

# The Adventures of Pro Se Steve

*A compendium of my litigation*

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## Foreword

I first began litigating *pro se* (i.e. on behalf of myself without an attorney) in 2014 with a New York State case. I was in a “special proceedings” court using “Article 78” to “petition” against the New York State Liquor Authority. I was living at the time in Lower Manhattan’s Battery Park. The large state-owned Pier-A property was being turned into a giant Irish bar when it was supposed to be a museum. Residents were upset, but nobody did anything. So, I decided to try my hand at litigating. I quickly learned how corrupt the New York courts were then. Under the control of Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, he had placed crony judges on the bench making it virtually impossible to sue the State of New York. As a result, my petition was defeated. However, it gave me ideas.

I have since gone on to successfully litigate numerous cases, winning 56% so far. Sometimes I was forced to do it *pro se* and sometimes I had lawyers.

As of February, 2024, I have litigated:

- 1 Supreme Court of the United States case
- 3 Federal Circuit Courts of Appeal cases
- 4 Federal District Court cases
- 2 State Supreme Court case
- 2 State Lower Appeals Court cases
- 7 State Lower Court cases (8 if you count a probate court case where I was not officially a party)
- 2 legal letters of demand (and many more if I wanted to included them)

Of those 21 cases, 14 have been litigated to completion with decisions. Overall, I have won five and lost nine cases (56%). Breaking it down, I have won 60% (3/5) in lower state court cases, 50% (1/2) in state lower appeals court, 0% in state highest appeals court (0/1), 33% in federal circuit courts of appeal (1/3), and 0% in The Supreme Court (I did win a motion in SCOTUS).

My biggest pending state case is against Tucker Carlson in California court. The motion to dismiss (called a demurrer in CA) was defeated and the amended complaint is filed. I also have a nationally important appeal pending in the highest court in New York aimed at obtaining medical mortality data from the pandemic.

**I have really only outright lost two cases, in my view.** I lost the 2014 Petition against the New York State Liquor Authority, which was my first ever *pro se* case. In hindsight, that loss was only because the courts were corrupted by judges appointed by Sheldon Silver and Governor Cuomo (Sheldon Silver died in prison and Governor Cuomo was forced out of office). Using state courts with elected judges to sue the state machine that gets the judges “elected” is futile in most cases. Even if the judges are not biased, the laws grant the state actors immunity.

I also lost the federal case against Dennis Mehiel’s Battery Park City Authority administration. He was appointed by Governor Cuomo. However, I truly feel that I won that battle too. Why? I lost the war (i.e., the lawsuit), but I won the war. Dennis Mehiel and his entire BPCA administration were fired. That was always my goal.

The other “losses” have been cases that have morphed into ongoing cases. All of the federal cases that I “lost” against Fox news are dead, exhausted in the 2d Cir., but I filed a new case in California against Tucker Carlson using different causes of action. The Summit County, Ohio cases against Finest Auto and Leikin Motors failed only because of legal malpractice. I ultimately prevailed when I filed a legal malpractice case against my former lawyers.

I now have a pretty sound legal education. I write briefs better than most lawyers and seem to have novel ideas for strategy that works.

Below is a compilation of my cases with links to the briefs:

## The Supreme Court of the United States

### Greer v. Mehiel, 141 S. Ct. 217, 207 L. Ed. 2d 1161 (U.S. 2020)

My writ of certiorari was not accepted, but no *writs* during that session were selected due to both Chief Justice Roberts and Justice Ginsburg being ill, I suspect. Roberts was in the hospital for seizures and Ginsburg was near death with cancer.

**However, I did win a motion in the Supreme Court.** The opposing party retained the largest law firm in Ohio, *Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP*, to represent them, but they joined too late and motioned for more time. Their lawyers tried a dirty trick and claimed that they served me by mail when they had not. I opposed their motion, accusing them of wrongdoing. The law firm then withdrew from the case altogether with a waiver of right to respond.

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## Federal Circuit Courts of Appeal

### **Greer v Lancet 23-20538 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2023)**

**I prevailed in this appeal.** The lower court decision was fully vacated and the case remanded.

I was able to get into the 5<sup>th</sup> Cir. almost immediately after filing the District Court case when the judge in the lower court committed judicial misconduct. The Texas judge first denied me e-filing rights, which is unheard of. When I withdrew the complaint, the judge incorrectly entered an order dismissing it “with prejudice”. Not only should he have not entered an order at all, but the rules clearly state that I was allowed to refile a second complaint “without prejudice”.

When I filed my notice of appeal, the judge saw his mistake that allowed me to bypass him and get into the 5<sup>th</sup> Cir. He then tried to alter his final order, which I stopped with a judicial misconduct complaint (Judicial Misconduct Complaint No. 05-24-90010).

Here is [Opinion from the 5<sup>th</sup> Cir.](#)

I am in talks with a state attorney general to handle my case in lower court now. The defendants are powerful federal agencies and I will not tackle that *pro se*.

### **Greer v Judge David Hittner: Judicial Misconduct Complaint No. 05-24-90010**

This complaint was investigated, which is not an automatic step. However, no discipline was rendered.

Here is [the Complaint brief](#).

### **Greer v. Fox News Media, No. 22-1970-cv (2d Cir. Mar. 29, 2023)**

I lost this case. However, the underlying allegations are still being litigated in California court with new causes of action and a new defendant (*Greer v Carlson*, 23SMCV02036 (Los Angeles County, California 2023)).

The judges were clearly biased against me as a *pro se* litigant. My key argument (i.e., that the 2019 Supreme Court case rendered the law used by the District Court moot) was so compelling that they simply ignored it for the most part.

The decisions in this case made it clear that I was able to sue Tucker Carlson in state court using a new cause of action, breach of contract, that was not used in federal court. That California case is now underway, as mentioned.

Here is the [Appellant brief](#)

Here is the audio of [the oral argument](#)

Here is [the Decision](#)

**Greer v. Mehiel, No. 19-326-cv (2d Cir., 2020)**

**While I count this as a full loss in my accounting above, I actually partially won this case in the district court** when the private sector defendants settled with me. I was defeated in this appeal and took the government parties to the Supreme Court where the *writ of certiorari* was not accepted (see above).

However, **while losing the battle, I won the war**. The entire Battery Park City Authority administration, including Chairman Mehiel, was fired in disgrace (see district court case below for details).

Here is [the District Court Complaint](#)

Here is [the 2d Cir. Appellant Brief](#)

Here is the [audio of the oral argument](#)

Here is [the Decision](#)

## Federal District Courts

### **Greer v The Lancet 4:23-cv-03761 (S.D. Tex. 2023)**

I withdrew this case before any response was filed due to judicial misconduct (see appeals section above). However, the judge's actions allowed me to advance it to the 5<sup>th</sup> Cir. in record time (see appeal above). His missteps saved me two-years of work.

I sought two things in this lawsuit. Firstly, I am trying to have the court enjoin *The Lancet* and force the journal to publish the medical paper that details the ventilator deaths that occurred inside Cuomo-controlled hospitals during 2020. Society needs to know these data or else people will continue to be killed. Secondly, I charge *The Lancet* with fraud for colluding with the NSA Warp Speed efforts and publishing propaganda rather than peer-review literature. The entire medical journal process has been captured by the government and Big Pharma and needs to be cleaned up.

Here is [the District Court Complaint](#).

### **Greer v. Harreld, Civil Action No. 2:22-cv-3443 (S.D. Ohio, 2022)**

I withdrew this case and have the right to refile. I am working on that now.

This involved a tragic family matter that led to the murder of my father by bad actors conspiring to steal his estate. There were multiple causes of action ranging from defamation to federal conspiracy.

The judge clearly did not want a family dispute in her court and *sua sponte* ordered that I file a brief explaining why probate court did not have jurisdiction. I saw the bias and withdrew.

