

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

STEVEN WARD, Petitioner,

v.

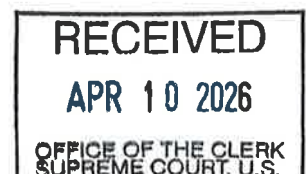
THOS. D. WALSH, INC., REALTORS, Respondent.

No. 25-6967

**PETITIONER'S SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF PURSUANT TO RULE 15.8
AND NOTICE OF RESPONDENT'S NON-RESPONSE**

Petitioner Steven Ward, *pro se*, alerts the Court to intervening matters through April 7, 2026, documenting a total administrative collapse:

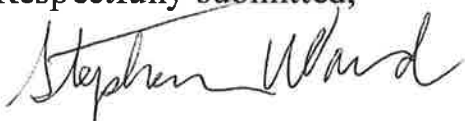
1. **Respondent's Default (April 6, 2026):** Respondent failed to meet the April 6, 2026 deadline for a response or waiver. This default confirms an inability to defend the "Ghost Plaintiff" posture or the jurisdictional bar of **D.C. Code § 16-1501**.
2. **Constitutional Injury & Sham Trial:** Petitioner is being forced into a trial on April 14, 2026, based on a complaint that is **void ab initio**. The complaint demands \$772 in rent, willfully violating a **2016 Final Judgment**



(Case No. 2013-DHCD-TP 30,440) which froze rent at \$550. The lower court is facilitating a non-party's criminal contempt of its own prior decree.

3. **Record Spoliation:** On April 3, 2026, the Superior Court removed the "Journal Entry Details" of the March 30 hearing from the public docket—minutes that contained the Magistrate's oral order substituting Plaintiffs and denying Petitioner's **Rule 63-I Affidavit**. The D.C. Court of Appeals is now seized of this record-tampering (**No. 26-CV-0138; Ex. B**).
4. **Conclusion:** Petitioner is a citizen being "tried by ambush" in a court system that is physically deleting the record of its jurisdictional errors. Judge Matini's refusal to stay the trial (**Ex. A**) confirms that no local remedy exists to prevent this unconstitutional seizure, creating a "Review Vacuum" in direct conflict with *SEC v. Jarkey* (2024).

Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Steven Ward | Dated: April 8, 2026

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
CIVIL DIVISION**

THOS. D. WALSH, INC., REALTORS	:	Case No. 2024 LTB 10829
	:	
v.	:	Judge Shana Frost Matini
	:	
STEVEN WARD	:	Trial: April 14, 2026

ORDER

This matter comes before the Court upon Defendant’s Emergency Rule 73 Application for Review by an Associate Judge and Motion to Stay Trial, filed on March 31, 2026. In the Motion, Defendant seeks review of the Honorable Sherry Trafford’s oral ruling of March 30, 2026 denying Defendant’s Motions for Reconsideration and to Show Cause. As this Court previously stated, *see* Order (Sept. 4, 2025); Order (Oct. 8, 2025); Order (Oct. 15, 2025); Order (Feb. 12, 2026); Order (Feb. 13, 2026); Order (Feb. 17, 2026), judicial review is generally not available for interlocutory decisions. *See* Super. Ct. Civ. R. 73(b)(7); D.C. Code §11-721(a)(2).

To be clear, “[a]n order is final for the purposes of appeal only when it disposes of all issues and claims on the merits as to all parties in the case.” *In re Brown*, 974 A.2d 884, 888 (D.C. 2009) (citing *Rolinski v. Lewis*, 828 A.2d 739, 745 (D.C. 2003)). “A denial of a motion to dismiss is ordinarily not a final, appealable order, because it does not terminate the action on the merits.” *Id.* (citing *Rolinski*, 828 A.2d at 745-46). Moreover, while an exception to the final order requirement exists where the interlocutory order “(1) conclusively determine[s] a disputed question of law, (2) resolve[s] an important issue that is separate from the merits of the case, *and* (3) [would] be effectively unreviewable on appeal from a final judgment, *id.* at 889 (emphasis added) (citing *Finkelstein v. Hemispherx Biopharma, Inc.*, 774 A.2d 332, 339-40 (D.C. 2001)), none of those factors are present here. Rather, there is a non-jury trial scheduled in this matter for

Exhibit A

April 14, 2026 where the issues Defendant raises in his motion for review may still be addressed by the magistrate judge.

Again, as no final order or judgment has been entered that is appropriate for judicial review, it is this 31st day of March 2026 hereby:

ORDERED that Defendant's Emergency Rule 73 Application for Review by an Associate Judge and Motion to Stay Trial is **DENIED**.

SO ORDERED.



Judge Shana Frost Matini
Superior Court of the District of Columbia

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Exhibit A

D.C. Court of Appeals E-Filing Approval Notice - 26-CV-0138 - STEVEN WARD V. THOS D. WALSH, INC., REALTORS

From: noreply1@dcaappeals.gov

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Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 10:20 AM EDT

This is a notice to inform you that the MOTION FOR LEAVE - Motion for Leave filed on 26-CV-0138 has been accepted by the Court Clerk. This filing can be viewed at <https://efile.dcaappeals.gov/filing/summary.do?caseNo=2615&electronicFilingID=94737>.

Docket Description: Motion For Leave to File supplemental notice of record spoliation and procedural obstruction

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Exhibit B