

NOTE: This order is nonprecedential.

**United States Court of Appeals  
for the Federal Circuit**

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**ELENA STURDZA,**  
*Plaintiff-Appellant,*

v.

**UNITED ARAB EMIRATES,**  
*Defendant-Appellee.*

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2013-1435

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Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in case no. 98-CV-2051, Judge Barbara J. Rothstein.

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**ELENA STURDZA,**  
*Plaintiff-Appellant,*

v.

**UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, ANGELOS  
DEMETRIOU & ASSOCIATES, SZYMKOWICZ &  
ASSOCIATES, JOHN T. SZYMKOWICZ,  
MOHAMMED MATTAR, ROBERTS AND  
BROWNELL, THOMAS BROWNELL, MARK LANE,  
STEVEN TEPPLER, JOHN C. LAPRADE, FRAZIER  
WALTON, JR., COVINGTON & BURLING,  
ANTHONY HERMAN, RON DOVE, MINTZ, LEVIN,**

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**COHEN, FERRIS, GLOVSKY & POPEO, P.C., DAVID  
T. SHAPIRO, LEWIN & LEWIN, NATHAN LEWIN,  
ALYZA D. LEWIN, MORRISON ARCHITECTS, ERIC  
MORRISON, AND VASILIOS DEMETRIOU,  
Personal Representative of the Estate of  
Angelos C. Demetriou,  
*Defendants.***

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2013-1453

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Appeal from the United States District Court for the  
District of Columbia in No. 08-CV-1642, Judge Barbara  
J. Rothstein.

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PER CURIAM.

**ORDER**

The court considers whether these recently docketed  
appeals should be dismissed.

Elena Sturdza purports to appeal from two judgments  
of the United States District Court for the District of  
Columbia, in related cases involving charges of copyright  
infringement. In both cases, a guardian ad litem has been  
appointed by the district court to conduct this litigation  
on behalf of Ms. Sturdza. It also appears that proceedings  
before the district court remain pending.

This court is a court of limited jurisdiction, which does  
not include jurisdiction in these copyright infringement  
matters. 28 U.S.C. § 1295. Although this court is author-  
ized to transfer a case pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1631 “if it  
is in the interest of justice,” because Ms. Sturdza purport-  
ed to appeal without the knowledge and authorization of  
her guardian ad litem, we cannot say that it would be

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proper to do so here. *See generally Thomas v. Humfield*, 916 F.2d 1032, 1034 (5th Cir. 1990) (“The appointment of a *guardian ad litem* deprives the litigant of the right to control the litigation. . . .”).

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) The appeals are dismissed.
- (2) Each side shall bear its own costs.
- (3) All pending motions are moot.

FOR THE COURT

/s/ Daniel E. O’Toole  
Daniel E. O’Toole  
Clerk

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