### **Greer v. Fox News, No. 1:20-cv-05484 (LTS)(SDA) (S.D.N.Y., 2020)**

The complaint was composed of two baskets of counts. One was a “blacklisting” and defamation basket. The other was a “theft of ideas” basket. I intentionally did not use copyright law as a cause of action.

One of my key arguments was so compelling that the judges at all levels simply ignored it. The 2d Cir. decision only briefly glossed over it. I argued that a 2019 unanimous Supreme Court ruling rendered the case law used in the district court decision as moot. I was absolutely correct.

Also, the merits of the “theft of ideas” counts were never challenged. Neither the defendants’ lawyers nor any judge ever denied that Fox News and Tucker Carlson used my ideas for stories in their shows.

The case was dismissed on a legal technicality called *preemption*. The courts ruled that federal copyright law preempted the state law I used.

However, I failed to use the proper cause of action, which should have been breach of contract, because that cause of action is not preempted. Therefore, this is what I am now using it in the California court for a breach of contract case.

Here is [the District Court Complaint](#)

Here is [the Decision](#)

### **Greer v. Mehiel, No. 15-cv-6119 (AJN) (S.D.N.Y., 2015)**

**I lost this case by my accounting.** However, as mentioned, I settled with the private sector defendants for a large sum and the BPCA defendants all got fired. I lost the battle but won the war by getting Mehiel's entire BPCA administration fired.

**This was my first federal complaint.** The case survived the motion to dismiss and went through a full discovery process with more than 10 depositions. I handled all of that *pro se*. At the summary judgment stage, the magistrate judge dismissed it.

The underlying grievance was about retaliatory actions taken by the BPCA in response to my local news reporting on BPCA corruption. The CFO, Robert Serpico, was behind the retaliation. He was eventually fired after being the powerful money man in charge of BPCA bonds for decades.

Mr. Serpico is the one who arranged for the private sector real estate defendant to evict me from my apartment where I had lived for 14-years. That action started in city housing court and no reason for the eviction was given. They claimed that they did not need a reason because it was an unregulated condo. I defeated the eviction proceedings *pro se* for two-years until the opposition hired a big firm that had a corrupt judge on the bench.

On several occasions, after I defeated the opposition's motions, the lawyers were fired. Apparently, it looks bad to lose to a *pro se* opponent.

The original judge left the housing court case and a new judge, who was placed on the bench by the opposition law firm via the Tammany Hall machine, ignored the law. I filed a complaint with the New York courts. The supervising judge did nothing despite me having evidence obtained from a private investigator that the judge was dirty.

Of note, as this was happening, it was being exposed in the news how New York Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver had corrupted the New York courts with his cronies. Mr. Silver eventually died in prison and his crooked judges were ousted.

Here is [the District Court Complaint](#)

Here is [the 2d Cir. Appellant Brief](#)



## State Supreme Courts

### **State Ex Rel. Greer v. Delaware Cty. Court of Common Pleas, Probate Div., 2023**

This appeal was denied with a one-sentence Order. Clearly, the judges were not too interested in helping me uncover corruption in Delaware County courts, where many of the judges live.

Here is [the Writ of Mandamus](#)

### **Cortex Television, LLC v NY Dept. Health (N.Y. (from 3d 536110), 2024)**

We took this to the highest court in New York. The case is pending.

Here is the Appellant [Motion for Leave to Appeal](#)

## State Lower Appeals Court

### **Greer v. Finest Auto Wholesale, Inc., 156 N.E.3d 1005, 2020 Ohio 3951 (Ct. App. 2020)**

**I prevailed in this appeal.** The case was remanded back to the Akron court in Summit County.

I purchased a 2012 Mercedes C-class from an Akron dealer called *Finest Auto*. I wanted to make sure it had not been in a wreck before and we agreed to have a Mercedes dealership, *Leikin Motors*, inspect it. It turned out that the two dealers were in cahoots and lied to me. The car had been in a collision before.

