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Sassower v. Sansverie

Civil Procedure Injunction Barring Abusive Pro Se Litigant

An order enforcing an earlier injunction forcing a pro se litigant to obtain approval from a magistrate prior to filing suit in the Clerk's office in the Eastern District of New York was upheld on Sept. 15.

The opinion, written per curiam in *Sassower v. Sansverie*, 89-7051, determined that George Sassower, the litigant, has "abused the judicial process to harass defendants with vexatious and frivolous suits." It added, "We write in this case to give fair warning to appellant that if he continues to abuse the judicial process by the instigation of frivolous appeals, an injunction will issue directing the Clerk of this Court to refuse to accept for filing any submissions from him, unless he has first obtained leave of the Court to file such papers."

George Sassower, White Plains, N.Y., filed a brief on behalf of himself. Feltman, Karesh, Major & Farbman, as well as Kreindler & Relkin, Schneck & Weltman, and Howard M. Bergson, were counsel to some of the defendants. Others were represented by Ronald Turbin, Assistant Attorney General of the State of New York.