

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
MISSOURI, EASTERN DIVISION

El Haq Malak Bey v. St. Joseph County, et al.

El Haq Malak Bey · No. 4:26-cv-0499-MTS · Decided April 15, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri orders Plaintiff El Haq Malak Bey to submit physically signed filings using his true legal name and to include his email address. The order directs compliance by April 24, 2026, and warns that noncompliant filings will be stricken under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11(a).

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, Eastern Division
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Matthew T. Schelp
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri
DECIDED	April 15, 2026
DOCKET	4:26-cv-0499-MTS
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The district court reviewed the filings in the matter and ordered the plaintiff to correct signature and contact-information deficiencies.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished district court memorandum and order; limited persuasive value
PARTIES	El Haq Malak Bey v. St. Joseph County, et al.

TOPICS

- pleadings
- civil procedure
- sanctions

PRACTICE AREAS

- civil procedure
- filing requirements

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the plaintiff's filings complied with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11(a)'s signature and contact-information requirements.
2. Whether the plaintiff must submit physically signed filings using his true legal name and provide his email address, subject to having the filings stricken for noncompliance.

HOLDINGS

1. The plaintiff's filings were not properly signed and did not comply with Rule 11(a)'s requirements concerning a physical signature and the signer's email address.
2. The plaintiff must physically sign his filings using his true legal name.
3. If the plaintiff fails to comply with the order, the court will strike his filings.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“If Plaintiff fails to comply with this Order, the Court “must” strike his filings.” (at 2)

“Plaintiff must “promptly” correct this error by submitting physically signed filings.” (at 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The court determined that none of the filings submitted in the matter was properly signed. The filings apparently used a name other than the plaintiff's true legal name and included an email address that did not satisfy the court's requirements. The court directed the plaintiff to correct these deficiencies by a specified deadline.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The plaintiff submitted filings that were not properly signed. The district court issued a memorandum and order requiring him to submit physically signed copies using his true legal name and to include his email address, warning that noncompliant filings would be stricken.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Pack v. City of St. Charles, 4:25-cv-0911-MTS, 2025 WL 2549230, at *1 (E.D. Mo. Sept. 4, 2025)
- McGehee v. Synchrony Bank, 4:25-cv-0933-MTS, 2025 WL 1993555, at *1 (E.D. Mo. July 17, 2025)
- Harris Est. v. City of Florissant, 4:25-cv-0968-MTS, 2025 WL 2821262, at *1 (E.D. Mo. Oct. 3, 2025)