

**UNPUBLISHED**

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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**No. 23-1734**

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RICHARD M. SIMPSON,

Plaintiff - Appellant,

v.

CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG; YVONNE J. NAGEOTTE; NAGEOTTE,  
NAGEOTTE, NAGEOTTE, PC,

Defendants - Appellees.

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Appeal from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, at  
Richmond. Henry E. Hudson, Senior District Judge. (3:22-cv-00745-HEH)

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Submitted: October 31, 2023

Decided: November 2, 2023

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Before HARRIS and QUATTLEBAUM, Circuit Judges, and KEENAN, Senior Circuit  
Judge.

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Affirmed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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Richard M. Simpson, Appellant Pro Se. Sarah Marie Carroll, Richmond, Virginia, Melissa  
Yvonne York, Julie Smith Palmer, HARMAN CLAYTOR CORRIGAN & WELLMAN,  
Glen Allen, Virginia, for Appellees.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

PER CURIAM:

Richard M. Simpson appeals the district court's orders dismissing his amended complaint and awarding sanctions to the defendants under Fed. R. Civ. P. 11.\* Limiting our review to the issues raised in Simpson's informal briefs, we have reviewed the record and discern no reversible error. *See* 4th Cir. R. 34(b); *see also Jackson v. Lightsey*, 775 F.3d 170, 177 (4th Cir. 2014) ("The informal brief is an important document; under Fourth Circuit rules, our review is limited to issues preserved in that brief."). Accordingly, we affirm the district court's orders. *Simpson v. City of Fredericksburg*, No. 3:22-cv-00745-HEH (E.D. Va., June 27, 2023; July 14, 2023; Aug. 3, 2023). We dispense with oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before this court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

*AFFIRMED*

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\* We construe Simpson's informal brief as the functional equivalent of a notice of appeal from the district court's August 3, 2023, final order on sanctions. *See Smith v. Barry*, 502 U.S. 244, 248-49 (1992).