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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

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)	MICHAEL W. DOBBINS GLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT
)	Case No: 1:07-CV-00092
In Re:)	Hon. William J. Hibbler
LEO STOLLER,	Appellant.)	Bankruptcy Appeal from Case No. 05 B 64075 Hon. Jack B. Schmetterer
)))	Orders dated June 20, 2007 and July 9, 2007

NOTICE OF FILING

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 10th day of July, 2007, there was filed with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District, Eastern Division,

1) Notice of Appeal; 2) Docketing Statement, and Designation of Content of Record on Appeal, copies of which are attached hereto.

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NOTICE OF APPEAL OF ORDERS DATED JUNE 20, 2007 AND JULY 9, 2007 ISSUED BY JUDGE WILLIAM J. HIBBLER

NOW COMES Leo Stoller and files its Notice of Appeal of orders issued by the Honorable William J. Hibbler dated June 20, 2007 enjoining Appellant from filing an appeal from bankruptcy proceeding 05 BK 64075 until the conclusion of said proceeding; and an order dated July 9, 2007, denying Appellant's motion for reconsideration of the June 20, 2007 decision.

This Court Has Jurisdiction Over This Interlocutory Appeal

The general rule is that a court of appeals has jurisdiction over a bankruptcy appeal only if the bankruptcy court's original order and the district court's order reviewing the bankruptcy court's original order are both final. 28 U.S.C. sec. 158(d); *In re Devlieg, Inc.*, 56 F.3d 32, 33 (7th Cir. 1995) (per curiam); *In re Morse Elec. Co.*, 805 F.2d 262, 264 (7th Cir. 1986); 16 Charles Alan Wright, Arthur R. Miller, & Edward H. Cooper, *Federal Rules and Procedure* sec. 3926.2, at 273 (2d ed. 1996). In the bankruptcy context, however, finality does not require a final order concluding the entire bankruptcy proceeding: certain orders entered prior to the conclusion of the bankruptcy proceeding will be deemed final. *In re Forty-Eight Insulations, Inc.*, 115F.3d 1294, 1298-99 (9th Cir. 1977); In re *Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of White Farm Equip. Co.*, 943 F.2d 752, 754-755 (7th Cir. 1991). Where an order terminates a discrete dispute that, but for the bankruptcy, would be a standalone suit by or against the trustee, the order will be considered final and appealable. *In re*

Szekely, 936 F.2d 897, 899-900 (7th Cir. 1991); [*9] Wright, Miller & Cooper, supra, sec. 3926.2 at 272-73.

Judge Hibbler's decisions qualify as a stand-alone suit. These orders should be considered final and appealable.

This court has granted the Appellant leave to appeal in forma pauperis. See attached.

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DECLARATION

The undersigned, Leo Stoller, declares that he is authorized to execute this document on its behalf, that all statements made of his own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

By: Leo Stoller

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is being sent with the U.S. Postal Service by First Class Mail in an enveloped addressed to:

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Leo Stoller

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

Honorable JACK	B. SCHMETTERER Date: May 9, 2	ብብ 7
Bankruptcy Case I	No. <u>05 B 64075</u> Adversary No	
Title of Case	In re: Leo Stoller	
Brief Statement of Motion	Debtor's Motion for Leave to Appeal in Forma Pauperis	
Names and Addresses of moving counsel		-
Representing		
Names and Addresses of other counsel entitled to notice and names of parties they represent	See Attached Service Certificate	
	ORDER Pursuant to standards stated on the record in open court, movant Leo Stolle	
	Motion for Leave to Appeal in Forma Pauperis is granted.	
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Order Form (01/2005)

United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois



Name of Assigned Judge or Magistrate Judge	William J. Hibbler	Sitting Judge if Other than Assigned Judge	
CASE NUMBER	07 C 00092	DATE	June 20, 2007
CASE TITLE		Leo Stoller v. Google Inc.	

DOCKETEMBY TEXT:

For the reasons set forth below, this Court will issue a ruling on the instant appeal upon the conclusion of Stoller's bankruptcy proceedings in 05 BK 64075. Further, in the interest of judicial economy and to deter the numerous seemingly frivolous filings from Stoller, will order that Stoller is enjoined from filing appeals from bankruptcy proceeding 05 BK 64075 until the conclusion of those proceedings.

