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DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT: Superior Court Los Angeles County
OTHER:
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b. [X] Denied
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[X] Attachment to order. Number of pages: 6
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BRANCH NAME: CENTRAL DISTRICT
PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER: ALVIN E. WILLIAMS & JUDITH M. BROWN-WILLIAMS
DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT: BENTLEY MOTORS INC. AND RUSNAK PASADENA
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Notice: Please read Information on Appeal Procedures for Unlimited Civil Cases (Judicial Council form APP-001-INFO) before completing this form. This form must be filed in the superior court, not in the Court of Appeal. A copy of this form must also be served on the other party or parties to this appeal. You may use an applicable Judicial Council form (such as APP-009 or APP-009E) for the proof of service. When this document has been completed and a copy served, the original may then be filed with the court with proof of service.

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that:

a. (Name): Alvin E. Williams & Judith M. Brown-Williams appeals from a judgment or order in this case.

b. The judgment or order was entered on (list the date or dates the judgment and each order being appealed were entered): August 12, 2026

c. The appeal is from the following order or judgment (check all that apply):

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[ ] Judgment after court trial

[ ] Default judgment

[ ] Judgment after an order granting a summary judgment motion

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[ ] An order after judgment under Code of Civil Procedure, § 904.1(a)(2)

[ ] An order or judgment under Code of Civil Procedure, § 904.1(a)(3)–(13)

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Order entered August 12, 2026, denying Appellant's Applications under Code of Civil Procedure section 391.8 to vacate the profiling order and remove Appellants from the Judicial Council Vexatious Litigant List. Appealable pursuant to

d. [ ] The judgment or order being appealed directs payment of sanctions by an attorney for a party. The attorney (name): _____ appeals.

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a. Date notice of appeal was filed in original appeal:

b. Date superior court clerk mailed notice of original appeal:

c. Court of Appeal case number (if known):

3. The judgment or order being appealed is attached (optional).

Date: August 14, 2026

Alvin E. Williams & Judith M. Brown-Williams
(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)
[Signatures of Alvin E. Williams and Judith M. Brown-Williams]
(SIGNATURE OF PARTY OR ATTORNEY)

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Courtroom Assistant: Rosalie M. Cruz Deputy Sheriff: None
APPEARANCES:
For Plaintiff(s): No Appearances
For Defendant(s): No Appearances
NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: Court Order Re Applications to Vacate Prefiling Order
On May 5, 2015, (and again on September 4, 2015), Judge Stephen P. Pfahler formally declared Alvin E. Williams and Judith M. Brown-Williams vexatious litigants in Los Angeles County Superior Court case PC056141 *Williams v. Bentley Motors Inc., et al.* Under this order, Mr. Williams and Ms. Brown-Williams became subject to a Code of Civil Procedure section 391.7 prefiling requirement that requires them to obtain the permission of the presiding judge to file new litigation. Permission is granted only if it appears the litigation has merit and is not being filed for purposes of harassment or delay. (Code Civ. Proc. § 391.7(b).) In the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, the Presiding Judge has designated the Supervising Judge of the Civil Division (sitting in Dept. 534)

to exercise this authority and responsibility for new, non-appellate litigation. (See Code Civ. Proc. § 391.7(e).)
On May 27, 2022, Judge David J. Cowan, while previously sitting in Department 1 (renumbered Department 534 as of May 4, 2026), informed Mr. Williams and Ms. Brown-Williams that Department 534 is not the proper department to review their proposed judgments or motions related thereto. (*Shalant v. Girardi* (2011) 51 Cal.4th 1164, 1173-74.)
Thereafter, Mr. Williams and Ms. Brown-Williams filed their motions in BC342574.
On August 27, 2024, Judge Pfahler issued an order providing, in part: "[t]he court has received a Request Clarification For The Final Judgment For April 27, 2009 filed 7-11-2024. The request can only be done by way of a noticed motion after being removed from the vexatious litigant list."
Applications to Vacate Prefiling Order
On July 17, 2026, Department 534 received Judicial Council forms VL-120 Application for Order to Vacate Prefiling Order and Remove Plaintiff/Petitioner from Judicial Council Vexatious Litigant List dated July 14, 2026 lodged by Mr. Williams and Ms. Brown-Williams, in

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Council form VL-110 along with a proposed Motion for Order Clarifying and Entering Final Judgment Pursuant to the April 27, 2009 judgment and accompanying exhibits.

Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 391.8(a), an application to vacate a prefiling order "shall be filed in the court that entered the prefiling order" and "shall be made before the justice or judge who entered the order, if that justice or judge is available. If that justice or judge who entered the order is not available, the application shall be made before the presiding justice or presiding judge, or his or her designee."

Judge Stephen P. Pfahler is unavailable and this Court, as the designee of the presiding judge, is the proper department to review Mr. Williams and Ms. Brown-Williams' applications to vacate the prefiling order and remove their names from the list of vexatious litigants. (Code Civ. Proc. § 391.8(a).)

Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 391.8, a vexatious litigant subject to a prefiling order under Code of Civil Procedure section § 391.7 may file an application to vacate the prefiling order and remove his or her name from the Judicial Council's list of vexatious litigants subject to prefiling orders. (Code Civ. Proc. § 391.8(a).) The prefiling order may be vacated and a vexatious litigant's name may be removed from the Judicial Council's list of vexatious litigants only upon a showing of a material change in the facts upon which the order was granted and that the ends of justice would be served by vacating the order. (Code Civ. Proc. § 391.8(c).) Thus, while a vexatious litigant determination may be erasable, erasure requires substantial evidence that the vexatious litigant has mended his or her ways or conduct. (*Luckett v. Panos* (2008) 161 Cal.App.4th 77, 83.) Substantial evidence that bears on whether a vexatious litigant has mended his or her ways is not some success in litigation, but evidence that they have given up suing people as a way of life and have altered their conduct. (*Id.* at 93-94.) Such evidence includes proof of a propensity for honesty, of efforts at obtaining gainful employment, of genuine remorse for the

costs of litigation inflicted on the defendants who were the object of previous lawsuits, and of some genuine effort at restitution toward the previous victims of his or her litigation, including actual payment of cost orders made by the courts in prior litigation. (*Ibid.*)

Mr. Williams and Ms. Brown-Williams failed to meet this burden. The applications merely state their belief that the prefiling order was improvidently entered. However, in seeking to vacate a prefiling order, the litigant cannot challenge the propriety of the court's imposition of that prefiling order. (*In re Marriage of Rifkin and Carty* (2015) 234 Cal. App. 4th 1339, 1347.) Moreover, Mr. Williams and Ms. Brown-Williams' extensive and recent litigation history, including numerous attempts to seek the same relief related to the judgment entered in BC342574, "only confirms the very trait of character on which the determination of vexatious

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litigant was first based," (*Luckett, supra,* 161 Cal.App.4th at 92), and there has not been a material change in the facts upon which the order was granted and that the ends of justice would be served by vacating the order. (Code Civ. Proc. § 391.8(c).) Accordingly, the Court DENIES Mr. Williams and Ms. Brown-Williams' applications to vacate the prefiling order and be removed from the vexatious litigant list. As set forth in

Code of Civil Procedure section 391.8(b), Mr. Williams and Ms. Brown-Williams' may not file another application for this relief until at least twelve months after the date of this order. The included request to file a motion for clarification is not properly before Department 534, (*Shalant, supra,* 51 Cal.4th at 1173), and procedurally improper pursuant to Judge Pfahler's August 27, 2024 order. Accordingly, the request is DENIED on this basis.

Clerk shall give notice.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action, my business address is Burbank, California 91505

On August 19, 2026, I personally served the documents described as: NOTICE OF APPEAL upon the interested parties in this action in sealed envelopes addressed as follows:

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I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

Executed on AUGUST 19, 2026

[signature] MARIA CANO.

APPENDIX B

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Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 391.8, a vexatious litigant subject to a prefiling order under Code of Civil Procedure section § 391.7 may file an application to

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I, the below-named Executive Officer/Clerk of the above-entitled court, do hereby certify that I am not a party to the cause herein, and that on this date I served the Minute Order (Court Order Re Applications to Vacate Prefiling Order) of 08/12/2026 upon each party or counsel named below by placing the document for collection and mailing so as to cause it to be deposited in the United States mail at the courthouse in Los Angeles, California, one copy of the original filed/ entered herein in a separate sealed envelope to each address as shown below with the postage thereon fully prepaid, in accordance with standard court practices.
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APPENDIX C

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA
En Banc
ALVIN E. WILLIAMS et al., Petitioners,
v.
SUPERIOR COURT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY,
Respondent;
BENTLEY MOTORS INC. et al., Real Parties in Interest.
The petition for review is denied.
GUERRERO
Chief Justice

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