

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF
OHIO, WESTERN DIVISION

Child 1, et al. v. Shannon Kociancic

No. 3:24-cv-1114 (N.D. Ohio Jan. 8, 2026) · No. 3:24-cv-1114 · Decided January 8, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio denied Plaintiffs’ motion to require a City of Perrysburg representative to attend mediation and possess authority to approve Plaintiffs’ nonmonetary demands. The court held that the All Writs Act did not justify compelling a nonparty municipality to participate in the mediation or authorize settlement terms.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Western Division
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Jeffrey J. Helmick
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Western Division
DECIDED	January 8, 2026
DOCKET	3:24-cv-1114
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Plaintiffs moved under the All Writs Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1651, for an order compelling a nonparty City of Perrysburg representative with authority to grant plaintiffs' nonmonetary demands to attend a mediation. The court denied the motion.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The court applied the statutory standard under the All Writs Act, asking whether compelling the nonparty's attendance was necessary or appropriate in aid of the court's jurisdiction and agreeable to the usages and principles of law.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Nonprecedential district court order
PARTIES	Child 1, et al. v. Shannon Kociancic

TOPICS

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the All Writs Act authorized the court to compel a nonparty City of Perrysburg representative with authority over plaintiffs' nonmonetary demands to attend the parties' mediation.
2. Whether the City's potential interest in the mediation because of insurance coverage or increased litigation costs made such an order necessary or appropriate.

HOLDINGS

1. The All Writs Act did not authorize an order compelling a City of Perrysburg representative to attend the mediation and authorize plaintiffs' nonmonetary demands because the requested order was neither necessary nor appropriate in aid of the court's jurisdiction.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Pursuant to the All Writs Act, federal courts “may issue all writs necessary or appropriate in aid of their respective jurisdictions and agreeable to the usages and principles of law.”” (II. ANALYSIS)

“It does not justify a Court Order requiring not only that a City representative attend the mediation, but also that the City authorize up to the full amount of the nonmonetary damages demanded by Plaintiff so that Defendant may comply with Judge Greenberg’s Order.” (II. ANALYSIS)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Plaintiffs and defendant were scheduled to participate in mediation before Magistrate Judge Jonathan D. Greenberg, whose order required attendance by parties with ultimate settlement authority. Plaintiffs asserted that their nonmonetary demands could be authorized only by the City of Perrysburg and asked the court to compel a City representative to attend and authorize those demands. The City was not a party, had no direct liability for damages alleged in the action, and requested that the motion be denied.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The action was pending before the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. After a magistrate judge ordered the parties and persons with ultimate settlement authority to attend mediation, plaintiffs sought to require a City of Perrysburg representative to attend even though the City was not a party. The district court denied the motion.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- United States v. New York Tel. Co., 434 U.S. 159, 174 (1977)

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