[For further details see text below.]

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STATEMENT

On December 20, 2005, Appellant Leo D. Stoller ("Stoller") filed a voluntary petition for relief, styled In re Stoller, 05 BK 64075, under Chapter 13 of the United States Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. §§101 et seq. In the instant matter, Stoller appeals three orders issued by the Bankruptcy Court: an order denying a motion to dismiss, another order denying a motion to stay, and an order denying a motion for leave to object to the claims. This is the fourth appeal filed by Mr. Stoller since the onset of his pending bankruptcy. In particular, on September 1, 2006, the Bankruptcy Court entered an Order converting Stoller's Chapter 13 petition to a Chapter 7 Bankruptcy case. Stoller appealed this conversion order with the district court which was assigned case number 06 C 6100. On November 14, 2006, Stoller filed a second notice of appeal with the district court with respect to an October 31, 2006 issued by the Bankruptcy Court in 05 BK 64075. This appeal was assigned case number 06 C 6950. Lastly, on December 14, 2006, Stoller filed a notice of appeal from a series of orders issued by the bankruptcy court in 05 BK 64075. On March 8, 2007 the Executive Committee entered an order enjoining Mr. Stoller from filing any civil action or proceeding without first obtaining leave due to his serial litigation in this district. Morcover, this Court notes that Stoller has been a party or participant in various lawsuits in this district and "has earned a reputation for initiating spurious and vexatious federal litigation" and has demonstrated "an appalling lack of regard for [courts in this district] and a lack of respect for the judicial process." Google, Inc. v. Cent. Mfg., 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 17799 (D. 111. 2007); Central Mfg. Co. v. Pure Fishing, Inc., No. 05 C 725, 2005 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 28280, *2-4, 17-18 (N.D. Ill. Nov. 16, 2005)(citing Central Mfg. Co. et al. v. Brett, No. 04 C 3049, 2005 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 23379, *2 (N.D. III. Sept. 30, 2005)(Coar, J.)("Stoller appears to be running an industry that produces often spurious, vexatious, and harassing federal litigation."); S. Indus. Inc. v. Stone Age Equip., Inc., 12 F. Supp.2d 796, 798 (N.D. III. 1998)(Castillo, J.)(Stoller initiates "litigation lacking in merit and approaching harassment."); S. Indus. Inc. v. Hobbico, Inc., 940 F. Supp. 210, 211 (N.D. Ill. 1996)(Shadur, J.)(Stoller "appears to have entered into a new industry -that of instituting federal litigation.")).

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STATEMENT

As this Court has noted, it has no less than four appeals before it from Stoller's bankruptcy proceedings in 05 BA 64075. In addition, upon review of the instant appeal and the appeal in 06-6950, this Court notes Stoller's penchant for improperly filing appeals of several different orders in one appeal. It is obvious to this Court that Stoller considers any action that he disagrees with in this bankruptcy court as a cue to file another appeal.

Rule 11 provides that by: presenting to the court . . . a pleading, written motion, or other paper, an attorney or unrepresented party is certifying that to the best of the person's knowledge, information and belief, formed after an inquiry reasonable under the circumstances, -(1) it is not being presented for any improper purpose, such as to harass or to cause unnocessary delay or needless increase in the cost of litigation; (2) the claims, defenses, and other legal contentions therein are warranted by existing law or by a nonfrivolous argument for the extension, modification, or reversal of existing law or the establishment of new law; (3) the allegations and other factual contentions have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, are likely to have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery; and (4) the denial of factual contentions are warranted on the evidence or, if specifically so identified, are reasonably based on a lack of information and belief. Fed.R.Civ.P. 11(b). Courts may sanction parties who violate this rule. Id. Pro se litigants are not exempted from Rule 11 and "[f]rivolous, vexatious, and repeated filings by pro se litigants interfere with the orderly administration of justice by diverting scarce judicial resources from cases having merit and filed by litigants willing to follow court orders." United States ex rel. Verdone v. Circuit Court for Taylor County, 73 F.3d 669, 671 (7th Cir. 1995). Pro se status does not give Stoller "an unfettered license to wage an endless campaign of harassment . . . or to abuse the judicial process." Pfetfer v. Valukas, 117 F.R.D. 420, 423 (N.D. III. 1987). Accordingly, sanctions may be imposed on pro so litigants if the action was "frivolous, unreasonable, or without foundation, even though not brought in subjective bad faith." Vilug v. Multistate Tax Com'n, \$83 F. Supp. 215, 218-19 (N.D. III. 1995).

