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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS
STATE OF MISSOURI

MITCHELL J. STONEBARGER,	)	
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Petitioner,	)	
	)	Cause No. 17SL-DR04596-01
vs.	)	
	)	Division 3
NATASHA D. HAGINS,	)	
	)	
Serve at: [redacted]	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

WHEREAS, on or about May 16, 2018, this Honorable Court entered its Child Custody and Support Judgment and Parenting Plan, which provided, in part, that Petitioner ("Father") and Respondent ("Mother") share joint legal and joint physical custody of the parties two minor children, [redacted], now age [redacted], and [redacted], now age [redacted] with Mother designated as residential parent for mailing and educational purposes;

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2022, the court entered a modification judgment which provided that the parties continue to share joint legal and joint physical custody of the minor children with Mother designated as residential parent for mailing and educational purposes;

WHEREAS, said modification judgment further made specific provisions pertaining to income tax exemptions, granting Mother the right to claim [redacted] on her taxes in all years and granting Father the right to claim [redacted] on his taxes in all years;

WHEREAS, subsequent to the entry of the modification judgment, Mother claimed [redacted] on her taxes in 2022 in violation of the court's orders contained in the modification judgment;

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WHEREAS, Mother was found to be in contempt of court and had judgment entered against her on June 30, 2023. Said judgment provided, in part, that Mother file an amended 2022 tax return within 45 days of said judgment removing her claim to [redacted] on her tax returns;

WHEREAS, to date, and well over 45 days since the entry of the court's order and judgment of contempt against Mother, Mother has failed and refused to abide by the court's orders as they relate to income tax exemptions;

WHEREAS, following the entry of the court's order that Mother file amended 2022 tax returns to remove her claim to [redacted] on her taxes, Father recently attempted to re-file his 2022 tax returns in which he lists [redacted] as a dependent for tax exemption purposes. Those tax returns (both federal and state) were rejected;

WHEREAS, Mother remains in contempt of the court's modification judgment and is now in contempt of the court's order and judgment of contempt entered June 30, 2023;

WHEREAS, Mother's behaviors, as alleged herein, represent a contumacious disregard for this court's orders, and Mother's conduct is intentionally designed to harass Father and to deprive him of his rights;

WHEREAS, Mother has failed and refused to abide by the terms of this court's orders, as set forth herein, and Father has no adequate remedy at law unless this court takes steps to enforce its judgment;

WHEREAS, the failure by Mother to comply with this court's orders entitles Father to an award of his fair an reasonable attorney's fees and costs payable by Mother in an amount to be calculated by this court.

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NOW THEREFORE, it is the order of this court that you, NATASHA D. HAGINS, be and appear before Division 3 of the Circuit Court of the County of St. Louis, Missouri, on the 29th day of November, 2023 at 11:00 a.m., and then and there to show cause, if any you have, why you should not be held in contempt of court and why a judgment for contempt should not be entered against you in accordance with the Motion for Contempt heretofore filed; and that Respondent shall be ordered to pay Petitioner's attorney's fees associated with this motion and the cost of this proceeding.

SIGNED BY JUDGE

This is a redacted public document. The original unredacted document bears the Judge's official signature.

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