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In re Complaint Against Judge Jetpacksoup : No. 09-68

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Washington, D.C.

Monday, August 10, 2020

The above-entitled matter came on for oral

argument before the Supreme Court of the United States at 6:35

p.m.

APPEARANCES:

Jetpacksoup; on behalf of

Complainee.

1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 (6:35 p.m.)

3 CHIEF JUSTICE HOLMES: We'll hear from Judge
4 Jetpacksoup this evening in response to the ethics complaint
5 against him.

6 Mr. Jetpacksoup, you may begin.

7 ORAL ARGUMENT OF JETPACKSOUP

8 ON BEHALF OF COMPLAINTEE

9 MR. JETPACKSOUP: Thank you Chief Justice. Justices,
10 it's my pleasure to be before you this evening, and I'd like
11 to extend my sincere gratitude for your scheduling
12 flexibility, and how this was permitted to be delayed until
13 after my medical leave of absence.

14 I'd like to begin by presenting the following
15 submission from my counsel, that I've uploaded as a PDF for
16 you after it was provided to me:

17 [https://drive.google.com/file/d/19nR8L1Vm-](https://drive.google.com/file/d/19nR8L1Vm-b4IY11xGEV11QRoi5xxq2TB/view?usp=sharing)
18 [b4IY11xGEV11QRoi5xxq2TB/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/19nR8L1Vm-b4IY11xGEV11QRoi5xxq2TB/view?usp=sharing).

19 In addition, the letter submitted to the Supreme
20 Court, with the list of signatories, is faced with a problem
21 - there is at least one blatant case of fraudulent inclusion
22 of signature. Judge Kakashi never signed this letter or
23 consented to such, and he would be willing to attest to such
- this he has stated. I argue that this highlights the degree

1 to which certain individuals in the District Court will go to
2 try and oust me, due to my not participating in their in-
3 jokes, in-fighting, and other activities that might make me
4 popular among certain high-profile figures.

5 JUSTICE FRANKFURTER: Why did the images of
6 supposedly someone else's info page on their drive pdf pose
7 a doxing risk to you?

8 MR. JETPACKSOUP: I'd point out that the exhibits of
9 evidence presented against me are no longer present on the
10 Gyazo platform, and have been taken down by their management
11 due to a violation of real life laws and their terms of
12 service. Sorry, Justice. I'll conclude my opening remarks -
13 is that the first question?

14 JUSTICE FRANKFURTER: Yes, I believe it was the
15 first question asked.

16 MR. JETPACKSOUP: Many of, if not most of, the images
17 submitted prior were of my Google Drive info page, with my
18 personally identifiable information - a clear violation of
19 Gyazo's terms as re-iterated in their email, and a violation
20 of real life GDPR as emphasized [sic] by my statement.

21 JUSTICE FRANKFURTER: But didn't you voluntarily
22 publish this PII?

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1 JUSTICE BORK: After you respond to JUSTICE FRANKFURTER,
2 what kind of claim did you file to have the gyazo images
3 removed?

4 MR. JETPACKSOUP: One could argue that many DOXes
5 are voluntarily published, through mistake. There was no need
6 for individuals to capture PII that through my own mistake
7 and ignorance, were viewable after a small amount of checking,
8 and then publicise it, put it on the Discord for the District
9 Court, and submit it in this document. I've since gone through
10 many individuals' court documents, noticed the visibility of
11 their PII, and contacted them personally to tell them that
12 it's visible so they can take measures to mitigate to ensure
13 it doesn't happen to them. JUSTICE BORK - would you like to see
14 the claim in my email?

15 JUSTICE BORK: Sure, that would work.

16 JUSTICE BUTLER: So, you had Gyazo delete evidence
17 that contained PII that you left visible to the public? And
18 then proceeded to brag about it to friends of yours?

19 JUSTICE JAY: After you answer the following
20 questions, I am curious as to why you decided to act now? The
21 Dox would have been visible for quite some time so to me the
22 timing seems very convenient.

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1 MR. JETPACKSOUP: That request was submitted in the
2 immediate time following the DOX being publicised over the
3 district court server.

4 JUSTICE FRANKFURTER: Why did the image that was
5 marked as the info page of AaronJonesWilliams's dismissal
6 motion contain your PII (the gyazo ending in "624")?