In this case, Stoller's incessant filings suggest that he will continue to file appeals upon a whim. Further, as Stoller files these persistent appeals he fixlis to follow the bankruptcy rules for appellate procedure. It appears to this court that Stoller files these appeals in an attempt to cause delay in his bankruptcy proceedings and is engaging in piecemeal litigation that deters judicial efficiency. Indeed, the Executive Committee has already entered an order enjoining Mr. Stoller from filing any civil action or proceeding without first obtaining leave due to his serial litigation in this district. Without addressing the merits of Stoller's current appeal, this Court, in the interest of judicial economy and to deter the numerous filings from Stoller, will order that Stoller is enjoined from filing an appeal from bankruptcy proceeding 05 BK 64075 until

the conclusion of said proceeding.

United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois

Name of Assigned Judge or Magistrate Judge	William J. Hibbler	Sitting Judge if Other than Assigned Judge	
CASE NUMBER	07 C 00092	DATE	July 9, 2007
CASE TITLE	Leo Stoller vs. Google, Inc.		

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For the reasons set forth below, Debtor/Appellee's Motion to Reconsider (doc. #10) is DENIED. Editionally, Stoller has failed to seek leave from the Executive Committee prior to the filing of his current appeals as ordered in that Committe's March 8, 2007 Order. This Court orders that Stoller act in accordance with the Executive Committee's Order forthwith or he may be subject to appropriate sanctions.

For further details see text below.]

STATEMENT

This matter is before the court on Debtor/Appellee Leo Stoller's ("Stoller") motion to reconsider this court's ruling on June 20, 2007 in case number 07 C 00092 enjoining Stoller from filing appeals in his underlying bankruptcy proceeding, 05 BK 64075, until the conclusion of said bankruptcy proceeding. In its June 20, 2007 ruling, this Court set forth that due to Stoller's incessant filing of appeals from the bankruptcy proceedings, his failure to follow procedural rules in the filing of his appeals, and judicial economy, Stoller would be enjoined from filing any new appeals. For the reasons explained below, this Court now denies the motion for reconsideration.

Stoller's argues that this Court's action is in violation of his due process rights and are prejudicial to his sankruptcy proceedings. Further, Stoller contends that this Court has not set forth any clear findings that his filed actions are frivolous. First, 59(e) permits parties to file, within ten days of the entry of a judgment, a motion to after or amend the judgment. Fed. R. Civ. P. 59(e). Rule 59(e) motions do not give a party the opportunity to chash old arguments or to present new arguments "that could and should have been presented to the district court after to the judgment." Moro v. Shell Oil Co., 91 F.3d 872, 876 (7th Cir.1996)(citing LB Credit Corp. v. Resolution Trust Corp., 49 F.3d 1263, 1267 (7th Cir.1995)). Rather, a Rule 59(e) motion "must clearly establish after a manifest error of law or fact or must present newly discovered evidence" in order to be successful. LB Credit Corp., 49 F.3d at 1267(quoting Federal Deposit Ins. Corp. v. Meyer, 781 F.2d 1260, 1268 (7th Cir.1986)). The decision of whether to grant or deny a Rule 59(e) motion "is entrusted to the sound judgment of the district sourt. . . ." In re Prince, 85 F.3d 314, 324 (7th Cir.1996).

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STATEMENT

The Court notes that at this juncture, this Court has not determined that all of Stoller's actions are frivolous and without merit. Upon review of the numerous appeals filed to date; however, this Court's review does reveal that Stoller's has a penchant from following the procedural guidelines for bankruptcy appeals and that Stoller incessantly files appeals whenever he disagrees with the bankruptcy court's filings. In its order, this Court took the effort to forewarn Stoller of the consequences if this Court did find that his actions were in fact in violation of red. Rule Civ. Pro. 11. With respect to the instant filing and the appeal set forth by Stoller, this Court has considered the materials presented to the Court by all parties. Upon review, this Court has found no manifest error allow or fact. Nor, has Stoller presented any new evidence that warrants reconsideration. Stoller cites no legal authority in support of his position that this Court's ruling will cause him irreparable harm or is clearly prejudicial stoller's motion for reconsideration is an attempt to expand or rehash earlier arguments considered previously. Therefore, this Court denies Stoller's motion for reconsideration.

