Circuit Court for Queen Anne's County Case No. 17-C-06-011769

<u>UNREPORTED</u>

IN THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS

OF MARYLAND

No. 595

September Term, 2020

SHIRLEY ANNETTE HIRSHAUER

v.

WANDA CLEMONS, et al.

Nazarian, Arthur, Moylan, Charles E., Jr. (Senior Judge, Specially Assigned),

JJ.

PER CURIAM

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Shirley Hirshauer, appellant, appeals from an order issued by the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's County denying her "Motion to Strike All Docketed Entries After 2009 When the Cases Were Closed and All Documents in 2006 as They Were Ex Parte and Without the Court Having Jurisdiction" (motion to strike). The motion to strike was filed in a fraudulent conveyance action that was brought by appellees¹ in 2006. In the motion, Ms. Hirshauer requested the court to "strike all docketed entries [in the fraudulent conveyance case] after 2009" because "the judgment on the docket on July 27, 2008 was a violation by [the court] of federal bankruptcy law and was ordered void . . . in [her] involuntary bankruptcy case." She also asked the court to "reject and delete from the docket the actions in August 2006" because, she claimed, appellees had failed to provide proof of service.

On appeal, Ms. Hirshauser raises the same claims that she raised in her motion to strike. However, we have previously addressed those contentions on appeal and held that they lack merit. *See Gerben, et al. v. Clemons, et al.*, Nos. 2684-88, Sept. Term 2011 (filed April 9, 2013) and *Hirshauer v. AQ Holdings, LLC*, No. 2490, Sept. Term 2016, and No. 1221, Sept. Term 2017 (filed December 7, 2018). Consequently, they are barred by the law of the case doctrine. *See Baltimore County v. Baltimore County Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge No. 4*, 220 Md. App. 596, 659 (2014) (noting that "neither the questions decided [by the appellate courts] nor the ones that could have been raised and decided are available to be raised in a subsequent appeal" (quotation marks and citation omitted)).

¹ Appellees in this case are Terry Brumwell, Wanda Clemons, Michael Gray, Wayne Gray, Alice Hall, Christine Laumann, Elizabeth O'Shea, and Patricia Plews.

In her brief, Ms. Hirshauer also challenges the validity of other orders that have previously been entered in this case, as well as orders that were issued by the Circuit Court for Kent County in another case. But those issues were not raised in her motion to strike. Therefore, they are not properly before this Court. *See* Maryland Rule 8-131(a).

Finally, appellees contend that the issues raised by Ms. Hirshauer have "no foundation in law or in fact" and therefore, that sanctions in the form of attorney's fees and costs are appropriate to deter her from "repeatedly fil[ing] papers contesting what has already been decided." We have reviewed the record, and given Ms. Hirshauer's status as an unrepresented litigant, we are not persuaded that the standard for sanctions under Rule 1-341 has been met, especially considering that this is appellee's first request for sanctions in this case. Consequently, we shall deny the motion for sanctions.

MOTION FOR AWARD OF SANCTIONS DENIED. JUDGMENT OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY AFFIRMED. COSTS TO BE PAID BY APPELLANT.