

Kansas Pro Se Father Stands Against Parental Alienation, Defends Fatherhood in Contentious Federal Court Battle

6 Federal Civil Rights Lawsuits Over Last 6 Months Lay Claim of the Johnson County Judiciary's Illegal Interference into Fatherhood, as Pro Se Dad Demands Return of His Daughters; State Attempts to Silence the Whistleblower in Malicious Prosecutions

signing it. I've told you that --

MR. ESCALANTE: I think you're just trying to scare me, honestly. I'll listen -- I'm listening to what you're saying.

THE COURT: Well, I hope you are -- I'm not

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MR. ESCALANTE: I thought so.

THE COURT: I'm trying --

MR. ESCALANTE: Is that what you're trying to do? Yeah, that's what you just said.

THE COURT: Well, I mean, now I want you to

Kansas City, Kansas May 13, 2024 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.IssueWire.com)) - Recent investigations by local court watchers in the District of Kansas federal courts have uncovered significant state court judicial misconduct by Chief Judge Charles Droege of Johnson County District Court, just south of Kansas City, igniting a firestorm national family court scandal. The following was all pulled out of an Unprecedented pro se display that is showing as public record in the high court dockets of Kansas. Federal filed documents from a pro se father into the ongoing civil rights lawsuit in the District of Kansas case Escalante et al minor

children vs. Gardner Police (Case No. 2:23-CV02529), currently on appeal in the 10th Circuit, have revealed county transcripts showing a manipulation of the justice system and deviations from Kansas laws occurring by Chief Judge Droege in both civil and criminal cases involving the pro se litigant father, M.A.E. This father becoming widely known as the 'Kansas Dad', since October 2023, has ushered 6 federal civil rights lawsuits against several Kansas judges and officers of the Johnson County court.

The Chief Judge Droege, typically an administrative judge overseeing courthouse operations, has controversially now presided over several criminal cases in particular, raising serious ethical concerns. The concern brews when it's seen those cases belong to the pro se dad, and the father just forced the state prosecution into dismissal of one of those cases in a victory on April 26, 2024.

Key Findings by Court Watchers released on Monday morning:

That pro se dad is painting a picture in a high court docket of state court corruption, and its unprecedented in approach. It's a picture of fatherhood vs parental alienation in the highest court of the state.

[Escalante v. Gardner, Kansas, City of \(2:23-cv-02529\), Kansas District Court \(pacemonitor.com\)](#)

Dismissed Civil Rights Lawsuit: The pro se father and his children's lawsuit against the Gardner Police Department (2:23-CV02529) was dismissed on April 17, 2024 but continues to receive docket uploads from the father. The case is under review in the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver, CO. Also seen in the 10th circuit currently is Escalante vs Federal Judge John Broomes, Judicial Complaint No. 10-24-90011. It's a misconduct inquiry investigation that has began the same week of the lawsuit dismissal and is probing into the Kansas cases and the federal judiciary's handling of those matters.

Judicial Misconduct suggestion of evidence: The father has uploaded at least 20 exhibits labeled as county judicial fraud evidence. The most compelling is seen in images, as Exhibit 26-1, its a recent transcript from Johnson County criminal court, that strongly implicates Chief Judge Droege in controversial decisions involving two criminal cases against the father. One case, State vs. Escalante (24DV00172), was dismissed by the father two weeks ago. The other case (23DV00908) revolves around civil protection orders and alleged violation of it, originally issued by suspended family court Judge Paul W. Burmaster of Division 14. Burmaster was removed from the father's civil proceedings in November 2023 (18CV03813). Droege's takeover of the dad's purported criminal proceeding raises serious ethical concerns, especially since the father managed to dismiss one entirely on April 26, 2023. It also alleged a violation of the protection order, finding was not guilty, dismissed by the prosecution.

The Unresolved Purported Criminal Complaint 23-DV00908: The federal exhibits lay out a linear timeline of Gardner Sergeant Miguel Viruetes filing a criminal complaint against the father a year ago, which remains still unprosecuted (23DV00908). Droege then appeared 5 weeks ago, as presiding judge of that case after removing yet another judge off the dads' cases, and Droege appears to have disregarded Kansas's statutory requirements for judicial disqualification to do it(KSA 20-311b) as Droege is seen holding now all of the father civil cases too. Transcript pages in Exhibit 26-1 show Droege speaking threateningly to the father, who is questioning Droege's presence and involvement in the criminal case. The pair, judge and litigant in that transcript are in a very contentious verbal battle and the dad is telling the Chief to step down multiple times in the transcript and alleges fraud upon the court against him as a whistleblower. And the father showing no fear of corruption.

Ethical Violations: Other docket entries in the PD lawsuit reveal nearly two dozen ethical complaints against Droege assigned by the Kansas Commission of Judicial Conduct just in the last 10 days,

predominantly from that transcript and hearing. Exhibit 26-1, file stamped into the high court on May 7th 2024, is followed by a Motion for Relief from Judgment under Rule 60(b)(2), indicating potential grounds to recall the dismissed lawsuit back to Kansas ahead of the appeal outcome. The Rule 60 motion is consistent with the transcript statements that are alleging the Sergeant has brought the case of 23-DV00908 with false affidavit statements, criminal perjury to bring a false arrest. That is a very serious allegation flying around in that transcript and case.

Overall, these findings come at a time when public trust in the judicial system is critically low, especially in the nations family courts. Advocates in Kansas City have begun speaking out, viciously against the JoCo judiciary with calls for transparency and justice appearing on social media. There is an urgent demand for a thorough investigation by appropriate legal authorities and third-party oversight in the 10th district. Because wait, there's more.....

Broader Scandal Details:

Chief Judge Charles Droege faces further allegations of prolonged misconduct and abuse of power, not only in criminal matters but also in civil matters. A Johnson County civil case (24-CV02325), involving a protection from abuse petition filed by the same father on behalf of his daughters (Escalante et al minor children vs. Droege), named Chief Droege as a defendant. Despite this, Droege presided over the proceedings last week, and he dismissed his own case against him and sealed the records, but not before the dad flopped all the documents into the Gardner suit docket. This chief action as a whole is representing a clear conflict of interest and a flagrant violation of Kansas ethical judicial canons. And parallel to all that occurring in the past months, there is another Kansas pro se dad, Steven Knoche, also from the court of former Judge Paul Burmaster. Knoche father, also has a civil rights lawsuit in the district of Kansas and it's against Chief Judge Charles Droege, with federal claims of docket manipulation and court order tampering.

[Knoche v. Droege \(2:24-cv-02150\), Kansas District Court \(pacermonitor.com\)](#)

The case of Knoche vs Droege 2:24-CV02150, contains a damning Exhibit A, attached to the complaint showing in its docket. It's an administrative order with the undersigned Charles James Droege, that appears as an administrative court order but upon inspection, it's missing something on its document face. It's not File Stamped into county records and it is essentially threatening the Knoche father with sanctions and contempt's, if the father shows any of the documents in his kids custody case to anyone. There is discovery in the 10th district coming with Charles Droege that is sure to leave this country with their jaw dropped, pertaining to Johnson County family court matters. Social media in the KC metro was exploding on Monday with conspiracy theories surrounding Droege and Burmaster. The public demands accountability and transparency in response to this blatant disregard for justice principles.

As the investigation unfolds, citizens of the State and beyond await assurances from the Kansas Supreme Court and the Kansas federal judiciary that justice will prevail and that the State Constitution is still intact, but moreover that Kansas family courts have not been contaminated with Corruption.

A large social crowd is beginning to follow these dads, over 2 million views had accrued just on TikTok of the KansasDadvocate

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May 7 at 8:26 AM
3 attachments

Good Morning,
We have received your documents for your protection request. Please attached for your file stamped copies

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JOHNSON COUNTY - OLATHE, KS 64550

Matthew Aaron Escalante individually and on behalf of Se Escalante
Plaintiff
vs.
Case No. 24CV2325

Charles James Droege
Defendant
Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

PETITION FOR PROTECTION FROM ABUSE ORDER
(K.S.A. 60-2101 et seq.)

