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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
8 AT SEATTLE

9 ANNE BLOCK, an individual,

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 WASHINGTON STATE BAR  
ASSOCIATION, et al.,

13 Defendants.

CASE NO. C15-2018RSM

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

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15 This matter is before the Court *sua sponte* after remand from the Ninth Circuit Court of  
16 Appeals. The Ninth Circuit vacated this Court's order as it related to imposition of a vexatious  
17 litigant pre-filing order imposed by this Court and remanded for further proceedings to assure  
18 that the correct procedure was followed. Specifically, the Ninth Circuit reiterated that prior to  
19 imposing a vexatious litigant pre-filing order, this Court must:  
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21 (1) give litigants notice and an opportunity to oppose the order before it [is]  
22 entered; (2) compile an adequate record for appellate review, including a listing  
23 of all the cases and motions that led the district court to conclude that a vexatious  
24 litigant order was needed; (3) make substantive findings of frivolousness or  
harassment; and (4) tailor the order narrowly so as to closely fit the specific vice  
encountered.

25 Dkt. #213 at 3 (quoting *Ringgold-Lockhart v. City of Los Angeles*, 761 F.3d 1057, 1062 (9th Cir.  
26 2014)) (citations and internal quotation marks omitted).

1           There is little question that the last three elements are satisfied. Prior to imposing its  
2 order, this Court noted that an adequate record for review had been assembled in support of the  
3 order. Dkt. #122 at 24 (incorporating Dkt. #48 at ¶ 3). The Court made substantive findings as  
4 to the frivolous and harassing nature of Plaintiff’s repeated lawsuits.<sup>1</sup> *Id.* Lastly, the Court  
5 narrowly tailored its order to closely fit the vice encountered. *Id.* at 25–26. The Ninth Circuit,  
6 however, specifically noted that the record was unclear as to whether Plaintiff “had notice of the  
7 pre-filing order or an opportunity to oppose it.” Dkt. #213 at 4. The only issue on remand is  
8 whether Plaintiff has been afforded adequate notice and an opportunity to respond prior to the  
9 Court imposing the vexatious litigant pre-filing order.  
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11           Accordingly, the Court finds and ORDERS that Plaintiff shall SHOW CAUSE within  
12 **thirty (30) days of this Order** why the Court should not reimpose the vexatious litigant pre-  
13 filing order vacated by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Plaintiff’s response to this Order  
14 **shall not exceed twenty-four (24) pages.** No other responses or replies are permitted.  
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16           Dated this 10 day of June 2019.

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18 RICARDO S. MARTINEZ  
19 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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26 <sup>1</sup> The Court’s finding as to the frivolous nature of this action were expressly affirmed by the  
Ninth Circuit in the context of the Court’s award of attorneys’ fees. Dkt. #213 at 3 (“The district  
court concluded that [Plaintiff’s] claims were frivolous, and [Plaintiff] fails to demonstrate on  
appeal that the district court erred in so concluding. We therefore affirm.”).