

**MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS
WESTERN DISTRICT**

COMPLETE TITLE OF CASE:

JANICE STANTON, U.S. TRUSTEE FOR THE BANKRUPTCY
ESTATE OF ANTHONY KING AND SANDRA KING,

Appellants

v.

JAMES HART, D.O.,

Respondent

DOCKET NUMBER WD73663

DATE: November 15, 2011

Appeal From:

Circuit Court of Jackson County, MO
The Honorable John M. Torrence, Judge

Appellate Judges:

Division One
Alok Ahuja, P.J., Thomas H. Newton, and James Edward Welsh, JJ.

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**MISSOURI APPELLATE COURT OPINION SUMMARY
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BANKRUPTCY ESTATE OF ANTHONY
KING AND SANDRA KING, Appellant, v.
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Before Division One Judges: Ahuja, P.J., Newton, and Welsh, JJ.

Janice Stanton appeals the circuit court's judgment following a jury verdict in favor of James Hart, D.O., on Stanton's claims of medical negligence. Stanton contends that the court erred when: (1) it entered a judgment against her while having no jurisdiction to do so, (2) it prohibited financial status evidence and reference to her as plaintiff or bankruptcy trustee, and (3) it denied her motion to amend her petition to add a new defendant.

AFFIRMED.

Division One holds:

(1) The circuit court did not err in entering a judgment against Stanton. The court had jurisdiction to enter a judgment, and the court's judgment was in accord with the verdict of the jury.

(2) The circuit court did not err in ordering the parties to refrain from referencing the parties' financial status and from referencing Stanton as plaintiff or as bankruptcy trustee. Such was irrelevant to substantive issues and potentially prejudicial.

(3) The circuit court did not err in denying Stanton's motion to amend her petition and in quashing related subpoenas. The jury verdict in favor of Hart rendered her motion moot.

Opinion by James Edward Welsh, Judge

November 15, 2011

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