7 MR. JETPACKSOUP: Justice Butler, regarding your
8 question, I wouldn't say brag, more discuss, but essentially,
9 yes. The visibility of the PII was through my own negligence
10 and mistake, however it's still malicious and inexcusable of
11 individuals to spread it all over the Discord server, knowing
12 that it's someone's private information. Action was taken by
13 CAA and court server admins to remove the material due to
14 this. Moving onto the next question - Quite frankly, I say
15 this with gravity and I do not take it lightly. The reason
16 that it contained my PII was because the dismissal motion was
17 my own.

18 JUSTICE BUTLER: You authored a dismissal motion on
19 an alternative account as a sitting judge?

20 JUSTICE BORK: To be clear, you are not denying that
21 you practiced law on an alternate account while a judge?

22 MR. JETPACKSOUP: You guys aren't stupid. I can beat
23 around the bush with the plain facts about the evidence
against me, about the malicious nature of the submission, but

1 ultimately, you're going to draw your own conclusions, and
2 ones that I'm not going to be able to change with
3 technicalities, even if they are sound and presented by the
4 best counsel in the world.

5 JUSTICE BUTLER: It was a yes or no question, judge.

6 MR. JETPACKSOUP: Sorry, Justice. Yes, I did do
7 that, and re Justice Bork, no, I am not denying it. I've come
8 here to be open and honest with you, to give you the whole
9 and entire truth, to explain my actions, and to make a case
10 for my continued presence on the district court bench.

11 JUSTICE BUTLER: Are you aware that former
12 colleagues of ours on the Supreme Court, namely Justice Chase,
13 have been impeached by the House of Representatives and
14 convicted by the United States Senate in part for using an
15 alternative account to practice law?

16 MR. JETPACKSOUP: It'd be naïve of me to act
17 otherwise, I feel like honesty is the best policy and this is
18 why I am here to make the case for my actions to be
19 acknowledged but the nature of them to be considered and the
20 entire sequence of events to be taken into account.

21 CHIEF JUSTICE HOLMES: What factors do you believe
22 we should be weighing here? What should go into our decision
23 to expel or not?

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1 MR. JETPACKSOUP: I am, Justice Butler. I am aware
2 of his actions, and I'd like to highlight that they were taken
3 to a significantly higher level with Justice Chase. This was
4 a one-time, single incident, where I made a genuine,
5 legitimate mistake. This does not excuse or forgive my
6 actions, and I am expected to be a custodian of the United
7 States Laws, however I am a human being, and I acted rashly
8 and impulsively to help a close friend who implored me for
9 help. In this single incident, I did not act with the
10 standards that I hold to myself, and for this, I apologise
11 sincerely. Chief Justice, I'll now address that, thanks:

12 JUSTICE BUTLER: Before you do that, may I continue?

13 MR. JETPACKSOUP: Of course, I'll submit my response
14 to Chief Justice Holmes after, if agreeable? Please do.

15 CHIEF JUSTICE HOLMES: That's fine.

16 JUSTICE BUTLER: While we are riding the train of
17 honesty, have you at any point during your tenure as a
18 District Judge authored legislation under the guise of an
19 alternative account?

20 MR. JETPACKSOUP: Legislation? No, I have not, this
21 would be an ethical violation, not tantamount to the practice
22 of law however, but still, I have not done this. I presume
23 you are not talking about motions on the federal judge
database? I submitted one of those I believe.

1 JUSTICE BUTLER: You have not authored the Judicial
2 Exoneration Act of 2020 under the account "yorkshirepudding"
3 that conveniently "legitimizes [sic] the practice of law by
4 [judges]?"

5 MR. JETPACKSOUP: I did not write this. I do,
6 however, know the Representative in question. I believe he
7 created this bill in response to hearing what was happening
8 to me.

9 JUSTICE FRANKFURTER: I'd like to add that it also
10 grants amnesty to any judge who did violate the statute.

11 JUSTICE JAY: How close are you with this
12 Representative?

13 JUSTICE BUTLER: "There shall be a retrospective
14 amnesty on any serving judge that may have violated 28 U.S.
15 Code § 454 or committed any other ethical violation related
16 to the practice of law, wherefore no individual having done
17 such may be held liable to expulsion by the Supreme Court for
18 practicing law prior to the passing of this act." Is this
19 wording not awfully specific and almost identical to the
20 situation we find ourselves in?

21 MR. JETPACKSOUP: It seems that it is. However I
22 cannot be held responsible for actions of persons in the
23 legislative branch with whom I am good acquaintances. We are

1 friends. I did not author this legislation, nor did I instruct
2 him to author it himself.

