

STATE OF MAINE  
AROOSTOOK, ss

SUPERIOR COURT  
DOCKET NO. RE-12-016

LAWRENCE GRANT and )  
NANCY FAULKNER-GRANT )  
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Plaintiffs )  
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vs )  
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ELIZABETH M. BUTLER and )  
DALE A. BUTLER )  
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Defendants )

ORDER ON MOTION

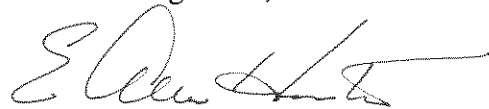
Pending before the court is Defendant's "Motion to Enforce Court Order" and the Plaintiffs' Motion to Dismiss the Defendant's Motion. Because the court agrees with the Plaintiffs that the Defendant's motion suffers from a number of technical and substantive deficiencies, the court grants the Plaintiffs' motion to dismiss the Defendant's motion. The Dismissal however shall be without prejudice.

The relief that the Defendants appear to seek is governed by M.R.Civ. P. 66. The Defendants have not complied with the requirements of this rule or with other rules governing the filing of motions. At this stage of the proceedings, it appears that the Defendants are representing themselves. As lay people, it is not surprising that they may not be familiar with court rules. However, the Plaintiffs are correct that we have only one set of rules and all litigants, whether they have legal counsel or are representing themselves, are bound by the same set of rules. The court may not engage in any bending of the rules or granting of special consideration because a litigant appears without legal representation. Truman v. Browne, 2001 ME ¶ 11, 788 A.2d.

If the Defendants seek relief from the court, they must do so within the bounds of the governing rules and procedures. It should also be noted that neither the court nor court staff are permitted to provide legal assistance to litigants.

The entry shall be: The Plaintiffs' Motion to Dismiss is granted; the dismissal shall be without prejudice.

April 18, 2018

  
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E. Allen Hunter  
Justice, Superior Court (Active Retired)