I, Plaintiff seek an order for protection from abuse (check and fill out either a, b, or c)

☐ a. **For Plaintiff Only**
(Plaintiff has no previous or current relationship which may be established by any one of the following options.)

Plaintiff and Defendant:
☐ are in a dating relationship
☐ were formerly in a dating relationship
☐ reside together in the same residence
☐ formerly resided together in the same residence
☐ have a child in common

OR

☒ b. **For Plaintiff and minor child(ren)**

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

16  **Notice of Appeal - Final Judgment** Wed 04/17 7:46 PM
NOTICE OF APPEAL, as to 14 Memorandum & Order, 15 Judgment by Plaintiff Matthew Aaron Escalante (Escalante, Matthew)

Att: 1  Evidence from City of Gardner that verifies Plaintiffs claims in this Lawsuit and Burmaster II, and III.
Att: 2  The Federal Judiciary would be well to protect the Children of Kansas and investigate why Federal Judge John Broomes is dismissing matters that have affirmative case records doctored of county judicial fraud that is being furthered by the Gardner Police. The plaintiff minor child is a 14 year old, and her sister is nine, and I'm way too good of father to not let this judiciary know that Federal Judge John Broomes has been violating Judicial Canons moving in prejudice to dismiss evidence of crimes, its all over this case docket, atrocious.

15  **JUDGMENT ENTERED** Wed 04/17 3:14 PM
JUDGMENT ENTERED: Pursuant to memorandum and order filed April 17, 2024, the court ADOPTS the R&R by Magistrate Judge James. This action is DISMISSED as it is frivolous. Signed by deputy clerk on 4/17/2024. (al)

14  **7 signs** order Memorandum & Order - DO NOT USE TO RULE ON MOTIONS Wed 04/17 3:11 PM
MEMORANDUM AND ORDER ENTERED: The court ADOPTS the R&R by Magistrate Judge James. This action is DISMISSED as it is frivolous. The

Monday, April 15, 2024

13  **Affidavit** Mon 04/15 1:35 PM
AFFIDAVIT of JoCo 10th District Court Corruption - Chief Judge Charles Droege/District Judge Paul Burmaster knowingly breaking Judicial Rules against Plaintiffs - GPD enforcing their facially invalid orders, knowingly to deprive Rights from Plaintiffs - Affidavit given to JoCo Clerk at 12:50pm. April 15, 2024 re/ Order to Show Cause, by Matthew Aaron Escalante. (Escalante, Matthew)

Att: 1  Exhibit JoCo 10th District Court Corruption - Chief Judge Charles Droege/District Judge Paul Burmaster knowingly breaking Judicial Rules against Plaintiffs - GPD enforcing their facially invalid orde s, knowingly

Thursday, April 11, 2024

12  **Notice** Thu 04/11 11:10 AM
NOTICE of Additional Authorities Kansas Open Records Act Violations & Denial of Rights Under Color of Law Violation Warning--18 U.S.C. §242; 18 U.S.C. §245; 42 U.S.C. §1983 Chief Judge of Johnson County Violating Canons 1 and 2 through use of Defendant PD in Case Record exhibits by Matthew Aaron Escalante re/ Response to Order to show Cause(Escalante, Matthew)

Att: 1  Exhibit JoCo Chief Judge Manipulation of Justice in Civil Dockets 22CV03391, 18CV03813, 23CV06700 & Criminal docket 24-DV00172 - Plaintiff's Motion given to Johnson Co. District Court Clerk on 4/11/24 for proper docketing in 18CV03813 pursuant the Law of KSA 60-260

Tuesday, April 09, 2024

11  **Notice** Tue 04/09 11:08 AM
NOTICE of Plaintiff's Motion for that Court to Take Judicial Notice of

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