3 JUSTICE BORK: Did your friend communicate with you
4 at all about it?

5 MR. JETPACKSOUP: We VC frequently, in a group chat
6 with 8 other friends (it's full, a discord group). He indeed
7 mentioned it to me, I told him that I couldn't assist him in
8 the creation of the bill, or advising him on the legal
9 validity of it.

10 JUSTICE FRANKFURTER: Would you be against sharing
11 your most recent, say, 15 lines of messages between you and
12 that friend with the court?

13 MR. JETPACKSOUP: GIF uploading. I've provided more
14 than 15 [lines].

15 JUSTICE JAY: So do you believe it was simply a
16 coincidence?

17 MR. JETPACKSOUP: No, absolutely not. I believe that
18 he submitted the legislation, likely with me in mind

19 Probably as an attempt to "exonerate" me, as a friend

20 He mentioned to me as such, but I didn't partake in
21 creation or assisting in creation of the bill.

22 I've in fact never once written a bill, even when I was
23 a Senator a long time ago (was lazy back then).

1 CHIEF JUSTICE HOLMES: If we could backtrack a bit,
2 I'd like an answer to my earlier question: What factors do
3 you believe we should be weighing here? What should go into
4 our decision to expel or not?

5 MR. JETPACKSOUP: Of course. Obviously, I'm aware of
6 the threat of expulsion hanging over me. I've already been
7 suspended, and during a time in which I have had particular
8 real life stresses, I've been extremely worried about the
9 prospect of losing my seat on the bench. In my opinion, I am
10 one of the most proficient Judges on the bench, in terms of
11 my activity, legal abilities, and the standards to which I
12 hold myself when conducting myself in capacity as a judge.

13 I am distinctly aware that on this singular occasion, I
14 have committed a failure of the system, and I take full
15 responsibility for it. I am not hiding away, trying to lie,
16 or otherwise. I could've come here today and tried to make a
17 case for my complete lack of involvement, given the fact that
18 the evidence is removed, however I've not done such. I had it
19 removed through a legitimate, legal request in line with GDPR
20 laws because of a breach of my personal information. This
21 very complaint was submitted by individuals who participated
22 in exposing my information in a nefarious manner.

23 What you're weighing up, is the wrong and incorrect
action that I took, in a moment of being careless and

1 conducting myself inappropriately. This is obviously not
2 acceptable and I do not expect you to simply turn a blind
3 eye. However, this was a single occurrence that occurred
4 alone. This has not escalated, nor did it ascend to a high
5 level. The actions I took had no impact on the outcome of the
6 case, although I recognise the ethical implications and once
7 again express my remorse for my actions. This is not something
8 that I will repeat, I will give my word to this, I am asking
9 that you look past this to my record on the bench, and
10 recognise what I bring "to the table".

11 JUSTICE KAGAN: Should you be punished?

12 MR. JETPACKSOUP: I believe what you also must weigh
13 up is the benefit that I bring to the District Courts, in my
14 legal proficiency, activity, and capabilities as a
15 responsible member of the judiciary. Losing me as a judge,
16 whilst satisfying certain parties who partook in this
17 complaint as they do not like me personally, would have an
18 adverse impact on the Courts overall, and would cause the
19 loss of one of nUSA's best and most resourceful judges as a
20 result of a singular, stupid, inconsiderate mistake that will
21 not be repeated.

22 Justice, I have already been punished in the act of my
23 suspension, and the removal of my case(s) from my workload.

My job is my passion, and even this, which you might perceive

1 to be small, has had an impact on me, and even if you did not
2 believe that I am genuinely remorseful, would certainly
3 ensure that this action never be repeated.

4 This has impacted upon my reputation, in addition.

5 This same complaint was also presented to Congress -
6 after presenting my arguments, they voted not to subpoena me
7 and proceed after I made a voluntary appearance to clear
8 things up.

9 However, I would do anything to keep my seat on the
10 District bench.

11 JUSTICE KAGAN: Suspended pending this hearing.
12 Should you be punished afterwards?

13 MR. JETPACKSOUP: I'm not here to argue with you
14 that I haven't done wrong, because I have, and I apologise
15 for it. I'm asking that you consider the relative low-level
16 nature of what occurred, its singular nature, and recognise
17 that my contributions to the courts far outweigh this stupid,
18 ignorant mistake of mine, and that this is an experience from
19 which I can have the opportunity to learn and better myself,
20 becoming a more ethically sound judge, since there is always
21 room for improvement for everyone in life.

