

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT**

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SABINA BURTON,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY  
OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM,  
THOMAS CAYWOOD, ELIZABETH THROOP, and  
MICHAEL DALECKI,

Defendants-Appellees.

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**DOCKETING STATEMENT**

**CASE NO. 16-2982**

Plaintiff-Appellant Sabina Burton, by and through undersigned counsel, respectfully submits this docketing statement pursuant to Circuit Court Rule 3(c)(1) of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

**I. JURISDICTION OF THE DISTRICT COURT**

The United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin had jurisdiction over this civil action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1343(a)(3).

**II. JURISDICTION OF THE COURT OF APPEALS**

28 U.S.C. § 1291 confers jurisdiction over this appeal on the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. This appeal is taken from a final decision of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin entered on March 18, 2016, by the Honorable District Judge James D. Peterson. (ECF No. 90). Burton's Notice of Appeal was timely filed with the District Court on July 20, 2016. (ECF No. 108).

Undersigned counsel notes that the Notice of Appeal, filed by pro se plaintiff-appellant Sabina Burton, indicates that she wishes to appeal the June 22, 2016, denial of her Rule 59(e) motion to reconsider the final judgment, rather than the March 18, 2016, final judgment. (ECF

No. 106). Burton filed her Rule 59(e) motion to reconsider on April 15, 2016. (ECF No. 99). Undersigned counsel respectfully requests that this Court treat Burton's appeal as one of the March 18, 2016, order granting summary judgment against Burton. (ECF No. 90). *See Daniels v. Brennan*, 887 F.2d 783,790 n.6 (7th Cir. 1989) (indicating, "An appeal from a denial of a Rule 59(e) motion is treated as an appeal from the judgment itself"); *See also Petru v. City of Berwyn*, 872 F.2d 1359, 1361-62 (7th Cir.1989) (treating notice of appeal from denial of Rule 59(e) motion as an appeal of underlying judgment where the appellant's intent to appeal the underlying judgment was clear and caused no prejudice to appellee); *See also Serafinn v. Local 722*, 597 F.3d 908 (7th Cir., 2010) (recognizing *Petru* as allowing appeals from a Fed. R. Civ. P. 59 denial to be treated as an appeal from the underlying judgment).

Respectfully Submitted this 4th day of August, 2016:

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