I hired two lawyers to file an Ohio Consumer Sales practice Act case for me: Austin Buttars and Karl Snyder. It became apparent that they were incompetent. After they failed to respond to a motion to dismiss and I lost the case against Finest Auto, I proceeded to continue *pro se* against Leikin.

The original judge was appointed by Governor Kasich and was not re-elected. Therefore, he was simply clearing his docket preparing to leave the bench at the end of the year. My motions were not being considered fairly. I had the judge recused, but the replacement judge was worse. Therefore, I sabotaged the case to get it into appeals court when it became clear that the judge was prejudiced against me as a *pro se* litigant.

I hired lawyer Shawn Dingus to handle the appeal. We prevailed.

Here is [the Appellant Brief](#)

Here is [the Decision](#)

**Cortex Television, LLC v NY Dept. Health 536110 (NY App. 3d, 2023)**

**I lost this appeal and it is now in the highest court, above.** The decision used mental gymnastics to rationalize affirming the lower court. Clearly, the judges do not want to uncover mass murder committed by the State of New York.

This case involves a state records request that was stonewalled by The New York State Department of Health. The records we seek detail the data on the number of people killed inside of state-run hospitals. In the early stages of the 2020 pandemic, someone in Governor Cuomo's Albany offices, likely Health Commissioner Howard Zucker, MD, issued a secret directive to the 11 state-controlled public hospitals to essentially euthanize people using ventilators.

I obtained the data from city officials and published the paper on federal PACER via *Greer v The Lancet* 4:23-cv-03761 (S.D. Tex. 2023). However, we are still seeking the data from the state because we want to have an evidentiary hearing and depose these officials.

Here is [the Appellant Brief](#)

Here is the [audio of the oral argument](#)

Here is the [decision](#)

## State Lower Courts

### **Greer v Carlson, 23SMCV02036 (Los Angeles County, California 2023)**

**This case is underway.** It is a breach of contract case unique to California law. I seek \$1 billion in damages.

Here is [the Amended Complaint](#)

### **Greer v Biss, 23CV007341 (Franklin County, Ohio 2023)**

**I am working on obtaining a default judgment defendant Steven Biss.** His court-appointed receiver never appeared. However, because he is incapacitated by a stroke, the court will not grant the default judgment.

Mr. Biss is a lawyer whom I retained in 2022 for a defamation lawsuit. He stole my \$20,000 retainer because he knew he could never file in Ohio. He was a Virginia lawyer and no one in Ohio wanted to work with him.

When I asked for my money to be refunded, he behaved unethically. I filed a complaint with the Virginia Bar and learned that Mr. Biss has had his license revoked many times.

I had my Ohio lawyer investigate the rules and laws pertaining to this case. We concluded that Mr. Biss would not have been able to withhold this retainer if he had been an Ohio lawyer, and that Ohio Bar rules would apply.

Again, to save money, I drafted the complaint and filed it. I then learned that Mr. Biss had suffered a major stroke and is now in a coma or unwell state. I had to locate him in a nursing home, which was not easy.

I then learned that the local court in Virginia had assigned a Receiver to handle Mr. Biss' ongoing cases. I am awaiting the outcome of my request to distribute the money in the judgment.

Here is [the Complaint](#)

### **Greer v Cunix Automotive Group, 23CV007758 (Franklin County, Ohio 2023)**

**I prevailed in this case, winning the total amount of my actual damages, which was \$9,500, via a settlement.** The lawsuit could have earned me up to \$100,000 using the treble damages and other fines that are allowable under the Ohio Consumer Sales Practice Act.

The Cunix Auto defendant, doing business as The Toy Barn, worked on my classic Camaro and overcharged me for bad work. They ignored a legal demand from my lawyer. Six-months later, I took over the case *pro se*. They offered to settle for \$5,000, which I declined. I then filed a well-written complaint, and they settled for the amount I was owed.

They were foolish for not settling prior to me filing the complaint. Now, they have a permanent record of their wrongdoing.

