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You are hereby notified that the Court has entered the following opinion and order:

2014AP1029

Shalaan Katharine Fisher v. Abdullattief Abdulaziz Sulieman
(L.C. # 2013FA6479)

Before Curley, P.J., Brennan and Brash, JJ.

Petitioner-Appellant Shalaan Fisher, *pro se*, appeals from an order, entered by the Honorable Carl Ashley, dismissing a divorce action that Fisher filed on October 16, 2014 (Milwaukee County Circuit Court Case No. 2013FA6479).¹ That divorce action was filed on the same day that Fisher's previously filed divorce action, Milwaukee County Circuit Court Case No. 2013FA2300, was dismissed by the Honorable William Sosnay. In addition to filing a new

¹ This is the third divorce action filed in Milwaukee County for these two parties. The first action was dismissed in 2010, and we affirmed that dismissal. See *Fisher v. Sulieman*, No. 2010AP1990, unpublished slip op. and order (WI App April 18, 2012).

divorce action in response to Judge Sosnay's decision, Fisher also appealed Judge Sosnay's decision.

While Fisher's appeal of Judge Ashley's decision was pending, this court reversed Judge Sosnay's dismissal of the earlier divorce action. *See Fisher v. Sulieman*, No. 2014AP364, unpublished slip op. (WI App May 27, 2015). That decision remanded the divorce matter to the trial court for further proceedings in Case No. 2013FA2300. Online court records indicate that the Honorable Paul Van Grunsven is now presiding over the case and that the next hearing is scheduled for July 8, 2016.²

In light of the foregoing, we conclude that this appeal is moot. *See State ex rel. Olson v. Litscher*, 2000 WI App 61, ¶3, 233 Wis. 2d 685, 608 N.W.2d 425 (A moot question is one that circumstances have rendered purely academic.). "In the interest of judicial economy, moot cases are generally dismissed without discussion on the merits." *State v. Leitner*, 2002 WI 77, ¶13, 253 Wis. 2d 449, 646 N.W.2d 341. We see no reason to make an exception to the general rule in this case.

Because we have determined that this case is moot, we will not consider the merits of the appeal or Respondent-Respondent Abdullattief A. Sulieman's *pro se* motion for sanctions against Fisher for filing a frivolous appeal. Further, we will not consider that motion's request that we order Fisher to disclose her physical address; Sulieman can make that request to the trial

² The online court records also indicate that Judge Van Grunsven stayed the case pending resolution of this appeal and an appeal in another case involving the same parties: *Fisher v. Compassionate Doctors, Inc.*, No. 2014AP953 (WI App). We will issue a separate decision in the other appeal.

court if that is still an issue.³ Finally, in light of our dismissal on mootness grounds, we order that neither party shall be granted costs on appeal.

Upon the foregoing,

IT IS ORDERED that the instant appeal is dismissed as moot and no costs shall be awarded to either party on appeal.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in light of our mootness determination, the Respondent-Respondent's motion seeking sanctions and address information is denied without consideration of the merits of that motion.

Diane M. Fremgen
Clerk of Court of Appeals

³ Sulieman's motion was filed with this court in September 2014.