Additionally, the Court notes that on March 8, 2007 the Executive Committee entered an Order enjoining stoller from filing any civil action or proceeding without first obtaining leave from the Committee. Subsequent to the Executive Committee's Order Stoller has continued to file several appeals from 05 B 64075 without obtaining leave, which this Court determines is in contravention of the Committee's Order. Indeed, Stoller has filed several appeals after notice of that Order: appeal 07 C 2223 filed April 23, 2207; appeal 07 C 3322 filed June 13, 2007; appeal 07 C 3347 filed June 14, 2007; appeal 07 C 3637 filed June 28, 2007. As set forth in the Executive Committee's Order Stoller is precluded from filing any action or proceeding without leave from the Executive Committee. Stoller has failed to seek leave from the Executive Committee prior to the filing of his current appeals. Accordingly, this Court will forward these appeals to the Executive Committee. This Court orders that Stoller act has accordance with the Executive Committee's Order forthwith or he may be subject to appropriate sanctions.

SEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS INFORMATION SHEET

Include the names of all plaintiffs (petitioners) and defendants (respondents) who are parties to the appeal. Use a separate sheet if needed.

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION DOCKET NUMBER: 07CV92					
PLAINTIFF (Petitioner) v.				DEFENDANT (Res	pondent)
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DOCKETING STATEMENT AND ISSUES ON APPEAL

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1. **Docketing Statement** of Debtor-Appellant, Leo Stoller, *pro se*.

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2. Interested Persons:

Leo Stoller, Appellant, a party to this Appeal.

3. **Judge:**

Honorable William J. Hibbler entered an order on June 20, 2007 enjoining the Appellant from filing an appeal from bankruptcy proceeding 05 BK 64075 until the conclusion of said proceeding; and an order on July 9, 2007 denying Appellant's motion for reconsideration of the June 20, 2007 decision.

4. Jurisdiction.

The District Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §158(a) and (b).

5. Pending Matters In Lower Tribunal:

Chapter 7 bankruptcy.

6. Current and Prior Proceedings in this Court:

The Chapter 7 bankruptcy is currently pending.

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7. Court Transcript:

Appellant ordered the transcript for this Appeal on July 9, 2007.

8. Issues:

Summary of the Case: Judge Hibbler issued an order enjoining Stoller from filing any appeals from the Bankruptcy Court proceeding until the conclusion of the said proceeding in violation of Stoller's due process and equal protection rights. In Judge Hibbler's denial of Stoller's motion for reconsideration, Judge Hibbler erroneously relied on a March 9, 2007 Executive Committee order enjoining Stoller "from filing any civil action or proceeding without first obtaining leave from the Committee." Judge Hibbler erroneously interrupted the Executive Committee order which relates to only **new** matters; not matters that have already been in litigation involving Stoller, including the bankruptcy.

9. Type of Case:

Chapter 7 bankruptcy.

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STATEMENT

The Court notes that at this juncture, this Court has not determined that all of Stoller's actions are frivolous and without merit. Upon review of the numerous appeals filed to date; however, this Court's review does reveal that Stoller's has a penchant from following the procedural guidelines for bankruptcy appeals and that Stoller incessantly files appeals whenever he disagrees with the bankruptcy court's filings. In its order, this Court took the effort to forewarn Stoller of the consequences if this Court did find that his actions were in fact in violation of Fed. Rule Civ. Pro. 11. With respect to the instant filing and the appeal set forth by Stoller, this Court has considered the materials presented to the Court by all parties. Upon review, this Court has found no manifest error of law or fact. Nor, has Stoller presented any new evidence that warrants reconsideration. Stoller cites no legal authority in support of his position that this Court's ruling will cause him irreparable harm or is clearly prejudicial. Stoller's motion for reconsideration is an attempt to expand or rehash earlier arguments considered previously. Therefore, this Court denies Stoller's motion for reconsideration.