Here is [the Complaint](#)

### **Greer v Buttars, 19CV004216 (Franklin County, Ohio 2019)**

**I won this case in settlement for \$15,000.** It began as a Summit County case against two car dealerships (*Greer v Finest Auto*, CV-2017-05-2221 (Summit County, Ohio 2017)). It morphed into this legal malpractice case against my original lawyers where the underlying case matter was a case within a case.

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I hired lawyer Shawn Dingus to handle the appeal and we won (*Greer v. Finest Auto Wholesale, Inc.*, 156 N.E.3d 1005, 2020 Ohio 3951 (Ct. App. 2020)). My lawyer then handled the lower court case when it was remanded. However, actions taken by Buttars and Snyder made it impossible to win. The car expert they chose was deemed by the replacement judge to not be an expert.

I then filed the legal malpractice case against the lawyers. It was a case within a case, meaning the Summit County car case would be adjudicated by the Franklin County courts. This is when I learned that Mr. Buttars had become a convicted felon for stealing from clients. Mr. Snyder also filed bankruptcy. The malpractice insurance lawyers eventually settled.

The \$15,000 did not offset my total legal fees and I took a loss because the costs to go to trial would have been several thousand more dollars. In hindsight, I wish that I had gone to trial.

Here is [the Complaint](#)

### **Greer v Finest Auto, CV-2017-05-2221 (Summit County, Ohio 2017)**

**I won this case in a roundabout way.** This case morphed into the legal malpractice case above (*Greer v Buttars*, 19CV004216 (Franklin County, Ohio 2019)), where I settled for \$15,000. It began as this Summit County case against two car dealerships.

Here is [the Complaint](#)

Here is [the Decision](#) granting Finest Auto summary judgment

### **Cortex Television LLC v. N.Y. State Dep't of Health 155606/2021 (New York County, NY 2021)**

This New York County case was transferred to Albany County where the petition was denied. We appealed (see above) and are awaiting a decision.

Here is [the Petition](#)

### **Greer vs. New York State Liquor Authority. 100894/2014 (NY Supreme, 2014)**

**I lost this case.** This was my first *pro se* case. It was a special proceedings court using “Article 78” to “Petition” against the New York State Liquor Authority.

I was living in Battery Park in Lower Manhattan. The large state-owned Pier A property was being turned into a giant Irish bar when it was supposed to be a museum. Residents were upset but nobody did anything. So, I decided to try my hand at litigating.

I quickly learned how corrupt the New York courts were then. Under the control of Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, he had placed crony judges on the bench making it virtually impossible to sue the State of New York. As a result, my opposition to the liquor license for Pier A was defeated (Of note, Sheldon Silver died in prison and Governor Cuomo was forced out of office).

Here is [the Petition](#)

Here is [the Decision](#)

## Legal Demand Letters

### **Greer v Twitter**

I have been heavily censored by Twitter for more than a decade. Long before *Missouri v Biden* and Elon Musk releasing the *Twitter Files* made this practice known, I was having account after account shut down by Twitter.

In 2023, after Mr. Musk took over, I tracked down the lawyers who had represented Twitter in federal cases. I sent them demand letters to reactivate my @THEHCC, which was shuttered in 2018. They did so.

I believe that my litigation above is one reason that they complied with my demands.

Here is [the Cease and Desist letter](#)

### **Greer v Transunion**

I am someone who should have a credit score over 800. I have no debt of any kind, no late payments, no liens or judgments, etc. However, for unknown reasons, after 2020 when the pandemic hit, my scores plummeted.

I learned through a real estate transaction that Transunion had a score that was 150 points lower than the others. I tracked down lawyers who had represented Transunion and sent a demand letter. It worked and my Transunion score popped 150 points.

I believe that my litigation above is one reason that they complied with my demands.

## Afterword

Over the last nine-years, I have litigated in virtually every type of court, with the exception of bankruptcy and criminal courts (knock on wood). The strip of courts on Centre Street in Manhattan is a fascinating microcosm to view the entire spectrum of law before your eyes.

