

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

In re:

Case No. 12-56564

GREGORY LAWS,

Chapter 7

Debtor.

Judge Thomas J. Tucker

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MICHIGAN LABORERS' PENSION FUND, et al.

Adv. No. 12-5967

Plaintiffs,

v.

GREGORY LAWS,

Defendant.  
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**ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFFS' REQUESTS FOR WRITS OF GARNISHMENT**

This adversary proceeding is before the Court on fourteen requests for a writ of garnishment submitted by Plaintiffs to the Clerk of the Court (the "Garnishment Requests"). In each of their Garnishment Requests, the Plaintiffs state that they obtained a judgment against the Defendant for \$20,902.48 on May 2, 2013. The Plaintiffs further state in their Garnishment Requests that the judgment remains outstanding with interest and costs due of \$20,938.89. In their Garnishment Requests, the Plaintiffs seek the issuance of nonperiodic writs of garnishment against the following garnishees: Jarie Lee Laws, Dane Laws, Bank of America, Charter One Bank, First Merit Bank, Comerica Bank, Fifth Third Bank, Flagstar Bank, Huntington Banks of Michigan, Independent Bank, J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., PNC Bank Records Services, TCF Bank, and KeyBank National Association.

For the following reasons, the Court must deny all of the Garnishment Requests.

In this adversary proceeding, the Court granted summary judgment in favor of Plaintiffs and against Defendant, on May 2, 2013 (Docket # 13, the "Judgment"). The relevant provisions of the Judgment state:

IT IS ORDERED as follows:

1. The Motion is granted to the extent of the relief provided in this Order, and otherwise is denied.

2. Defendant Gregory Laws's indebtedness to Plaintiffs, representing the unpaid portion of the consent judgment entered in the case of *Michigan Laborers' Pension Fund, et al v. Burde & Laws Contractors, Inc., and Gregory Laws*, United States District Court (E.D. Michigan) Case No. 08-13402, is excepted from discharge in the above captioned Chapter 7 bankruptcy proceeding, in the amount of \$20,902.48, under 11 U.S.C. §§ 523(a)(2) and 523(a)(4).

(Docket # 13) (footnote omitted). This Court did not award a money judgment to the Plaintiffs. As explained in footnote 1 of the Judgment, the Court declined to enter a money judgment against Defendant, "because Plaintiffs already have a money judgment against Defendant, entered by another court, as described in paragraphs 6 and 7 of Plaintiffs' summary judgment motion (Docket #11)." (*Id.* at 2 n.1.)

To the extent Plaintiffs now seek to collect on the money judgment awarded to them by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, the Plaintiffs must pursue their collection efforts in that court, and not in this Court. The Garnishment Requests must be denied because this Court did not enter a money judgment against the Defendant.<sup>1</sup>

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that each of the Garnishment Requests is denied.

**Signed on December 04, 2014**

/s/ Thomas J. Tucker  
**Thomas J. Tucker**  
**United States Bankruptcy Judge**

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<sup>1</sup> The Court recognizes that the Clerk issued twelve writs of garnishment in this adversary proceeding, on June 12, 2013 (Docket ## 15-26). That was erroneous.