PARTY, CAMPBELL
COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY, KENTON
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YOUNG DEMOCRATS, COLLEGE
DEMOCRATS OF KENTUCKY, DEMOCRATIC
WOMAN'S CLUB OF KENTUCKY, JOSH
HICKS, JARED SMITH, ANDY
BESHEAR, ERIK JARBOE, MATT
JONES, MIKE KERBER, BLUEGRASS
ACTIVIST ALLIANCE, LLC,
KENTUCKY AUTHORITY FOR
EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION, TODD
PICCIRILLI, DONNA MOORE
CAMPBELL, THE WOMEN'S NETWORK**

OF KENTUCKY, DR. TRENT GARRISON,
AND MICHAEL K. SCHUGART APPELLEES

ORDER

Geoffrey M. Young has moved to reconsider this Court's Order entered on April 30, 2020, enforcing sanctions against him. The motion merely restates arguments previously presented to this Court which have been rejected. Young has failed to make a showing reconsideration is warranted. Therefore, the motion to reconsider is DENIED.

Young has also moved to amend his cross-motion for sanctions against the Kentucky Authority for Educational Television (KET), its employees, representatives, and attorneys (collectively, the KET defendants). Young again offers no new arguments or justification for his proposed amendment. Therefore, the motion to amend is DENIED.

The cross-motion for sanctions, which contains little more than restatements of Young's substantive arguments on what he believes are the merits of his case, does not set forth an adequate basis for imposition of sanctions. Thus, the cross-motion for sanctions is DENIED.

Finally, our February 20, 2020 Opinion and Order required Young to show cause why we should not enjoin him from filing further cases against the KET defendants without prior approval. Although the response was due within thirty days of the rendition of our Opinion and Order, Young failed to mention the proposed sanctions until the July 23, 2020, filing of his motion to amend his cross-motion for sanctions. Young's tardy response misapprehends the authority of this Court to impose such sanctions and wholly fails to address the merits of the

question. Instead, Young persists in repeating his unfounded and frivolous arguments which have been repeatedly and soundly rejected by courts at all levels. Young's continued resort to such unavailing arguments fails to advance his cause, results in waste of court resources, and wastes time and resources of the defendants who must respond to his vexatious actions. Any further such behavior by Young will result in progressively harsher sanctions. “[T]he judiciary's conciliatory attitude toward unrepresented parties is not boundless.” *Cardwell v. Commonwealth*, 354 S.W.3d 582, 585 (Ky. App. 2011)

While Young has not shown adequate cause why we should not impose the pre-filing restrictions in relation to the KET defendants, we decline to do so at this juncture as this appears to be the first time Young has targeted these defendants in any of his

previous litigation. We are constrained to only consider the propriety of sanctions in the case before us. Although we have chosen not to impose the pre-filing restrictions at this time, Young is cautioned that should he persist in abusing the legal process by filing repetitive, baseless, abusive, and frivolous actions, we will not hesitate to impose such sanctions in the future.

All sitting. All concur.

ENTERED: October 29, 2020.

John D. Minton Jr. (signature)
CHIEF JUSTICE

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ORDER ENFORCING SANCTIONS

Appellant Geoffrey Young was ordered by this

Court to show cause why his appeal to this Court from the Court of Appeals was not frivolous under Kentucky Rule of Civil Procedure 73.04(4). In his response, Young failed to make any argument as to why said appeal was not frivolous.

Accordingly, Young is now ordered to reimburse Kentucky Authority for Educational Television (KET) for its attorney's fees totaling \$13,108.95 which KET incurred while defending this frivolous appeal. Said sum shall be paid within ninety (90) days from the entry of this order.

All sitting. All concur.

ENTERED: April 30, 2020.

John D. Minton Jr. (signature)
CHIEF JUSTICE