Additionally, the Court notes that on March 8, 2007 the Executive Committee entered an Order enjoining Stoller from filing any civil action or proceeding without first obtaining leave from the Committee. Subsequent to the Executive Committee's Order Stoller has continued to file several appeals from 05 B 64075 without obtaining leave, which this Court determines is in contravention of the Committee's Order. Indeed, Stoller has filed several appeals after notice of that Order: appeal 07 C 2223 filed April 23, 2207; appeal 07 C 3322 filed June 13, 2007; appeal 07 C 3347 filed June 14, 2007; appeal 07 C 3637 filed June 28, 2007. As set forth in the Executive Committee's Order Stoller is precluded from filing any action or proceeding without leave from the Executive Committee. Stoller has failed to seek leave from the Executive Committee prior to the filing of his current appeals. Accordingly, this Court will forward these appeals to the Executive Committee. This Court orders that Stoller act in accordance with the Executive Committee's Order forthwith or he may be subject to appropriate sanctions.

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(BAP)

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01/08/2007	APPEAL from U.S. Bankruptcy Court case number 05BK64075 consisting of Transmittal letter, Notice of Appeal, Certified Copy of Docket #1 thru 251. (Judge Schmetterer) (gcy, Modified on 3/13/2007 (gcy,). (Entered: 01/09/2007)
01/08/2007	2CIVIL Cover Sheet. (gcy,) . Modified on 3/13/2007 (gcy,). (Entered: 01/09/2007)
01/08/2007	ONE VOLUME OF MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS. (05BK64075). (gcy,) (Entered: 01/09/2007)
01/17/2007	NOTICE by Richard M. Fogel, not individually, but as chapter 7 trustee for the estate of Leo Stoller (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit)(Alwin, Janice) (Entered: 01/17/2007)
01/17/2007	NOTICE by Pure Fishing, Inc. of Statement and Reservation of Rights of Pure Fishing, Inc. in Lieu of Counter-Designation of Additional Items for Record on Appeal (Factor, William) (Entered: 01/17/2007)
01/17/2007	DESIGNATION of Additional Items for Record on Appeal by Google Inc. (DOCUMENT NOT SCANNED). (gcy,) (Entered: 01/19/2007)
01/25/2007	SUPPLEMENTAL to the Record on Appeal from USBC/ND IL. (gcy,) (Entered: 01/26/2007)
05/15/2007	ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY In Support of Motion for Leave to Appeal in Forma Pauperis by Leo Stoller. (gcy,) (Entered: 05/17/2007)
06/20/2007	MINUTE entry before Judge William J. Hibbler: For the reasons set forth below, this Court will issue a ruling on the instant appeal upon the conclusion of Stroller's bankruptcy proceedings in 05BK64075. Further, in the interest of judicial economy and to deter the numerous seemingly frivolous filing from Stroller, will order that Stoller is enjoined from filing appeals from bankruptcy proceeding 05 BK64075 until the conclusion of those proceedings. Mailed notice (mjc,) (Entered: 06/22/2007)
06/28/2007	MOTION by Appellant Leo Stoller for reconsideration. (gcy,) (Entered: 06/29/2007)
06/28/2007	NOTICE of Motion by Leo Stoller for presentment of motion for reconsideration 10 before Honorable William J. Hibbler on 7/9/2007 at

	09:30 a.m.(gcy,) (Entered: 06/29/2007)
07/09/2007	MINUTE entry before Judge William J. Hibbler: For the reasons set forth below, Debtor/Appellee's Motion to Reconsider (doc. # 10) is Denied. Additionally, Stoller has failed to seek leave from the Executive Committee prior to the filing of his current appeals as ordered in that Committee's March 8, 2007 Order. This Court orders that Stoller act in accordance with the Executive Committee's Order forthwith or he may be subject to appropriate sanctions. Notices distributed in open court (gcy,) (Entered: 07/11/2007)
07/10/2007	NOTICE of appeal by Leo Stoller regarding orders 9 , 12 ; Notice of filing (FEE DUE). (cdh,) (Entered: 07/13/2007)
07/10/2007	DOCKETING Statement and issues on appeal by Leo Stoller regarding notice of appeal 13 (cdh,) (Entered: 07/13/2007)
07/10/2007	DESIGNATION by Leo Stoller of the content of the record on appeal (cdh,) (Entered: 07/13/2007)