Honorable Paula J.M. Manderfield Circuit Judge



THIRTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT Veterans Memorial Courthouse

February 9, 2012

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Re:

In the Matter of: University of Michigan

and Graduate Employees Organization/AFT and Students Against GSRA Unionization and Michigan Attorney General

Circuit Court File No.: 12-135-AA

Dear Counsel:

Enclosed please find an Order Denying Appellant's Emergency Motion to Stay Administrative Proceedings and Motion for Immediate Consideration.

Sincerely,

Jean M. Smydra

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Judicial Assistant to Judge Manderfield

Enclosure

STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE INGHAM COUNTY 30th CIRCUIT COURT

GENERAL TRIAL DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF:	ORDER DENYING APPELLANT'S EMERGENCY MOTION TO STAY
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN,	ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS AND MOTION FOR IMMEDIATE
and	CONSIDERATION
GRADUATE EMPLOYEES ORGAINIZATION/AFT, and	Circuit Court File No.: 12-135-AA
	MERC No. R11 D-034
	Hon. Paula J.M. Manderfield
STUDENTS AGAINST GSRA UNIONIZATION	
and	
MICHIGAN ATTORNEY GENERAL.	

At a session of said Court held in the City of Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, on the ______ day of February 2012, the Honorable Paula J.M. Manderfield presiding.

Pursuant to MCL 24.30, et seq., this Court does not have jurisdiction to hear appeals from the Michigan Employment Relations Commission. This statute does not confer jurisdiction on this Court because the current proceeding before the Michigan Employment Relations Commission is not a contested case. MCL 24.301; *University of Michigan v Graduate*Employees Organization/AFT, Order of the Court of Appeals, docket number 307959, issued January 25, 2012.

The Attorney General cites to MCL 600.631 as a basis for invoking this court's jurisdiction. That statute provides for judicial review of any order, decision, or opinion to the circuit court where "judicial review has not otherwise been provided for by law." However, MCL 423.216(e) of the Public Employment Relations Act provides a mechanism for review of Michigan Employment Relations Commission decisions. That statute provides that a party aggrieved by a final order of the Commission may within twenty days of such order as a matter of right obtain review of the order in the **Court of Appeals** by filing a petition.

Therefore, for the reasons stated above, this Court does not have jurisdiction to hear this appeal. Accordingly, Appellant's Motion for Immediate Consideration and Motion to Stay are **DENIED**.

This decision resolves the last pending claim and closes the case.

Hon. Paula J.M. Manderfield (P-34319)

Circuit Court Judge

PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I served a copy of the Order Denying Appellant's Emergency Motion to Stay Administrative Proceedings and Motion for Immediate Consideration upon Christine M. Gerdes, Suellyn Scarnecchia, Patrick J. Wright, Mark H. Cousens, David H. Fink, Darryl Bressack, Kevin J. Cox, and Dan V. Artaev by placing said order in an envelope and placing same for mailing with the United States Mail at Lansing, Michigan, on February 9, 2012.

Jean M. Smydra

Judicial Assistant