22 Ultimately, it is your decision regarding punishments
23 being issued.

1 JUSTICE BUTLER: Considering you claim you ought not
2 to be expelled because of your "legal proficiency, activity,
3 and capabilities as a responsible member of the judiciary,"
4 I must ask since it was brought into question: do you author
5 your own judgements?

6 MR. JETPACKSOUP: Just completing the response re
7 punishments - I'd do anything to keep my position as a
8 District Judge, so if it meant that I was not expelled, then
9 I would accept a punishment as penance for my mistaken and
10 ethically wrong actions.

11 Obviously, nobody wants to be punished or sanctioned for
12 anything, however I would welcome any result that meant I
13 could continue being a district court judge, even if it meant
14 that the Supreme Court issued me a written warning, tarnishing
15 my reputation, placing me on "probation" or some such similar,
16 or another appropriately deemed punishment. I accept that I
17 have done wrong, I am asking that you see the benefits that
18 far outweigh downsides to keeping me as a judge, and see this
19 as a singular, one-off mistake from which I can learn and
20 become a better judge, and serving a lesson to myself and to
21 all.

22 Justice Butler,

23 CHIEF JUSTICE HOLMES: Once you finish responding to
the remaining questions, we'll probably call it time.

1 JUSTICE BUTLER: I have one final question once he
2 answers my previous one, if you would not mind Chief?

3 MR. JETPACKSOUP: I do indeed write my own
4 judgements. I may have used some small copy paste of a
5 sentence or two from some such similar that is included on
6 most/all judgements.

7 For example, I used this extract (well, it's tailored to
8 the case) in a large judgement I made on a case.

9 "Therefore, this Court must find the Defendant guilty or
10 not guilty, and considering the presentations from both
11 parties, the evidence at hand, and the relatively basic
12 argument presented by the Prosecution."

13 Is there some such implication that I do not write my
14 own judgements? I am not sure why this was asked - if there
15 is some allegation that I have plagiarised or conducted myself
16 in a duplicitous manner, may it be stated? I genuinely do
17 write my own judgements, bar what may have been replicated as
18 it has no individual bearing on the case and is a "standard
19 sentence or phrase" that would be stated as a matter of course
20 in most judgements.

21 I did issue an order of protection, for which I partially
22 used a template, but this was not the judgement, and I still
23 had to add my own content.

1 JUSTICE BUTLER: I will not continue down this trail
2 due to the lack of time, however, I do have one final question
3 to close. Were you cognizant of the fact that, while authoring
4 the dismissal motion and practicing law on an alternative
5 account, that you were committing an offense that former
6 judges have been impeached for and engaging in highly
7 unethical conduct that is unbecoming of a judge of the United
8 States?

9 MR. JETPACKSOUP: Of course, I'll just include here
10 links to documents of my most recent judgements and the
11 protection order, so you can see their contents.

12 Okay, one moment so I can read that question.
13 Justice Butler, I was cognizant of such, yes. I may not have
14 been in the best state of mind, but there is no excuse, I did
15 what I did. I recognise that it is unethical, and for this,
16 I can only apologise, and offer you my oath that I will never
17 do such again and I will uphold myself to the highest ethical
18 standards if you allow me to continue as a District Court
19 Judge. I have been open and transparent with you, because
20 that is what I believe is the morally right thing to do, and
21 it is what you deserve as Justices of this nation.

22 I can only state that, if allowed to continue on the
23 district court bench, I will use this grave mistake of mine
as an opportunity to improve myself, ensure that I hold myself

1 to ever higher standards, and never repeat this ethically
2 wrong error of judgement. I am genuinely sorry for having
3 done what I did, I should never have done so, and I hope that
4 my remorse shows to you and that you will permit me to
5 continue doing what I do best on the District Court bench.
6 This is an opportunity for improvement and recognising my
7 failure. I ask that you consider this when making your
8 judgement, and consider that my expulsion would be a severe
9 negative to the courts such that my benefits far outweigh
10 this single error of judgement that I vow shall never be
11 repeated.

12 JUSTICE BUTLER: Alright. On behalf of the Court, I
13 would like to thank you for your time and honesty.

14 CHIEF JUSTICE HOLMES: Thank you, Mr. Jetpacksoup.
15 The case is submitted.

16 (Whereupon, at 7:45 p.m., the case was submitted.)

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