

# Court of Appeals, State of Michigan

## ORDER

Thomas M Cooley Law School v John Doe 1

Docket No. 307426

LC No. 11-000781-CZ

Michael J. Kelly  
Presiding Judge

Donald S. Owens

Stephen L. Borrello  
Judges

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The motion for immediate consideration is GRANTED.

The motion to dismiss this appeal as moot is DENIED. We note that appellee presented substantially the same arguments regarding the alleged mootness of this appeal in its answer to appellant's application for leave to appeal. Certainly, this Court would not have granted leave to appeal if it regarded this appeal as moot. Further, a matter is moot if an event has occurred rendering it impossible for a court to grant relief or if a judgment "cannot for any reason have a practical legal effect on the existing controversy." *General Motors Corp v Dep't of Treasury*, 290 Mich App 355, 386; 803 NW2d 698 (2010). Appellee has not established that this appeal is moot under this standard. Particularly, if this Court ultimately resolves this appeal in appellant's favor, it could grant meaningful relief by, for example, directing that any files or transcripts in the circuit court record are to be sealed or redacted to the extent that they disclose appellant's true identity. In this regard, merely because appellant's true identity was publicly accessible in the circuit court file for some period of time it does not follow that appellant's true identity actually became widely known or that appellant lacks a substantial interest in preventing further disclosure of his true identity.



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Chief Clerk