

Court of Appeals, State of Michigan

ORDER

Black Law Offices PC v First Merit Bank

Docket No. **328699**

LC No. **14-000957-CZ**

Donald S. Owens, Judge, acting under MCR 7.211(E)(2), orders:

The motion to waive fees is DENIED. Appellant is ineligible for a fee waiver under MCR 2.002 because it is not a natural person. MCR 2.002(A)(1). In this regard, the reference in MCR 2.002(D) to "other indigent persons" cannot reasonably be considered to allow a fee waiver for non-natural persons but rather plainly contemplates natural persons other than persons receiving public assistance as addressed by MCR 2.002(C). The statutory provisions cited by appellant are also plainly inapplicable. To whatever extent this Court has authority to grant a fee waiver independent of MCR 2.002 appellant has not persuaded the Court that it should do so in this appeal, particularly as MCR 2.002(A)(1) indicates, at minimum, a strong policy against granting fee waivers to legal persons other than natural persons.

Within 21 days of the Clerk's certification of this order, appellant shall pay to the Clerk of the Court a total of \$750, consisting of a \$375 entry fee for each of the two apparent final orders entered on July 16, 2015 from which appellant claims an appeal. Failure to comply with this order will result in the dismissal of the appeal.



A true copy entered and certified by Jerome W. Zimmer Jr., Chief Clerk, on

AUG 13 2015

Date

Chief Clerk