Starting from north and going southward, at 100 Centre Street is the criminal court where most of the defendants have no lawyers and travesties of justice are the norm. However, rather than be represented *pro se*, the state will provide a lawyer. It used to be a bad place for criminals. Now, with George Soros creating chaos, even violent criminals will walk free.

Across the street is 111 Centre Street where the New York County courts are located. This is where the smallest cases are handled. There are also “special proceedings” courts for landlord-tenant, probate, and other courts. *Pro se* parties need to be aware that they do not have the normal rights afforded to them in a real court (e.g., one cannot depose the other party by right). Most of the defendants here also do not have lawyers and are representing themselves *pro se* (a recent law in new York provides for court-appointed lawyers in housing court. This law was made after my cases in this building).

A block south is the New York State Supreme Court at 60 Centre Street where bigger cases are heard. It is the lowest court in the state system, despite the name of “Supreme Court”. Here, the clerks will provide no help at all to *pro se* parties. It is a hostile environment. The elected judges can also be very biased depending on the politics of the case (As mentioned previously, the former Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver had packed this court with corrupt cronies).

Refreshingly, I recently found the Franklin County, Ohio Court of Common Pleas to be a good venue for cases. I have had several victories there.

My Los Angeles County case against Tucker Carlson is absolutely a bizarre place. The courts are still backlogged from the COVID lockdowns. Parties cannot directly file briefs with the clerk. They have to use third-party middlemen services to file them for a fee, with many other differences from courts in other states. Stay tuned on this one.

South of 60 Centre Street and around the corner is 500 Pearl Street where the federal court for the Southern District of New York (SDNY) is located. For me, having started my *pro se* career in the courts above, being in federal court was like paradise. There is an office of clerks for *pro se* parties, unlike the state courts. I was treated by professional staff, and even the judges liked me (after initially hating me).

Federal courts have lower case volumes, bigger budgets, and better clerks from the best law schools reading the briefs. I have found that federal courts (having been in three different circuits around the country) will deliver real justice, up to a point. Bias against *pro se* litigants is still a real problem in federal court. The snooty law clerks (mostly from Ivy League liberal law schools) have contempt for a *pro se* litigator who is smarter than they are. I am convinced that my cases against Mehiel/BPCA and Fox News should have been victorious. The district court judges ignored the law and knew the appeals court would not overrule them, usually.

South of the SDNY is The United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (2d. Cir.) at 40 Foley Square (the front of it is on Centre Street). I have been in that court twice. The clerks

are fantastic. The panels of judges are super-professional. Having said that, I still think I was the victim of *pro se* bias and should have prevailed in my two cases.

Interestingly, I manually counted the *pro se* cases in the Second Circuit when I had my appeal against Fox News. Over a recent span of time, about 20% of the *pro se* appeals were successful. So, it is not hopeless or a waste of time.

Farther south, all the way to Washington, DC, is the Supreme Court of the United States. I was in that court once and it was indeed a total waste of time and money. The only cases heard by SCOTUS are prearranged and ushered in by the justices. Large legal groups have to assist the cases with amicus briefs for there to be any chance of the court hearing a *writ*.

All in all, I believe that justice can be delivered to a *pro se* party if they have experience and some lawyer friends teaching them. But one has to choose the venue strategically. Political bias is the most important consideration to a judge, sadly. What the law states is about fifth on the list of priorities for most judges.

In closing, justice is NOT blind, and far from it. State elected judges will be destroyed by the political parties if they step out of line. Even federal judges, supposedly appointed for life, can be fired by using the *Judicial Conduct and Disability Act of 1980* (link is external), 28 U.S.C. §§ 351–364. But using the courts for relief is not futile, even for *pro se* litigants. One just has to be aware of the biases and act accordingly.

Also, resorting to litigation is not the first and best option. Disputes can be settled more effectively in many other ways if the opposing party is rational. My legal demand letters have been working lately because I know the law, should I need to use it.