

Circuit Court for Prince George's County
Case No. CAD06-26267

UNREPORTED
IN THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS
OF MARYLAND

No. 741

September Term, 2020

STARSHA SEWELL

v.

JOHN HOWARD

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

JJ.

PER CURIAM

Filed: May 28, 2021

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Starsha Sewell, appellant, and John Howard, appellee, are the parents of two minor children. On July 29, 2014, the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County entered an order granting Mr. Howard sole legal and physical custody of the children; denying Ms. Sewell visitation; and ordering Ms. Sewell to pay child support. Thereafter, Ms. Sewell filed numerous motions to vacate the custody order pursuant to Maryland Rule 2-535(b), claiming that the circuit court had lacked jurisdiction to enter the custody order and that various parties involved in her case, including the judge, the Assistant State’s Attorney, the Prince George’s County Police Department, and the Department of Social Services had engaged in fraudulent or discriminatory activity. The circuit court denied those motions in January 2018. Ms. Sewell appealed, and we affirmed, holding that the circuit court had jurisdiction to enter the 2014 custody order and that Ms. Sewell had failed to demonstrate the existence of any fraud, mistake, or irregularity that would have warranted the court vacating that judgment. *See Sewell v. Howard*, No. 2266, Sept. 2017 (filed August 31, 2018).

Ms. Sewell has continued to file motions to vacate the 2014 custody order and all directives issued by the circuit court to enforce that order. Ms. Sewell appealed from the denial of some of those motions, and in each instance, we affirmed, finding that her claims are barred by the law of the case doctrine. *See e.g. Sewell v. Howard*, No. 2102, Sept. Term 2019 (filed July 28, 2020); *Sewell v. Howard*, No. 3312, Sept. Term 2018 (filed April 13, 2020); *Sewell v. Howard*, No. 852, Sept. Term 2018 (filed July 1, 2019).

Ms. Sewell now appeals from the circuit court’s denial of yet another such motion entitled, “18 USC 2382 Misprision [sic] Treason Post Judgment Motion and Affidavit for an Emergency Online Hearing on a Motion to Stay and to Quash an Order issued by the PG County Circuit Court on July 29, 2014, In Violation of A Federal Remand of Case CAD06-26267 to the Court of Special Appeals by the US District Court of Maryland.” On appeal, Ms. Sewell again asserts that the court erred in denying these motions because the circuit court lacked jurisdiction to enter the 2014 custody order. She further contends that all orders issued by the circuit court and this Court should be vacated.¹ However, we have previously addressed her jurisdictional claims on appeal and held that they lack merit. Consequently, Ms. Sewell’s contention is 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]

¹ On January 17, 2021, Ms. Sewell filed in this Court a Motion to Correct the Record. On February 15, 2021, she filed a Motion to Supplement the Record. On February 16, 2021, she filed a Motion to Recuse Judge Graeff and to Correct the Record. On March 16, 2021, this Court denied appellant’s Motion to Recuse and Correct the Record to the extent that she was requesting that Judge Graeff be recused from this appeal. Ruling on any other relief requested in that motion was “deferred for consideration by the panel assigned for argument in this appeal[.]” Finally, on April 20, 2021, Ms. Sewell filed another Motion to Recuse and to “Collaterally attack all Motions Decided by Judge Graeff.” Upon consideration of those motions and a review of the record in this appeal, we shall deny those motions.

nor the ones that could have been raised and decided are available to be raised in a subsequent appeal” (quotation marks and citation omitted)).

JANUARY 17, 2021 MOTION TO CORRECT THE RECORD DENIED. FEBRUARY 15, 2021 MOTION TO SUPPLEMENT THE RECORD DENIED. FEBRUARY 16, 2021 MOTION TO CORRECT THE RECORD DENIED. APRIL 20, 2021 MOTION TO RECUSE DENIED. JUDGMENT OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY AFFIRMED. COSTS TO BE PAID BY APPELLANT.