

Court Finds Rogue Attorney Lee “Pothead” Rohn in Contempt



Lee Rohn

Marijuana-Trafficking Rogue Attorney Lee “Pothead” Rohn was found in Contempt of Court by US Magistrate Judge George W. Cannon, Jr. for actions that *“constitute direct and unequivocal noncompliance with a valid order of the Court”*.

This recent addition to “Pothead’s” growing list of irrational behavior begs us to question: Just how much longer will Rohn be allowed to make a mockery of the Judicial System in the U.S. Virgin Islands?

For those of our readers over in the capital, please do us a favor. If you find yourself in the Crown Bay area, PLEASE go by the Supreme Court of the VI (located in Crown Bay) and turn on the lights. Clearly, they must be in the dark down there in Crown Bay. After all, every VI Government agency, except the VI Legislature has been forced to implement meaningful austerity measures. Judge Cannon’s order follows:

DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

DIVISION OF ST. CROIX

LUIS ILLARAZA,

Plaintiff,

v.

1:08-cv-59

**HOVENSA, L.L.C., ANTHONY CRANE
INTERNATIONAL, L.P., UNITED STEEL
WORKERS LOCAL UNION 8248, and
UNITED STEEL WORKERS OF AMERICA,**

Defendants.

JOSE M. ILLARAZA,

Plaintiff,

v.

1:07-cv-125

**ANTHONY CRANE INTERNATIONAL,
HOVENSA, and UNITED STEEL WORKERS
UNION,**

Defendants.

**TO: Eszart A. Wynter, Sr., Esq.
Lee J. Rohn, Esq.
Stephanie L. Adler, Esq.
David J. Cattie, Esq.
Michael J. Sanford, Esq.**

ORDER

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THIS MATTER came before the Court on September 16, 2011, for hearing to show cause why Defendant Anthony Crane International, L.P.'s Motion to Strike Post-Disqualification Filings and Discovery From Attorney Rohn, For Sanctions, and For a Certification of Contempt to the District Court (1:08-cv-59, Docket No. 319; 1:07-cv-125, Docket No. 315) should not granted. Eszart A. Wynter, Sr., Esq., appeared on behalf of Plaintiff Jose M. Illaraza.¹ Lee J. Rohn, Esq., appeared on behalf of herself. David J. Cattie, Esq., appeared on behalf of Defendant Anthony Crane International, L.P.

Having reviewed the motion and having heard the arguments of counsel, the Court finds that the filings made by Attorney Rohn and/or her firm after entry of the Court's order granting Defendant Anthony Crane International, L.P.'s motion to disqualify and disqualifying Attorney Rohn and her firm were not allowed and in direct contravention of the Court's order of disqualification.² Consequently, the Court will strike all documents

¹Despite the fact that Attorney Wynter purports to represent Plaintiff Luis Illaraza, he has never made a formal appearance in the case docketed at 1:08-cv-59 and, as far as the Court is aware, is not an attorney of record in the case styled *Luis Illaraza v. HOVENSA*, 1:08-cv-59.

²At hearing, Attorney Rohn requested an opportunity to submit a written response to the motion. The Court denies such request based upon the fact that the motion was filed on and has been pending since May 17, 2011, allowing Attorney Rohn and/or any other party more than adequate time to respond. She also was given one-week's notice of the show cause hearing, wherein she could have submitted such response in the event she so desired.

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from the record that were filed in the above-captioned cases by Attorney Rohn and/or her firm after the entry of said order on May 4, 2011.³

With regard to the other remedies sought by the motion, the Court declines to impose sanctions at this juncture. However, because the Court finds that the post-disqualification filings constitute direct and unequivocal noncompliance with a valid order of the Court, the Court will certify, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(e)(6)(B)(iii), such civil contempt to the District Judge for hearing and disposition.

Accordingly, it is now hereby **ORDERED**:

1. Defendant Anthony Crane International, L.P.'s Motion to Strike Post-Disqualification Filings and Discovery From Attorney Rohn, For Sanctions, and For a Certification of Contempt to the District Court (1:08-cv-59, Docket No. 319; 1:07-cv-125, Docket No. 315) is **GRANTED IN PART AND DENIED IN PART**.
2. All documents filed by Lee J. Rohn, Esq., and/or her firm in the above-captioned matters and appearing in the record after May 4, 2011, are **STRICKEN**. The Clerk of Court shall remove the following documents from

³The documents, as identified in the CM/ECF record, include: 1:08-cv-59, Docket Nos. 318, 320, 321, and 339; 1:07-cv-125, Docket Nos. 314, 316, 317, and 337.

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the record: 1:08-cv-59, Docket Nos. 318, 320, 321, and 339; 1:07-cv-125, Docket Nos. 314, 316, 317, and 337.

3. The civil contempt of Lee J. Rohn, Esq., is **CERTIFIED**, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(e)(6)(B)(iii), to the District Judge for hearing and disposition.

ENTER:

DATED: September 16, 2011

/s/ George W. Cannon, Jr.
GEORGE W. CANNON, JR.
U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE