

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA  
FORT WAYNE DIVISION

JAMES SEELY,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
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v.	)	CASE NUMBER: 1:19 CV 00472
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JOHN SEELY,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
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**OPINION AND ORDER**

This case is before the Court on the Court’s own motion after review of the Petition for Removal [DE 1] filed in this case. In that Petition, the Defendant, John Seely petitions the Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1441 to have a state court action heard in the District Court. The removal statute, 28 U.S.C. §1441 provides, “Except as otherwise expressly provided by Act of Congress, any civil action brought in a State court of which the district courts of the United States have original jurisdiction, may be removed by the defendant or the defendants, to the district court of the United States for the district and division embracing the place where such action is pending.” 28 U.S.C. § 1441. The state court matter attempting to be removed to this Court does not appear to be one over which this Court would have original jurisdiction, either by way of federal question or diversity. Rather, the action appears to be either an estate/trust administration case in the Allen Superior Court or an attempt to appeal the rulings in that case to this Court. Either way, this Court is without jurisdiction to hear such an action. Accordingly, the Petition for Removal is DENIED. The cause is DISMISSED for lack of jurisdiction.

So ordered. This 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2019.

s/ William C. Lee  
United States District Court